

March 2010

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Curriculum decision units support K-12 students and teachers in curriculum leadership across all disciplines. We link with schools and other Central decision units to contribute to the District focus on Literacy, High School Completion and to support the Board's Multicultural Policy. We continue to innovate and collaborate to enhance curriculum in all programs, including Alternative Programs. We partner with community, post-secondaries and national and international partners to provide leadership in curriculum and resource development, interpretation and program enhancement.

– Sandy Forster, *Director*

The Institute for Innovation in Second Languages Education (IISLE) is devoted to supporting the teaching and learning of second languages at Edmonton Public Schools. Upcoming events and activities include:

- the second annual French for the Future Youth Forum for high school students studying French, which will take place April 30, 2010. This event is organized in collaboration with the national organization, French for the Future, and Campus St-Jean of the University of Alberta.
- official registration for upcoming international examinations for French (DELF), Spanish (DELE), Ukrainian (Ukrainian Language Entrance Exam for Foreign Students at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv) and German (Sprachdiplom). For more information, contact Rosario Vasquez at rosario.vasquez@epsb.ca or visit the International Credentials for Languages Service (ICLS) website: <http://languagecredentials.epsb.ca/en/home>.
- a first annual El Primer Encuentro de Profesores de Español de Alberta, a Resource Conference for teachers of Spanish, hosted by the Spanish Resource Centre. This event will be held on May 14-15, 2010. For more information please contact Rosario Vasquez (above).
- a summer training program to be provided to teachers from the Comunidad de Madrid, Spain in July 2010. District staff interested in providing homestay experiences for teachers from Spain are invited to contact Michelle De Abreu (michelle.de.abreu@epsb.ca) for more details.
- the sixth annual Second Languages Matter! Best Practices Day, scheduled for February 18, 2011. This year's event was a huge success with over 400 participants attending! Registration is available online at: <http://languages.epsb.ca/en/pd-and-events>. For more information contact Michelle De Abreu (michelle.de.abreu@epsb.ca) or Andrea Colling (andrea.colling@epsb.ca)

Remember to check the IISLE website (<http://languages.epsb.ca>) for more information on services, programs, resources, professional development and special events!

Dates to remember

Bilingual Program Principals Meeting Languages Centre at Woodcroft

April 20, 2010, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Christian Education Grades 1-3 Science Curriculum Development workshop

April 7, 2010, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Health Sciences Room, in the Skill Centre

Curriculum Principals Committee:

Next meeting—April 28, 2010,

12:30 to 3:00 p.m. The Skill Centre

(Amiskwaciy Academy, 101 Airport Road)

French Immersion Principals Meeting

April 21, 2010, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Languages Centre at Woodcroft

International Chinese Language Proficiency Credentialing (HSK)

April 21, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in schools

International French Language Proficiency Credentialing (DELF)

April 12–30, 2010 in schools

Pre-Advanced Placement Professional Development sessions for Pre-AP teachers:

- Pre-AP Language Arts

April 8, 2010, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Centre for Education

- Pre-AP Social Studies

April 15, 2010, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Centre for Education

- Pre-AP Science

April 22, 2010, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Centre for Education

- Pre-AP Mathematics

April 29, 2010, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

McKay Avenue School (Archives and Museum)

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Resource Development Services – Sample chapters of *Maximizing Math* grades 3 and 6 are now posted on the Resource Development Services website. [Click here](#) to check out these chapters and get a sneak peak of what's to come in August when these two resources are published. If you are interested in finding out more about *Maximizing Math*, please call Resource Development Services at 780 429-8122 to book a session for your school.

Also, stay tuned for information about our new blog. On it, we'll feature information about new resources, updates on our speaking engagements at conferences and conventions, and links to our work with other Central Decision Units, including Curriculum and Programs. We hope you use the blog as another way to stay current about the work of Resource Development Services and the many ways we support teaching and learning.

The Skill Centre has been busy working to present program information at partner high schools' open houses. Part of this information includes the changes to the Health Care program for September 2010. Based on feedback from students and stakeholders, the program will move to a two semester program (20 credits) similar to the three other programs at The Skill Centre. This will allow students more time to develop skills and explore careers in a wider range of health related professions. Also, students during their second semester can participate in work experience, mentorship, or special projects related to health care. The new program will be launched September 2010 with the new name Foundations of Health Sciences. The new program is under review at NAIT for post-secondary entry recognition in their 22 Health Sciences programs.

Curriculum

<http://curriculum.epsb.ca>

Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education (IISLE)

<http://languages.epsb.ca>

International Credentials for Languages Services (ICLS)

<http://languagecredentials.epsb.ca>

Research Support Services (RSS)

<http://research.epsb.ca>

Resource Development Services (RDS)

<http://rds.epsb.net>

Skill Centre

<http://skillcentre.epsb.ca>

Confucius Institute

<http://www.confuciusedmonton.ca>

History Centre

www.historycentre.ca

Dates to remember

Research presentations

- Dr. Stephen Norris, from the University of Alberta, will present information on Scientific Literacy, Monday, April 26th from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m. at the Centre for Education.
- Dr. Brenda Gustafson from the University of Alberta, and Dr. Brian Martin and Dr. Peter Mahaffy from The King's University College, share a brief research summary and feature on-line resources to be used in science education settings at the elementary school, senior high school, college and university levels

May 10, 2010

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
at the Centre for Education

May 10, 2010

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
at Amiskwaciy Academy
(101 Airport Road)

Research Reading Group

contact John Macnab at 780-429-8417
for next meeting date

Teaching Math in the target language of Bilingual Programs - workshops

- Grade 2: April 12, 2010
4:15–6:00 p.m. at the Centre for Education
- Grade 5: April 19, 2010
4:15–6:00 p.m. at the Centre for Education

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