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A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FEATURING OVER

100 LANGUAGE-ORIENTED WORKSHOPS

INCLUDING KATY ARNETT AND KALEB CHILD

HOSTED IN VANCOUVER, BC

October 23-24, 2020

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President's Message

Rome Lavrencic

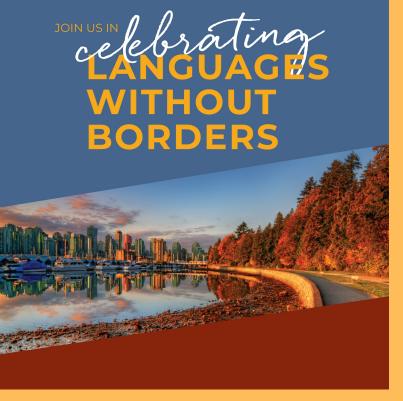
Who knew that when 2020 started the world was about to undergo a tremendous change; wrought with uncertainty and angst? I certainly didn't. In our schools, we saw an unprecedented shift in how we delivered our education programs to our students. Classroom teachers worked in harmony with education assistants, support staff, administrators, parents, and students in order to shift our teaching from in-class instruction to remote learning practically in the blink of an eye. Despite the confusion

and the thousands of questions we asked of ourselves, teachers showed students and the world our resolve to deliver the best education we can. It made me proud to see teachers unite by sharing lesson ideas, strategies to teach remotely, and helping one another navigate the myriad remote teaching tools like Zoom, Skype, Google Classroom, MS Teams, and the rest. For that, I want to say THANK YOU! Thank you for your continued patience and professionalism as we all work together to navigate the next steps. I know you still have many questions about what the return to your school this fall will look like. I know that the uncertainty – particularly around this next stage – can be challenging. Despite this, the adage "In it together" comes to my mind, and I firmly believe it rings true and it will lead us to success with our students. Throughout the summer, 25 BCTF teaching colleagues (myself included) worked with the Ministry of Education and other educational stakeholders in four different Working Groups for BC's educational restart plan. BCATML was at that table representing second language teachers and other PSAs by raising concerns and solutions to the government's working groups in order to make their plan better.

The Ministry has released its operational guidelines, including health & safety guidelines and expectations for the K-12 sector at each stage. These documents will be updated regularly as the working groups continue to meet in the coming weeks and into the fall. You can visit https://www.openschool.bc.ca/covidguidelines/

to review these guidelines. Direct any specific questions you have about the plan to your local union representative; especially on how the Learning Groups will be implemented within your school. You can learn more about BC's Educational Restart Plan in a separate article found in this edition of our newsletter.





With the return to school in September, teachers will undoubtedly be hungry for insightful professional development learning opportunities. BCATML has you covered in that department! Your Executive and Conference Committees have been working hard over countless Zoom meetings to prepare our very first online virtual conference with our national partner, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT). Welcome to Celebrating Languages Without Borders 2020!

Mark your calendars and save the dates for October 23 & 24. Teachers will benefit from TWO days of professional development this October PSA day. It has taken us over a year to plan our signature event, especially after the decision was made to transition from a face-to-face conference to an online one. This conference will be both a provincial and national one with participants attending remotely from coast to coast to coast, and beyond. Teachers will see some sessions starting fairly early for BC in order to accommodate those "tuning in" from Canada's East Coast. With over 100 sessions from which to choose, we are positive that our Celebrating Languages Without Borders conference will help inspire and support you with your classes this year. We are thrilled to welcome Katy Arnett and Kaleb Child as our two plenary keynote speakers. As well, we have secured other inspiring speakers, including Martina Bex, Luisa Canuto, Denis Cousineau, Angelica Galante, Catherine Ousselin, and Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez de France. As always, BCATML will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, Oct. 23 over lunch and we invite you to consider running for office, vote in your new Executive Committee, and learn about the initiatives and other activities of the Association. We have several door prizes for you to win that you won't want to miss out on. If you've kept your BCATML membership active, you will benefit from a lower registration rate this year! Full conference details and other perks are found throughout this edition of our newsletter. Visit https://www.bcatml.org/registration.html and register today to secure your spot with us. This will undoubtedly be a unique yet rewarding experience for all language teachers. We hope to see you there!

The 2020-21 school year will undoubtedly go down in history. I am certain you have many questions as to what this year will look like. It will be especially important to self-monitor and take care of one's own emotional and mental health. I encourage you to reach out to family members, colleagues, and take advantage of professional counselling services available through your health benefits, as needed. BCATML's Executive committee, including its Language Representatives, are here to help and support you. We are working on developing a space on our website to provide COVID-19 related resources and supports. Be sure to look for them this fall.

I know that for many, this fall presents many uncertainties. However, by staying together, and by relying on and supporting one another, we can get through this. We are, after all, in it together, as we have always been and will continue to do so. With that in mind, I will leave you in the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry: Be kind. Be calm. Be safe.

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2020 National Conference for Second Language Educators

Oct. 23-24, 2020

Online

Welcome to Conference 2020! Celebrating Languages Without Borders Conference 2020

As Conference Co-Chairs, both Kindra and Rome are very excited to share some highlights about our upcoming online conference. BCATML's Conference Committee has been working hard this summer preparing for our October 23-24 event. We are very proud to offer you this national level conference experience as we have partnered with the Canadian Association of Second Languages Teachers (CASLT) to offer the Celebrating Languages Without Borders Conference in beautiful British Columbia. Vancouver is our host city, but the conference will be virtual with teachers attending from various places around the world.

We have planned an incredible conference experience for language teachers of all languages around the world. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with two incredibly talented keynote speakers:

Kaleb Child (Musgamdzi) is well-known to BCATML members as the former Director of Indigenous Education for British Columbia. As a member of the Kwakiutl (Kwagiulth) First Nation, Kaleb is committed to Indigenous language and culture revitalization, as well as strengthening rights-based relationships.

Katy Arnett is a Professor of Educational Studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland. She is the author of Languages for All: How to Support and Challenge Students in a Second Language Classroom and co-author of Access for Success: Making Inclusion Work for Language Learners.

In addition to these two incredible keynote speakers, attendees will also have the opportunity to sit in on sessions with our featured speakers. They are Martina Bex, Luisa Canuto, Denis Cousineau, Angelica Galante, Catherine Ousselin, and Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez de France. We invite you to read more about their inspiring presentations in this edition of our newsletter. In addition to these motivational speakers, our Conference Committee has put together an incredible array of workshops over two days for our first online provincial and national conference.

Attendees will find not only general sessions pertinent to all second language programs, but also, sessions specific to English Language Learning, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish as well as other languages and Indigenous language revitalization. With over 80 sessions, not including two conference keynotes and ten featured speaker sessions, attendees will undoubtedly have a challenging time choosing which sessions to attend. Furthermore, some sessions will start earlier in the day in order to accommodate those attending from Canada's East Coast and vice-versa.

Attendees will also have the option to visit our online exhibitors' hall to view demonstrations, check out the latest available resources, purchase items, enter draws to win door prizes, and ask questions about the different products and services. Our list of exhibitors is slowly growing, and we encourage all teachers to take a mental break to visit and support our exhibitors.

As additional perks, our Conference team has also secured some tourism discounts for those who visit Vancouver later this fall or winter. Teachers who register for our conference will also receive discount vouchers for themselves and their immediate family to the Stanley Park's horse-drawn carriage rides and FlyOver Canada.

While attending an online conference, it will be especially important to self-monitor and take mental breaks, as needed. Many sessions will be recorded and available on our website for you to view at your leisure. Don't forget to attend some cultural performances we have lined up. After all, celebrating languages involves culture as well. Additionally, be sure to attend our online Annual General Meeting on Friday, October 23 over the lunch hour. You will be updated on the Association's activities, pass any constitutional amendments, approve BCATML's operating budget, nominate someone to the Executive Committee and of course vote. There will be several door prizes to be won at this year's AGM; you won't want to miss out.

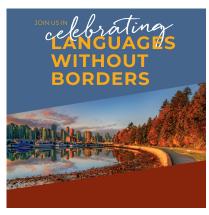
You will find more details in this newsletter about our keynote and featured speakers, workshops, sessions at a glance, exhibitors' hall, and more. There will be many opportunities for attendees to connect with colleagues and share ideas and strategies. We hope you will take some time to join us in this unique two-day event.

Welcome to conference 2020! We know you will find our Celebrating Languages Without Borders Conference to be jam-packed with inspiring sessions and motivational speakers. Register today by visiting https://www.bcatml.org/registration.html!

We can't wait to connect with you! Kindra & Rome











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Impatient de vous accueillir!

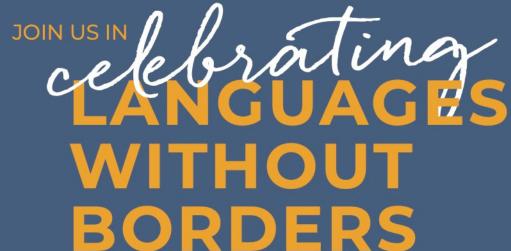
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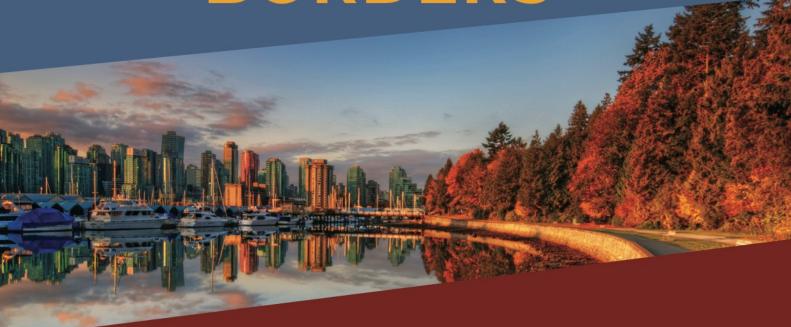












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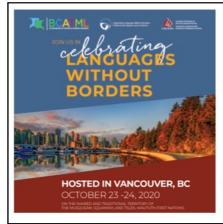
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Conference Keynote and Featured Speakers

BCATML is thrilled to partner with the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) and provide a truly national conference experience to teachers and educators from across North America and beyond. We have secured an amazing line up of both Canadian and international educators, researchers, innovators, consultants, professors to help inspire you in your pursuit of teaching languages to your students. Come join our incredible line up of speakers throughout our two-day conference.

Conference Keynote – Friday, October 23 Katy Arnett

Professor of Educational Studies and Faculty Advisor for Academic Accessibility, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Katy Arnett is a Professor of Educational Studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland. A former high school French teacher and Fulbright scholar, she has explored inclusive practices in a variety of language learning settings. She is the author of Languages for All: How to Support and Challenge Students in a Second Language Classroom (Pearson Education Canada, 2013) and, with coauthor Renée Bourgoin, Access for Success: Making Inclusion Work for Language Learners (Pearson Education Canada, 2018).



Conference Keynote – Saturday, October 24 Kaleb Child (Musgamdzi)

Kwakiutl Educator and Director, Indigenous Education

Gilakas'la, nugwa'am Musgamdzi. Gayutłan'lax Tsaxis, gayutłan'laxa Kwag'uł. Kaleb Child (Musgamdzi) is a member of the Kwakiutl (Kwagiulth) First Nation and has over 20 years of experience in education in both teaching and administration in First Nations and BC public schools. In his leadership roles across communities, he is committed to equitable learning environments, an Indigenous vision for pedagogy, authentic learning connections for all learners, Indigenous language and culture revitalization, and strengthening rights-based relationships.



Presentation:

Kans Hilile: "Making Things Right": Perspectives for Indigenous Education



Featured Speaker – Martina Bex

Owner, The Comprehensible Classroom

Martina Bex is the Founder of The Comprehensible Classroom, whose curricula and training materials have been helping language teachers implement proficiency-oriented, comprehension-based language programs with confidence since 2010. Martina is internationally recognized for her leadership and expertise in the world language teaching profession as a teacher trainer and curriculum developer. A Spanish teacher by trade with

experience in public and private schools and at the university level, Martina balances her work for The Comprehensible Classroom with the needs of her five young children, for whom she is the full-time caregiver. Martina has been published in *The Language Educator* and presents regularly at state, regional, and national conferences in addition to consulting with individual districts and organizations. Her newest project for supporting teachers is the Garbanzo App, an interactive library of stories in Spanish designed specifically with language classes in mind.



Featured Speaker – Luisa Canuto

Assistant Professor of Teaching, University of British Columbia

Luisa Canuto is the Italian Language Program Director and an Assistant Professor of Teaching in the Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of British Columbia where she has taught since 1994. As a Faculty Associate and Manager for UBC's Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, she developed numerous initiatives. Her research interests include the use of educational technologies in the classroom, the impact of service learning on students' linguistic and metacognitive development, and curriculum program renewal and development.

Presentation: Creating an Environment for Deeper Online Learning: Building and Maintaining Community and Social Presence

Positive social interactions among learners are key to developing their cognitive, metacognitive, and language skills. As both research and experience have shown, engaging learning activities — such as discussions, annotations of documents or videos, group tasks, and collaborative projects — help students to articulate their own cognitive process, build knowledge, and challenge and support each other's ideas. Through an interactive mix of content delivery, guided reflection, and experiential techniques, participants will be introduced to some broad concepts and discuss ways of developing a mix of real-time, synchronous teaching activities and asynchronous course material that students can complete at their own pace. Participants will have an opportunity to collaborate with peers in small breakout groups to brainstorm viable experiential activities and develop their understanding of effective approaches to enhance teaching presence and support active learning in the online environment.

Featured Speaker - Denis Cousineau

Consultant, FSL-CEFR

Denis Cousineau retired from teaching in January 2018. Since then, he's been fully active as a CEFR expert throughout the country, and is working closely with Groupe Média TFO to support a major pedagogical change in the wonderful world of French as a second language (FSL) in all programs offered: French Immersion and all aspects of FSL (Core French and Extended French). He taught French Immersion and Core French for 32 years in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB). Since summer 2009, he's been participating in a project, still underway, in Ontario regarding the impact of



the CEFR on improved success of students learning French. He was the director of the DELF centre of the OCDSB. Over the last 10 years, the centre has tested almost 15,000 students for the DELF.

Presentation: Le CECR : une pédagogie moderne et repensée (The CEFR: An Updated, Rethought Pedagogy)

The confidence of our second-language – and especially French as a second language – learners is leading us to rethink our teaching culture. The CEFR is a huge asset for everyone, but we must go beyond its descriptors. We must draw on its principles and general ideas to enable all learners to confidently learn and progress, especially when it comes to all oral skills. We will discuss, among other things, the concept of the action-oriented task, the creation of social confidence with regard to language, and the establishment of a pathway to progress. In fact, we will be talking about a redefinition of success.

Featured Speaker – Angelica Galante

Assistant Professor, McGill University

Angelica Galante is an Assistant Professor in Second Language Education at McGill University and Director of the Plurilingual Lab, where she collaborates with researchers and graduate students on the effects of plurilingual instruction on language learning. Her work has been published in important international journals (e.g., TESOL Quarterly) and handbooks on multilingualism (e.g., Interdisciplinary Research Approaches to Multilingual Education). Her website Breaking the Invisible Wall has pedagogical resources that can be adapted and implemented in the language classroom.



Presentations:

Implementing Plurilingual Instruction: Teacher and Student Perspectives

Recent research in second language education has repeatedly called for language pedagogy that is linguistically and culturally inclusive, but many teachers find implementation challenging. Some reasons for this include language policies that favour the use of one language only in the classroom and the lack of teacher professional development to implement change. This presentation will explore results of classroom research in English language teaching that support the need for plurilingual pedagogy. This study was a collaboration between a researcher and seven language teachers and their students (n = 129) in a university in Toronto. Their voices are presented in relation to the benefits of plurilingual pedagogy, the challenges of implementation, and how they were overcome. Results show that plurilingual pedagogy offers benefits that a monolingual approach may not: it enhances cognition, critical thinking, empathy, and language learning, among other factors. Moreover, teachers unanimously showed preference for plurilingual instruction compared to monolingual instruction. A discussion about the potential benefits and challenges in other language classrooms will follow this presentation.

Transforming Classes into Linguistically Inclusive Spaces: A Practice-Oriented Workshop

Besides English and French, Canada has over 200 languages, including many spoken by Indigenous peoples and immigrants. While language teachers are often expected to teach one language only in the classroom (or two in the case of bilingual programs), language pedagogy that fails to recognize the languages that students bring to class is inadequate and unproductive. Research shows that validating students' languages and cultures in any language classroom has several benefits, including enhancing student engagement, among the many other affective and cognitive benefits. Moreover, engaging students in critical discussions of differences and similarities among languages and cultures — as well as power relations among languages in society — is important in preparing them for agency over their own language use. This practice-oriented workshop will provide examples of strategies such as translanguaging spaces, *comparons nos langues*, cross-cultural comparisons, and translation. Participants will work hands-on with these strategies and will leave the workshop with concrete ideas for transforming their own classes into linguistically inclusive spaces.



Featured Speaker – Catherine Ousselin

French Teacher and Curriculum Design/Technology Coach, Mount Vernon High School, Washington State

Catherine Ousselin, M.A., currently teaches French at Mount Vernon High School in Washington State. She is the president of the Washington Association for Language Teaching (WAFLT-WA). She is also a member of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and the International Association for Language Learning Technology (IALLT). She serves as a regional representative for the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) and is its social media manager and resource curator, and

the chair of the Technology Commission. She is an avid blogger and frequent workshop presenter on World Language curriculum development and technology integration. Catherine was a 2018 finalist for ACTFL "Teacher of the Year."

Presentations:

Incorporating ACTFL's Guiding/Core Principles and Global Competency (and the CEFR) into Technology

Considering a transition from grammar-based units to teacher-developed, proficiency-based thematic units? In search of meaningful feedback strategies, authentic resources, and ideas for interpretive and interpersonal communicative activities? Engage ACTFL's Six Core Practices to create impactful and researched-supported units. Units, activities, and curated resources will be provided. The presentation will cover three units designed with the ACTFL's "Keys to Planning for Learning" following the Core Practices that connect to World-Readiness Standards and the CEFR framework. Participants will interact with a thematic unit template, technology tools, and authentic curated resources that support communicative activities and assessments.

Technology Tools for All Three Modes of Communication

This session focuses on integrating Web-based tools, apps, and techniques for linguistic expression and assessment within global thematic units based on the TPACK, CEFR, NCSSFL-ACTFL, and AP frameworks. Participants will develop competencies and confidence on evaluating and incorporating engaging and meaningful tools into thematic units and assessing student performance. We will explore all three modes of communication through demonstrations, facilitated group work, and guided research. Participants will discover a variety of tools that highlight student-centered instructional strategies designed to motivate and involve all learners. Topics include Digital Storytelling, Social Media, and apps for World Languages.

Featured Speaker – Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez de France

Assistant Professor, University of Victoria

With over 35 years of experience in education, Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez de France acknowledges her privilege to live, learn, and teach on the land of the WSÁNEĆ, Lekwungen (Ləkwəŋən), and SENĆOŦEN-speaking people. Carmen was born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico, and is a member of the Department of Indigenous Education at the University of Victoria where she facilitates courses on Indigenous worldview, and education. Her research focuses on the scholarship of teaching and learning.



Presentations:

Shifting Perspectives: Unlearning and Reframing

This session will address the importance of paying attention to language, and the values, beliefs, and messages we convey through our words. It will also invite reflection on how a shift in perspective ought to be a starting point when working towards naturalizing Indigenous knowledge within our work.

My Mother Used to Say... (How Proverbs Inform Our Worldview)

This session will offer opportunities to think about how specific ways of knowing are reflected through proverbs, refrains, and other popular sayings within a culture. Through examples, this session invites participants to consider these cultural expressions as vehicles to explore values, morals, and teachings from a variety of perspectives.



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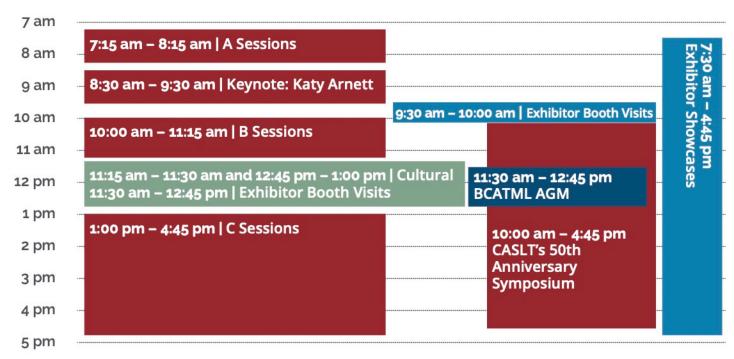
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Schedule of Events



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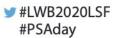
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CLWB registration is only \$125 for CASLT and BCATML members. Register now!

















Celebrating Languages Without Borders Sessions at a Glance

Friday, October 23, 2020

Time	Session Title and Presenter(s)	Target		
7:15 AM -	Je peux parler français! Améliorer la compétence orale des apprenants du French			
8:15 AM	français langue seconde (WRZPUM)			
	Dr. Stephenie Leitao Csada, René Hurtubise			
7:15 AM -	Fostering Students' Oral Communication in the Second Language	French, English, General		
8:30 AM	Mathematics Classroom (W46ZMS)			
	Karla Culligan			
7:15 AM -	Des pratiques pédagogiques adaptées aux étapes du développement de	French, General		
8:30 AM	l'oral en langue seconde (WEZAD4T)			
	Josée Le Bouthillier, Lisa Michaud			
7:15 AM -	Eine erweiterte Realität beim Deutschlernen? (WCL5P)	German		
8:15 AM	Marje Stock			
7:15 AM -	Implementing Portfolio-Based Language Assessment for CLB - Pitfalls and	English		
8:15 AM	Positives (WYUXRAH)			
	Jim Murphy			
7:15 AM -	Digital Skills for Democracy - tools for assessing online information	French, English		
8:15 AM	(W7NAGZ)			
	Joseph Péloquin-Hopfner			
7:15 AM -	Nos « applis coups de coeur » pour la construction identitaire et l'agir	French, General		
8:15 AM	social en L2/FLS (WXH4UDU)			
	Marie-Josée Hamel, Catherine Caws			
7:15 AM -	How evaluation can hinder, not help, student teachers (W3GSRZC)	French, English		
8:15 AM	Philippa Parks			
7:15 AM -	The 21st Century Classroom - Creating a Culture of Innovation (WM9GAC)	General		
8:15 AM	Yvonne Coupal			
7:15 AM -	Plan for Proficiency: What Does Proficiency-Oriented Language Instruction	General		
8:15 AM	Look Like? (WC4P3B5)			
	Martina Bex			
7:15 AM -	Le CECR : une pédagogie moderne et repensée (WWYDVH)	General		
8:15 AM	Denis Cousineau	8995 (CONB. 1960) (
7:15 AM -	About CASLT (WS7GAW8)	General		
7:45 AM	Linda Osborne	Victorial (1997)		
7:45 AM -	The Language Friendly School: a bottom up and context sensitive approach General			
8:15 AM	to plurilingual continuity (WV4SN7Q)			
	Emmanuelle Le Pichon, Roberto Di Prospero, Ellen-Rose Kambel, Nidhi			
	Sachdeva			
8:00 AM -	À propos de l'ACPLS (WPN5YL3) General			
8:30 AM	Yasmina Lemieux			
8:30 AM -	Evolving Inclusive Practices for the (Digital) Language Classroom	General		
9:30 AM	(W7K8WNV)			
	Katy Arnett			





Time	Session Title and Presenter(s)	Target		
10:00 AM -	Towards Inclusive Pedagogy: Including Students with Communicative French			
10:30 AM	Challenges and Special Education Needs in Ontario's French as a Second			
	Language Classrooms (WGP5XF7)			
	Reshara Alviarez			
10:00 AM -	Stronger Together! Sharing Linguistic Duality Success Stories - Resources	French		
11:15 AM	for Students (WD7NX2S)			
	Nicole Thibault			
10:00 AM -	On écrit sur les murs: Developing our students' French literacy skills	French		
11:15 AM	(WA7V9AW)			
	Shauna Néro			
10:00 AM -	La grammaire en action : enseigner la grammaire dans une perspective	French		
11:15 AM	communicative (WB6U32T)			
	Léo-James Lévesque			
10:00 AM -	Tools to Support Teaching and Learning of French: Teacher Reflection,	French		
11:00 AM	Student Survey, Administrator's Interview Questions and Observation			
	Checklist (W56NVCQ)			
	Carole Bonin			
10:00 AM -	Indigenous Music Research Project for Core French (W6NAKNF)	French, General		
11:00 AM	Andrew McFayden			
10:00 AM -	Second Language Instruction and Assessment in Canada's Official			
11:00 AM	Languages (WCR8H8C)			
	Sharon Lapkin, Burcu Yaman Ntelioglou			
10:00 AM -	Fostering a Growth Mindset with Standards-based Assessment and	Mandarin		
11:15 AM	Reflection (W6SP5D)			
	Ping Li			
10:00 AM -	Approche neurolinguistique - historique et principes (WPB2WX8)	General		
11:15 AM	David Macfarlane			
10:00 AM -	Multilingual Children's meaning-making and communication in the	General		
11:15 AM	mathematics classroom (W6PDHB)			
	Fatima Assaf			
10:00 AM -	Manuel de l'approche actionelle (WYFLT6V)	General		
11:00 AM	Denis Cousineau, Danielle Hunter			
10:00 AM -	Bringing Culture Back (W3MC2L2)	General		
11:00 AM	Martina Bex			
10:00 AM -	Transforming Classes into Linguistically Inclusive Spaces: A Practice-	General		
11:00 AM	Oriented Workshop (WYZ6ELW)			
	Angelica Galante			
10:00 AM -	"Languages Build" Advocacy Toolkit (W8GRNYL)	General		
10:30 AM	tbd tbd			
10:00 AM -	Critical Literacy and Online Textual Interactions (W6B33MH)	General		
10:30 AM	Amir Kalan			
10:00 AM -	The CEFR in the workplace: A CEFR-based oral evaluation for all New	French, English		
11:00 AM	Brunswick healthcare sector employees (WAP8BA)	71 2000		
	Laura Hermans-Nymark, Nicole Poirier, Sally Rehorick			









Time	Session Title and Presenter(s)	Target		
2:15 PM -	(Part 2 of 2) Core French Education Re-Inspired (WEVSK7M)	French, English		
3:15 PM	Jessica Irvine			
2:15 PM -	Mettre la série télé au coeur de la classe de français de base (WKMCD3L) French			
3:15 PM	Carl Ruest			
2:15 PM -	Incorporating ACTFL's Guiding/Core Principles and Global Competency	General		
3:15 PM	(and the CEFR) into Technology (WL7V8W2)			
	Catherine Ousselin			
2:15 PM –	Successes and Challenges of Digitizing the Blackfoot Language (WCYNQW7)	Indigenous		
3:15 PM	Michelle Housley, Pat Twigg			
2:15 PM -	Supporting Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Learners in Second			
3:15 PM	Language Programs (WNH6BGT)			
	Gail Prasad, Roma Chumak-Horbatsch			
2:15 PM –	(Part 2 of 2) Teaching Japanese Through Comprehensible Input – a	Japanese		
3:15 PM	Presentation, Workshop, and Discussion on CI/TPRS Activities, Strategies,			
	and Philosophy in a Japanese Classroom (WWM82N)			
	Matthew Russell			
2:15 PM –	Exploiting technology – choosing your way (WYP4BQU)	English, General		
3:15 PM	Nataliya Nayavko			
2:15 PM –	(Part 2 of 2) How well do they speak their L2? Evaluating learners' oral	General		
3:15 PM	proficiency (WKBFNL)			
	David Macfarlane			
2:15 PM –	(Part 2 of 2) Organized Chaos: Get Everyone Talking At Once (WCYN3U8)	General		
3:15 PM	Michelle De Abreu, Dionne LeBlanc			
2:15 PM –	(Part 2 of 2) Teaching with CI (Comprehensible Input) Novels: Building General			
3:15 PM	Intercultural Understanding in the Language Classroom (WRZTVAN)			
	Adriana Ramírez, Michelle Metcalfe			
2:15 PM –	Creating an Environment for Deeper Online Learning: Building and General			
3:15 PM	Maintaining Community and Social Presence (WQTQZ6Q)			
	Luisa Canuto			
2:15 PM –	Bringing culture to the language classroom: Virtual exchanges, cultural	General		
3:15 PM	portfolios and podcasts (WH4KLEE)			
	Angela George, Eleonora Buonocore, Rachel Friedman			
3:30 PM -	Un Sac de Trucs! (WGQ9V84)	French		
4:45 PM	Margaret Truant, Krista Heizelman			
3:30 PM -	Shifting from fact- to concept-based learning environments in the digital General			
4:30 PM	age (WZ4EWZ8)			
	Megan Sénéchal			
3:30 PM -	Le français Intensif et l'immersion tardive avec l'Approche General			
4:45 PM	Neurolinguistique en contexte virtuel! (WVP3LGC)			
	Pascal St-Laurent, Shannon Donald, Katharine Grenier			
3:30 PM -	How to get your students to Parlez vous en français! (WABGCN6) French, English			
4:45 PM	Rome Lavrencic			
3:30 PM -	Empowering Beginning ELLs in Junior High (WETNWZT) English			
4:30 PM	Luisa Zimich, Renée Bourgoin			





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3:30 PM -	Different activities to promote learners' collaboration and interaction	Japanese, Mandarin,	
4:45 PM	across three undergraduate language programs (WWT8BG)	Spanish, General	
	Maria Isabel Mayo-Harp, Jia Fei, Naoko Takei	30	
3:30 PM -	Indigenous Language Revitalization (W7T389K)		
4:30 PM	Candace Galla, Judy Thompson		
3:30 PM -	CASLT's Success for All Series (WXT42VW)	General	
4:00 PM	Michelle De Abreu		
3:30 PM -	Heteronormative beasts and where to find them: Identifying and	General	
4:30 PM	combatting the heteronormativity in your textbook! (WUTAW5B)		
	Ashley R. Moore		
3:30 PM -	Hot Off The Press! Spanish Resources to Share (WXND7X7)	English, Spanish	
4:30 PM	Kindra Harte	39000. 700 0.0	
3:30 PM –	The Languacultural Landscape Action-Oriented Project: a Multiliteracies	English	
4:00 PM	1:00 PM Perspective (WSCU2G)		
	Olessya Akimenko		
3:30 PM -	Facilitating Language Learning through Technology: A Literature Review on	General	
4:30 PM	M Computer-Assisted Language Learning (WD3ZMB)		
	Mary Grantham-O'Brien		
3:30 PM -	The "Native Speaker" Myth: An Argument for Diversity in Japanese Japanese		
4:00 PM	Language Education (WHTMXGZ)		
	Natasha Rivera		
3:30 PM -	Indigene Kultur und Perspektiven im Deutschunterricht (WCD3V6C)	German	
4:45 PM	Andreas Meckes		
4:15 PM –	Série Pour la réussite de tous de l'ACPLS (WL6QCZV) General		
4:45 PM	Michelle De Abreu		
4:15 PM –	Education for reconciliation during COVID-19 : sharing our experience with French, Indigenous		
4:45 PM	Grade 3 to 6 students (WMKUFWQ)		
	Eva Lemaire, Mélanie Samson-Cormier		

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Time	Session Title and Presenter(s)	Target
7:15 AM -	Cultiver un développement holistique de l'oral (WZRAMTL)	French
8:15 AM	Lisa Michaud	
7:15 AM -	La pédagogie par projet et la technologie - Comment motiver des élèves en	French
8:15 AM	français langue seconde! (WABLXAR)	
	Stephanie Burke, Vera Ryan	
7:15 AM -	Construire la confiance orale des apprenants et des enseignants en langue French, General	
8:30 AM	seconde (FLS ou autres langues) (WAKG9NL)	50
	Denis Cousineau	
7:15 AM -	TIC TALK: Maximizing Oral Production, Connection and Community in Your	General
8:15 AM	Virtual Conversation Classes (WRWFPUD)	
	Laun Shoemaker	
7:15 AM -	Updates From the CASLT Teacher Education Project in Canada: Supporting	General
8:30 AM	FSL Teacher Preparation, Retention and Recruitment (WH348H)	
	Mimi Masson, Stephanie Arnott	





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7:15 AM -	Fantastic Formative Assessment in Foreign Language (WSQPKT)	French, English, German,		
8:15 AM	Glenn Cake	Japanese, Mandarin,		
		Punjabi, Spanish, General		
7:15 AM –	On Line travelling: learning languages and exploring cultures (WM9RNQ)	General		
8:15 AM	Maria Carmen Romero Cachinero	8990.cc (620 - 600)		
7:15 AM –	Pandemic FLORA - The Release of French Learning Opportunities for Rural	French		
8:15 AM	Areas to support FSL- Reflections & Moving Forward (W967H78)	ASSOCIATION OF CONTRACT OF CON		
	Fiona Stewart			
7:15 AM -	What do grade 6 students say about themselves as writers in French and	English		
8:15 AM	English? A lot! (W3SKMB)			
	Lynn Thomas, Olivier Dezutter, Corinne Haigh, Sunny Man Chu Lau			
7:15 AM -	Leadership in Support of Inclusive Language Education (W7N6ZGM)	General		
8:15 AM	Katy Arnett	900.00000000000000000000000000000000000		
7:15 AM -	Implementing Plurilingual Instruction: Teacher and Student Perspectives	General		
8:15 AM	(WFHSW8)			
	Angelica Galante			
7:15 AM -	Supporting Primary FI Students Through Structured Literacy Practices: How	French		
8:15 AM	do we do that exactly? (WP2X84A)	USS 88.0. 89.0		
	Marianne Guerriero-Tennant, Lidia Fumo			
7:15 AM –	Développez les compétences langagières de vos élèves avec la plateforme	French		
8:15 AM	IDÉLLO (W6S87L8)			
	Barbara Franchi			
8:30 AM -	Kans Hifile: "Making Things Right": Perspectives for Indigenous Education	General		
9:30 AM	(WPACXP)	\$100 PERSON TO SALARISE PROF		
	Kaleb Child (Musgamdzi)			
10:00 AM -	Parlez! On vous écoute! (WX38U)	French		
11:15 AM	Isabelle Côté			
10:00 AM -	L'intégration de l'atelier d'écriture en contexte de langue seconde : une French			
10:30 AM	étude de cas (WER84TA)			
	Thi Tram Sinh Huynh			
10:00 AM -	Supporting English Language Learners in FRIMM (W72LWZK)	English		
11:15 AM	Kiran Abraham, Anne-Marie Bilton	=		
10:00 AM -	Bringing the Classroom Experience to Your Desktop and Phone/	Punjabi, General		
11:15 AM	Interactive, Effective and Engaging Learning Tools During Remote Learning	.53 203		
	(W5NRVDD)			
	Amandeep Chhina, Kamal Kaur			
10:00 AM -	Beyond the drill: Integrating grammar instruction into meaningful writing	French, English		
11:15 AM	activities (WHXX9LQ)			
	Philippa Parks			
10:00 AM -	An Open Source Digital Literacy Curriculum for Newcomers (W2DEUAU)	English		
11:15 AM	Olivia Chen, Christine Do			
10:00 AM -				
10:30 AM	commercial school in China (W4VRCBB)			
	Chuan Liu			
10:00 AM -	UDL + SEL = AALL (Access for All Language Learners) (WK3FLNA)	General		
10:30 AM	Rebecca Deutschmann			





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10:00 AM -	Elements of L2 Teaching to Indigenous Peoples of Canada (WQ2WKB7)	French, English	
11:15 AM	Pierre Demers		
10:00 AM -	My Mother Used to Say (How Proverbs Inform Our Worldview)		
11:30 AM	(W7RUBH8)		
**************************************	Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez de France		
10:00 AM -	Programme de mentorat de l'ACPLS (PM-ACPLS) (WLT3X6)	General	
10:30 AM	Carole Bonin		
10:00 AM -	CASLT Learning Centre (CASLT-LC) (WCDRN35)	General	
10:30 AM	Denis Cousineau, Lesley Doell		
10:15 AM -	Kans Hilile: "Making Things Right": Perspectives for Indigenous Education	General	
11:15 AM	(WHY3L3V)		
	Kaleb Child (Musgamdzi)		
10:15 AM -	(Part 1 of 2) L'interculturel, qu'ossa donne? Rendre pertinente	French	
11:15 AM	l'interculturalité par l'expérience (WCMB3PC)		
	Meike Wernicke, Carl Ruest		
10:15 AM -	(Part 1 of 2) Bringing Reconciliation into the Core French Classroom:	English	
11:15 AM	Honouring Indigeneity While Building French Fluency (WRREHR2)		
N 15 (C.1002)	Nancy Griffith-Zahner		
10:15 AM -	(Part 1 of 2) Language Learning: It All Starts with A Good Story! (W5DHPK7)	General	
11:15 AM	Joanne Robertson, Tracy Langer	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	
10:45 AM -	IFprofs au Canada : un réseau social de l'éducation en français à travers le	French	
11:15 AM	monde (WX5HQLQ)		
	Cécile Heijnen		
10:45 AM -	Talking about your hometown – Conversation activity in the Japanese	Japanese	
11:15 AM	language classroom (WMP6U58)		
SHIP CONTROL OF SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP	Yuiko Goya		
10:45 AM -	Modern Online Professional Development for Language Teachers	General	
11:15 AM	(WACATW5)		
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10:45 AM -	Centre d'apprentissage de l'ACPLS (CA-ACPLS) (WS46U4A)	General	
11:15 AM	Denis Cousineau, Lesley Doell	No. of the Control of	
10:45 AM -	CASLT Mentorship Program (CASLT-MP) (WU59YKF)	General	
11:15 AM	Gillian Blackmore		
12:30 PM -	Kans Hilile: "Making Things Right": Perspectives for Indigenous Education	General	
1:30 PM	(WHY3L3V)		
	Kaleb Child (Musgamdzi)		
12:30 PM -	Buckle Up Core French with the Neurolinguistic Approach! (WAUHHHM)	French, English	
1:45 PM	Rochelle Guida		
12:30 PM -	Le SEP en lecture des garçons du secondaire en contexte de français langue French		
1:30 PM	seconde, une piste à suivre? (W3WM2PQ)		
	Nadia Bazinet		
12:30 PM -	Connecting Curriculum Design to Competency-Based Assessment:	General	
1:45 PM	Rethinking Percentages to Focus on Proficiency (WS5AWYP)		
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12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Transfère d'un programme d'immersion en présentiel, en un programme à distance (WCYVU8G)	French
	Valérie Levesque	
12:30 PM -	(Part 2 of 2) L'interculturel, qu'ossa donne? Rendre pertinente	French
1:30 PM	l'interculturalité par l'expérience (WH3958F)	
	Meike Wernicke, Carl Ruest	
12:30 PM -	Technology Tools for All Three Modes of Communication (WEKNWD7)	General
1:30 PM	Catherine Ousselin	
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	(Part 2 of 2) Bringing Reconciliation into the Core French Classroom: Honouring Indigeneity While Building French Fluency (W8LXAYM) Nancy Griffith-Zahner	English
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Bringing DEEP virtual learning experiences to life in the International and Heritage Languages classes (WTLHXQ6) Francisca Aleman	General
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Talking to Learn: How Talk Creates an Inclusive and Affirming Classroom (WHR42GA) Stephanie Dodyk	English
12:30 PM -	An Online Phenomenological Stream of Consciousness Exercise: Lived	English, General
1:00 PM	Experiences through Creative Writing (W9BUB54) Laura Brass	
12:30 PM -	Introduction to Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling:	French, English, German,
1:45 PM	Bringing Joy, Laughter and Authenticity to the Language Classroom	Japanese, Mandarin,
(WA86N2L)		Punjabi, Spanish
	Michelle Metcalfe, Adriana Ramirez	
12:30 PM -	Shifting Perspectives: Unlearning and Reframing (WM6RN3)	
1:15 PM	Maria del Carmen Rodriguez de France	
12:30 PM -	(Part 2 of 2) Language Learning: It All Starts with A Good Story! (WR8B4Z2)	General
1:30 PM	Joanne Robertson, Tracy Langer	
12:30 PM -	Origami for Every Occasion – Bringing Every Student into the Fold	Japanese, General
1:45 PM	(WTQP95K)	
	Grace Ho	
1:15 PM -	French Immersion Group Identity and Accent in BC: What We Know Now	French
1:45 PM	(WSWB2E9)	
	Livia Poljak	
1:15 PM –	Second Language Research Institute of Canada: Creating Knowledge	French, English, General
1:45 PM	Supporting Practice (WKZPEVL)	au tonal Still
	Karla Culligan, Joseph Dicks, Paula Kristmanson, Josée Le Bouthillier, Lisa	
	Michaud	
1:15 PM –	Translanguaging as Creative Ways to Learn & Transform: Korean Youth	English, Japanese, Other,
1:45 PM	Learning a L3 in China (W5TC4DM)	General
	Meilan Ehlert, Daniele Moore	



BCATML Annual General Meeting Friday, October 23, 2020 11:30 – 12:45 pm

Held online via Zoom from the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport 7311 Westminster Highway Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

AGENDA

- 1) Call to order at 11:30 am
- 2) Establishment of quorum and adoption of the AGM Agenda
- 3) Acknowledgement of the Musqueam First Nation ancestral lands
- 4) Adoption of the BCATML AGM Minutes of Friday, October 25, 2019
- 5) Recognition of BCATML Executive & Conference Committee members
- 6) BCATML Constitutional amendments
- 7) President's report
- 8) Treasurer's report; adoption of BCATML Operating Budget for 2020—21
- 9) Election of BCATML Executive Committee 2020-21
- 10) Other business
- 11) Adjournment
- 12) Door Prizes

British Columbia's K-12 Educational Restart PlanRome Lavrencic

K-12 Schools are in				
Remote learning for all	Remote learning with exceptions	In-class & remote learning	Learning groups: full-time in-class	Learning as usual: full-time in-class
Stage 5	Stage 4	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 1

Over this summer, 25 BCTF teaching colleagues worked with the Ministry of Education along with Principals and Vice-Principals, Parent Advisory Groups, the Provincial Health Office, the First Nations Educational Steering Committee (FNESC), Provincial Specialist Associations, and other educational stakeholder groups in four different Restart Working Groups. BCATML was at that table representing second language teachers and raising concerns and solutions to the government's working groups to make the plan better.

The Ministry has since released its operational guidelines, including health and safety guidelines and expectations for the K-12 sector at each stage. These documents are living documents and will be updated on a regular basis as the four Working Groups continue to meet in the coming weeks and into the fall. Teachers are recommended to review these guidelines by visiting https://www.openschool.bc.ca/covidguidelines/ or by clicking on the links below and asking questions to their local union representative.

Health and Safety Guidelines:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidlines.pdf

Operational Guidelines:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools/planning-framework

Expectations for the K-12 Sector at Each Stage:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools/planning-framework/expectations

The question on everyone's mind this fall is what are these Learning Groups, and how will they work? Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister of Education Rob Fleming announced that BC K-12 students will be organized into learning groups this September as a measure to limit the number of in-person interactions and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Under Stage 2 of BC's K-12 Educational Restart Plan, the maximum size of learning groups will be 60 for Elementary and Middle Schools each, and 120 for Secondary. In response to the Restart Plan, the BCTF has raised several of the following key health and safety concerns for government to address before school resumes:

- · Classroom density reduced to allow for physical distancing;
- An option for remote learning, especially for medically complex children, that allows the student to remain connected to their school and access the full range of supports and services;
- Dedicated funding for improvements to school ventilation and HVAC systems to ensure worksites meet or exceed COVID-19 requirements;
- · All teachers supplied with two reusable face masks and a face shield by their employer;
- · All students supplied with reusable face masks at the start of the school year;
- Supplies of Personal Protection Equipment available as needed throughout the school year;
- All adults and students 10 years and older be required to wear face masks when physical distancing is not possible or practicable;
- Schools and worksites retrofitted with physical barriers for safety, where physical distancing is not possible or practicable;
- Additional funding provided to ensure custodial cleaning of high touch surface areas is completed twice during the day, in addition to regular cleanings;
- School equipment, including but not limited to technology and PE equipment, shared amongst students be cleaned before and after each use;
- Protections for Teachers Teaching on Call who attend multiple worksites and come into contact with large numbers of students; and
- Accommodations for teachers who are immunocompromised or have chronic health issues.

The health and safety of all teachers and students is the BCTF's number one priority. Naturally, teachers would like to see all students back in schools this fall, but it needs to be safe. The rise in active COVID-19 cases has made it clear that more work needs to be done to ensure teachers, students, and the families they all go home to, are safe. More work is needed to ensure preventative measures exist in our schools before we reopen our classroom doors. Teachers have a right to a safe workplace, as do students. We need a solid plan in order to deliver the best education possible. It is my belief that we can find those solutions by working together.

Andrew McFayden, Other Languages Representative

I am sure that every one of us has had a teacher in our past who we can count as a role model. I know I have been surrounded by such people for my entire life. My parents and aunt are retired teachers, as was my uncle. Outside my family circle, many people come to mind, who have served as great professional role models.

One such person was my grades 11 and OAC 2 French teacher (I am from Ontario). Madame had this way of teaching vocabulary that I have not ever been able to replicate. However, I do use some of her methods and activity ideas from time to time. When I first started teaching back in 1995, I would periodically visit her at my old high school, when I was home from B.C. for the holidays. I would bounce ideas off of her with such enthusiasm. Every now and again I would receive envelopes of activities from her as well.



Two things that Madame used to do, come to mind. They are not new activities, but are ones that are tried and true, in my opinion. These can very easily be modified and adapted for any language and skill level:

- 1. Vocabulary posters: Madame would tell us to draw a picture that illustrated 20 items along a given theme (for example spring or autumn or Hallowe'en). As part of the assignment, we would have to label each item in French. This is a classic example of learning vocabulary through pictures. One time, she wanted us to draw a picture using springtime as the theme. We had to make our own list of vocabulary and then label them on the picture. I decided to label the same item twice because I was trying to be funny about it (having the sense of humour that I have) and to see if Madame would notice. Needless to say, she noticed, and I had to find an extra item to label. I was SO outraged at having to find, draw, and label one WHOLE extra item! (Of course I wasn't serious about it). I adapt this assignment's difficulty level through having the students create sentences using whatever grammatical structure that we are learning at the time; write a short story about what is going on in the picture or based on the picture; or talk to each other about their pictures.
- 2. Stand Up Routine: Madame was famous for talking about random things, like picking up an object and just talking about it. The goal, of course, was just to get us listening to the language. One Monday morning, after a pancake breakfast on the previous Friday, she presented her cold and congealed plate of pancakes and proceeded to speak to us in French about what each item was, and to give us new vocabulary about that topic (including the word for snot, which we thought was hilarious). I find that when I do this with students, they are riveted (most of them, anyway). It can often be surprising at how much students just want to listen to the language being spoken and to try to understand what is being said. It gives them a true sense of accomplishment. I try to do this as often as I can. These routines could be as simple as talking about what things are to making up a story about how this paperclip changed your life. Occasionally, I get the feeling that I want to do one of these on a given day but I do not have a particular subject that I want to talk about. On days like these, I choose a random object or two, like a flag and a pen, and just start to make a fantastical story about them. The quizzical looks that I get from the students are quite comical. If you think about it, it's creating a different type of comprehension because the story isn't predictable. Sometimes I end up having to change my entire lesson plan for that day when the story gets a little out of hand.

Thinking of our past teachers can often give us ideas for our own practices. It has helped me a lot over the course of my career.

Wishing you all a safe back to school season,

Old Tricks with a New Lease Ping Li

BCATML Mandarin Representative

While recharging during summer vacation, I stumbled across an article on the Internet discussing various ways to create choice boards in G suite. I have been using choice boards to differentiate in my language classes for quite a few years, but now I was intrigued to design a choice board for my new Mandarin 9 students. I plan to use this choice board to start building a good rapport with my students, something that may not prove to be easy if we have to go back to remote learning and establish learning goals. To that end, I created a digital Google doc choice board with the following purpose in mind; to help me prepare my upcoming lesson plans:

- 1. Get to know my students on a more personal level
- 2. Find out about why they have decided to take Mandarin
- 3. Try out their digital literacy levels

Directions:

- 4. Set the tone for their one semester of Mandarin learning
- 5. Show them the themes of what they are going to learn
- 6. Ask students to create their own choice board, as a final portfolio assessment to showcase their Mandarin learning



(Template credit goes to https://shakeuplearning.com/blog/interactive-learning-menus-choice-boards-using-google-docs/)

JAPANESE TEACHER SUPERSPOTLIGHT: KATHY SHANNON SENSEI

Kathy Shannon Sensei retired from teaching this summer after 30+ years at New Westminster Secondary School. I met her at one of the Apple Teacher Institutes, back in 2001, and was amazed at how connected she was to Japanese culture and language education, and how fearless she was with learning new technology and trying different things.

- Grace Ho, BCATML Japanese Rep

Grace Ho (GH): How did you start learning Japanese? What was it that drew you to Japanese language and culture?

Kathy Shannon (KS): I first went to Japan in 1981, and I taught English for a year in Osaka. At the time, I wanted a break from university at UBC. I thought teaching English would give me a chance to see if I really enjoyed teaching as I was in Education. I've always been interested in Japanese culture. One of my cousins who is deaf is married to a deaf Japanese girl. I went to their wedding when I was 10. It was amazing. The first trip after one year, made me want to go back to Japan. I did take a class at UBC when I came back, but at that time it was Tokyo dialect and I was confused by some of the language I learned and what I needed to learn. I then found a UBC exchange program, and went back again for a year on exchange. I stayed in a homestay and that was the best experience. My language skills soared. They were very patient with me.

GH: How did you start teaching Japanese? Which school were you at?

KS: After I came back from my third time in Japan – I taught in a girls' private school in Kobe for two years – I investigated which schools may have a program. New Westminster heard my name and called me; they were looking for someone to take over their existing program. I then started teaching Japanese at New Westminster Secondary School in 1989. There were only a handful of teachers teaching Japanese in the public school system in BC at that time.







GH: What kind of teaching materials or learning resources did you use over the years? Which ones were your favourites?

KS: A small Apple computer, a Gestetner (duplicating machine) and the Alfonso textbook in romaji are what I started with. Eventually, that year we did use photocopiers and I could use the computer to create materials. Nothing like today, however! The textbook Kimono came written in hiragana, and after that there were a variety of books we could use. I eventually used Obento. I loved the reference section for students. I wouldn't have gotten as far as I did, if it wasn't for the predecessors in Japanese who helped teachers. I am thankful for them. Betty Inouye, George Hara, Bob Ward who helped everyone with their computers, and Michi Tsurumi who started Benkyokai, our teacher get together support group.

GH: How did you get involved with Benkyokai (now NihongoBC) and the BCATML?

KS: I joined the executive with BCATML – great group of people. Professional and high achievers. I would recommend anyone to participate for at least a year! Rome Lavrencic the current president taught next door to me, a young teacher at the time. I brought him to our conference to help, and then he got involved.

KS: Our Japanese teachers network Benkyokai had a meeting at New Westminster one Saturday. Many teachers across the Lower Mainland showed up. Keen and dedicated, the Japanese teachers are. We needed to decide on a new name and NihongoBC was born.

GH: What do you feel has changed about how teachers teach and how students learn over the last few decades?

KS: I believe each teacher brings their own style to the classroom. I love teaching kids the cultural aspects of Japan just as much as teaching the language. But, we have so many resources now to pull off the internet. I would encourage teachers to do as many tactile things about Japan as they can. Use brush pens/fude, paper, etc. Kids are on computers all the time anyways, so show them other options.

GH: What are your favourite memories about teaching Japanese?

KS: My exchange trips to Japan have been the highlight of my career. Eight times I've taken students to Japan, while also hosting our MORIGUCHI exchange group at different times. The Kakehashi project in 2013, was a wonderful experience. Clubs day at school by the Japan club was enjoyed by all at the school. Seeing students excel in the Japanese language was great. Students surprised themselves with how much they could learn. Testing themselves with hiragana and katakana became a fun game!

GH: Which aspects of Japanese culture do you think are the most important or most interesting for students to learn?

KS: Politeness, respect, looking out for others, sharing. The tactile crafts as I have mentioned before.



GH: What is your advice for current teachers of Japanese in BC?

KS: Hang in there! Enjoy your time with the students. I've had students who I had never thought might do well, then they send a letter from Japan! Who knew! You have a big influence! Others who have moved on to interesting careers. Ask them to send a note from their travels, or different experiences beyond the classroom.

GH: How do you plan to spend your time now?

KS: I hope to still be connected with BC Japanese teachers! I love the outdoors and travel. BC is great! I hope you have enjoyed getting out and about around the province. I'm currently keeping up my Japanese on Duolingo and learning kanji, also studying French. I would like to travel more, and of course get back to Japan for a visit. Maybe take a course about a Japanese craft.

GH: Is there anything else you would like to add?

KS: Thank you's to the BCATML, New Westminster Secondary, the Japan Foundation for the many projects and workshops I've been able to participate in over the years, and Okada san and the Japanese consulate/UNESCO for starting the Kakehashi Project. I approached Okada san for an opportunity for students and the 50th anniversary of MORIGUCHI/New Westminster sister city exchange. A two million dollar project was initiated for 8 schools to do an all-expenses paid exchange for students across Canada. Rome Lavrencic and I were the inaugural trip pulled together in two months! To this day the Kakehashi Project still exists. I'm very grateful it happened! An opportunity for students and their future in studying Japan and the Japanese language!

The First Half of 2020 By Grace Ho, Japanese Rep

The first half of 2020 was incredibly "interesting". I imagine many of us spent the summer reflecting on the first half, and wondering how the rest of the year would unfold. News about COVID-19 started arriving in our newsfeeds in January. I remember riding the SkyTrain downtown to attend the Birthday Celebration for His Majesty The Emperor, on Wednesday, January 29th, hosted by the Consul General HATORI Takashi and his wife, Mrs. Yuji YOON. It was a beautiful event. I even got a selfie with UBC President Dr. Santa ONO and met Vancouver Asahi Baseball Legend Kaye KAMINISHI! While on transit though, I noticed a few people wearing masks and wondered if they were ill. I appreciated the courteous gesture of mask-wearing that is so common in East Asia, but my instincts told me not to stand too close to someone with a mask. I had no idea that months later masks would be recommended or mandatory for all, to avoid spreading the COVID-19 virus, due to the simple fact that carriers can be asymptomatic!



Consul General Takashi Hatori with UBC President, Santa Ono





UBC President Santa Ono taking selfie with Asahi Baseball Legend Kaye Kaminishi

As Canadian cases remained low, the 2020 Metro Vancouver Japan Bowl was held as planned on Sunday, February 23rd at the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre. This spectacular Japanese language and culture competition is organized by the JET Alumni Association of BC, and this year saw a record total of 66 students forming 23 teams from 10 secondary schools. All teams competed in two preliminary rounds and each round consisted of 20 questions about Japanese language, history, arts and culture, social sciences, daily life in Japan, popular culture, and current events. The top three teams of the preliminary rounds advanced to the finals. This year's winner was Team 釣り人 from Port Moody Secondary. Special presentations included a taiko performance by Canada Miyake Kai, A Glimpse into Voice Acting by Yurie HOYOYON, a bon odori workshop by Satsuki Kai, information about MEXT Scholarships & the JET Programme, and a dance performance by Paprika Grrrls (AKA some of my own students at McMath)!



During this busy gathering, it might have crossed my mind that virus spread could be possible, but at the time, the news was still talking about COVID-19 as limited isolated cases. However, just a few weeks later when the BC Japanese Speech Contest came around on Saturday, March 14th, a pandemic was already declared and BC was starting to lockdown. Fortunately, due to quick responses by the Japanese Speech Contest Organizing Committee, participants were still able to deliver their speeches in person, socially distanced, to a room with judges but without a public audience. First place winners in the High School Beginner, Intermediate, and Open Categories were Hei Tung (Sabrina) Luk, Breanna Lu, and Nicolas Daichi Kobiyama respectively. The Canada National Japanese Speech Contest became a live online event on Sunday, March 29th.

Spring Break was certainly an anomaly. Teachers leading student tours to Japan had to cancel them; April in Japan saw record lows of people at tourist sites. I put plans for travel to Japan on hold as well. I also had to cancel a field trip to the Vancouver Japanese Language School for the second time! (The first time was due to the snow in January!) BC K-12 teachers – and parents - received a record number of emails about how to "pivot" and restructure learning for after the break. Heritage language schools also moved all their classes to an online platform, or cancelled them entirely for the rest of the school year. The disruption to schooling and life in general was initially thought to last a few weeks.

April, May, and June felt like an eternity. Making contact with students to get them all connected with their coursework was a challenge. Then there were the ones who came on board in mid-May requesting login info and asking what they missed! Can anyone relate? Class meetings happened on Teams or Zoom, with some students forgetting because they did not set an alarm clock and other students thinking it was fine to stay muted and not answer any questions. Completing assignments was another challenge. I accepted both typed and handwritten answers since some students said they could not type Japanese on their devices for whatever reason. I also witnessed kanji conversions that made absolutely no sense at all and some work that was obviously translated by Google. Can anyone relate? However, many students handled remote learning amazing well and created spectacular work!

Summer finally arrived after those crazy months, and in July, NihongoBC teachers met via Zoom to congratulate Kathy SHANNON Sensei on her retirement and to share remote learning experiences. Please read the Japanese Teacher Super Spotlight article about Shannon Sensei's incredible journey in this newsletter!

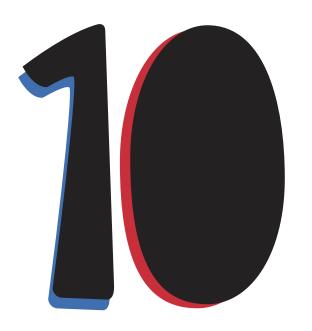
The Japan Foundation, Toronto (JFT) held their Online Sawakai meetings throughout the summer connecting teachers across the country to discuss various topics like ice breakers, speaking and writing, and using Zoom. JFT also held their annual Summer One-Day Workshop as well as the Summer Language Brush Up Workshop for Japanese-Language Teachers in August, again via Zoom.

The Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE) organized an Online Gathering to Share on Saturday, August 15th and hosted round table discussions on various topics with a focus on remote learning. I presented on my extensive use of YouTube videos for practically everything and showcased samples of my students' video tasks that were cool enough to turn them into YouTube stars!

I am writing this while we anticipate what the return to school situation will look like. I wonder how we can socially distance in a classroom full of students. I try to picture language learning with masks on and manipulatives removed. By the time you read this article, many issues may have been addressed while new ones may have emerged. My hope is that the tension will not increase like it did during the first half of the year, but that it will decrease and be done with by the end of the year.

Last but not least, I hope to connect with educators in BC, across the country, and beyond, as BCATML and CASLT host the Celebrating Languages Without Borders Virtual Conference on October 23rd and 24th. It is certainly an "interesting" time for language learning and teaching. Please **REGISTER NOW!** See you soon!

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Submitted by Angela Kleine-Buning

Textos en français

Trish Kolber - French Rep

Petit lexique des SMS - voilà quelques abréviations courantes qui se trouvent fréquemment dans les textos de nos jeunes. Si vous voulez bien comprendre les messages des ados de nos jours, jete un coup d'oeil à cette liste:

a+	à plus tard
ayé	ça y est
BAP	bon après-midi
bjr	bonjour
bsr	bonsoir
C pa grave	c'est pas grave
cad	c'est à dire
ct dak	c'était d'accord

désolé

et ou est

en + en plus

jlé je l'ai

jtm je t'aime

keske C qu'est ce que c'est ?

Dzolé

é

ki qui
klk quelqu'un
koi quoi
koi29 quoi de neuf
komencava comment ça va

moi je vais bien m jvb mort de rire mdr mtn maintenant occupé oqp aussi osi pourquoi pk psk parce que raf rien à faire

rstp répond s'il te plaît

savapa ça ne va pas

slt cv? salut ça va?

vient v1

we week-end

xlt excellent

xtrmt extrêmement

ya il y a







JAPANESE TEXT SLANG

Japanese text slang consists of hiragana, katakana, kanji, numbers, and the Roman (Latin) alphabet. Your device really gets a workout converting text like this! Check out the tables below for some fun expressions to use with your students!

INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Text Slang	How to Read	Complete Expression	English Meaning
ネットスラング	netto surangu	インタネットスラング	Internet slang
SNS	esu en esu	ソーシャルネットワーク	social networking
		サービス	service
顔文字	kao moji		text emoticons
ググる	guguru	グーグルする	to google
ググれ	gugure	ググれ	google it!
ggrks	gugurekasu	ググれカス	google it yourself,
			idiot!
サムネ	samune	サムネイル	thumbnail image
炎上	enjou		to go up in flames on
			social media
バズる	bazuru	バズする	to make a buzz on the
			internet
リプ	ripu	リプライ	to reply
拡散希望	kakusan kibou		please share or
			retweet
うp	appu, upu	アップ	to upload
ツイ	tsui	ツイートする	to tweet
フォロー	foroo	フォローする	to follow
クラスタ	kurasuta	クラスター	fan group
ようつべ	youtsube	ユーチューブ	YouTube
ファボる	faboru	ファボする	to favour, to like

LAUGHING, EXCITEMENT, CHEERING

Text Slang	How to Read	Complete Expression	English Meaning
w	wara	笑い	laughing, lol
wwww	warawara	笑い	laughing, lolololol
笑	wara	笑い	laughing, lol
草	kusa		laughing, lol
爆	baku	爆笑	burst out laughing

wktk	wakuwaku	ワクワクテカテカ	excited, trembling
	tekateka		with excitement
888	pachi pachi	パチパチパチ	clap clap clap
	pachi		
55	go go	ゴーゴー!	go, go!

GIRLS

Text Slang	How to Read	Complete Expression	English Meaning
JK	jee kee	女子高生	high school girl
JC	jee shii	女子中学生	junior high school girl
JS	jee esu	女子小学生	elementary school girl
JD	jee dii	女子大生	female college student

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Text Slang	How to Read	Complete Expression	English Meaning
おめ	ome	おめでとう	congratulations
あり	ari	ありがとう	thank you
おこ	oko	怒っている	angry
イラオコ	iraoko	イライラして怒っている	irritated and angry
りょ	ryo	了解です	OK, roger
おk	ookee	オーケー	ОК
こn	kon	こんにちは	hello
おh	oha	おはよう	good morning
おys	oyasu	おやすみ	good night
フロリダ	furorida	風呂に入るから離脱する	quitting conversation
V VI		100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	to take a bath
4649	yoroshiku	よろしく	please (requesting)
乙	otsu	お疲れ様です	thank you for your
			hard work
orz	oozu, orutsu		disappointment
ズッ友	zuttomo	ずっと友達	friends for life
なう	now		doing it right now
オワコン	owakon	終わったコンテンツ	out of date
ktkr	kita kore	きたこれ	something happened
mjk	majika	マジか?	really?
kaos	kaosu	カオス	chaos
kwsk	kuwashiku	詳しく	in detail, details please

Submitted by Grace Ho

SMS en español

por Shireen Cotterall

En varios idiomas se acostumbra usar abreviaturas de texto (SMS) y símbolos para intercambiar mensajes cortos vía un teléfono móvil. Este modo de comunicación fue desarrollado por los jóvenes para mandar mensajes breves que se puedan escribir con rapidez usando los dedos gordos. Esta nueva forma del lenguaje español se amplió con palabras simples, sin ortografía propia y la ausencia de letras, comas y acentos. Hay que aprender esta nueva forma de escribir y leer para poder entender el mensaje. En la Red, hay muchos enlaces donde hay listas de abreviaturas que se usan en el mundo hispano pero cada país tiene sus propias costumbres. expresiones lenguaje cotidiano.

Por ejemplo, según mi amiga Mónica de Montevideo, en Uruguay y Argentina se acostumbra la abreviatura 'ta' que expresa "está", (está bien o correcto). Según Nico, mi sobrino mexicano, la gente joven de México no usa muchas de las abreviaturas que existen en la Red. También me explicó que muchas de las abreviaturas de SMS suelen ser palabras vulgares. Con la edad, también cambia la manera de expresarse con abreviaturas pero las más comunes siguen siendo empleadas y todo mundo las entiende:

Según Nico, el uso de los emojis varía mucho y se ve menos con gente en sus veintes. Los símbolos que expresan estados de ánimo se entienden en varios idiomas pero los jóvenes por lo menos en México no los usan tanto.

Los idiomas cambian con el tiempo, con las costumbres, y la tecnología.



un mensaje entre dos jóvenes en México





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alegría

: S confusión

sonrisa

:'(lloro

ntp no te preocupes k que tqm te quiero mucho msi mensaje pf por favor beber bbr ando cuando salu2 saludos **a2** adios tb también porque pq

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@ este emoji comunica algo sarcástico o de chiste

este emoji comunica algo chistoso que uno se ríe y a la vez llora

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