

Affirm Refine Aspire - Update

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Learning Services 4/3/2020

Reasons to Celebrate

Congratulations on wrapping up another week of online/distance learning for your students! Although we are constantly bombarded with negative news and increasing restrictions on our everyday lives, it's important to celebrate where we can. Many of us have learned how to use at least one or two (or more!) digital tools in our teaching, we have made important social connections with our students, we have revamped our lessons to focus on the most essential outcomes, we've engaged in valuable professional learning and we've done it all while physically distancing! This speaks VOLUMES about the flexibility and adaptability for **all** involved in the ongoing education of our students. We aren't receiving a whole lot of good news right now, but there are definitely still so many reasons to keep smiling - thank you for putting the learning of your students first, just as you have always done!

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Supporting Learning from Home

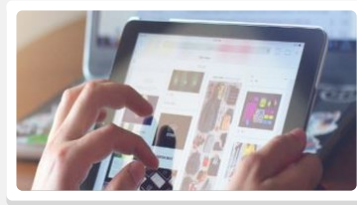
ARPDC Facebook Groups and Weekly Online Meetings

Beginning the week of March 30, the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortium (ARPDC) will be hosting Free Facebook groups and weekly online get togethers to support teacher collaboration across the province. Teachers can join these online supports any time throughout the school year.

The 5 Facebook groups include:

- Kindergarten & Grade 1
- Gr. 2 & 3
- Gr. 4,5,6
- Gr. 7,8,9 Humanities
- Gr. 7,8,9 Math and Science

Go [here](#) to learn more about these free professional online learning supports.



A Help-Desk for Learning

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Do you find yourself saying...

How do I?

I wish I had...

I wish I knew how to...

I wonder what is happening with...

Where do I find...

I would like this "item" added to the Curriculum Shared Drive - but I don't have time.

Email us! Ask Us!

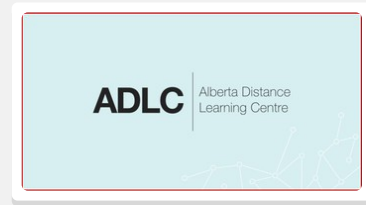
We are here to help you along the way!

Edmonton Public Schools offers

a new [Resource Hub](#) with tools for teachers, parents, students and other languages!

Celebrate all of the amazing learning that is happening:

#ABLearningAtHome



Help students get caught up or prepare for what's ahead

ADLC Preview/Review

The Preview/Review Series, developed by teachers with Alberta Distance Learning, is intended to support students to catch-up or to help them to get ahead in Math, Language Arts, Social Studies or Science. These resources are geared towards students in grades 4-9 and include 12-15 lessons which cover important concepts found in the Alberta Program of Studies. Each lesson is approximately 90 minutes in length. Various activities and exercises are included in each package as well as 3 quizzes.

These resources are available at no cost and are easy to access.

SAPDC

Offering NEW Webinars...NEW Resources...and more!

À la recherche de la perfectionnement et des ressources?

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Mot de passe: Consortium2020

[Idello](#) vous offre des jeux éducatifs ! Créez un compte.
Chenelière vous offre des livres et ressources numérique.
Saisissez ce [lien](#) pour en apprendre davantage.



Student Engagement

Check out these strategies for **keeping students engaged** [here](#).

Be sure to click onto [Resources for Remote Learning](#) by **Engaging - Digital Tools!** There are also links for literacy & numeracy.

Are your students **listening to instruction in a Google Meet?** Ask them to place an **Emoji in the chat box** at a point in your classroom meeting or have them "raise their hand" in chat. *(To do that, right click in the chat message field, and a tab should pop-up with "Emoji" at the top - choose by clicking).*

****Fun Facts: a quick way to turn microphone on-off in Google Meet 'control+d' Camera on-off 'control+e'** Getting Started with **Google Meet** and more! View these [21 slides](#) from The EdTech Team! Establish classroom **expectations or 'netetiquette'** in Google Meet [here](#). (Feel free to customize your own online poster).



Digital Citizenship

We know that helping our students to be responsible & respectful Digital Citizens has always been important, but now it might be more important than ever. It never hurts to include regular reminders and lessons for all of our students on the importance of conducting themselves as a Child of God in all facets of their life, including all of the newfound opportunities they will have while learning (and socializing) online. Here are some great 'ready to go' lessons for K-9

- [Use, Understand & Create: A Digital Literacy Framework for Canadian Schools](#)

Ready to use lessons on a variety of Digital Literacy topics, Grades 9-12

- [Digital Literacy Framework - Grades 9-12](#)



Alberta Assessment Consortium:

The Alberta Assessment Consortium (AAC) has always been there to support Holy Spirit teachers in designing effective, engaging and informative assessments, both formative and summative.

Visit AAC's 'Classroom Materials' section to access hundreds of resources, including performance tasks, rubrics, materials for scaffolding and so much more! All materials are free to download, can be edited/modified to suit your needs and shared out with your students.

To access most resources, you will need to log in with the District credentials -- check with your administrator for the username & password. <https://aac.ab.ca/classroom-materials/>

Professional Learning Opportunities

Check out the Top Picks!

Dear teachers,

#REACares

If you tried to reach a parent this week & didn't hear back...

YOU'RE DOING THE WORK.

If you spent time learning new tech (& still don't completely have it)...

YOU'RE DOING THE WORK.

If only 6 of your 35 students logged into your class meeting...

YOU'RE DOING THE WORK.

If you emailed students & they haven't answered yet...

YOU'RE DOING THE WORK.

If you're worried about how to best support ALL of your students...

YOU'RE DOING THE WORK.

Don't fall into the trap of comparing yourself to others. Center your students, and take care of yourself & your loved ones.




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