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A NOTE FROM THE Editor

The BCATML Newsletter is getting a make over! Our goal, as always, is to provide our members with useful, relevant and easily consumable articles, resources and news from language teachers around the province. We welcome your feedback, contributions and suggestions!

IN THIS SEASON'S NEWSLETTER...

Another incredible BCATML Celebrating Languages conference has come and gone. We welcomed experts in their field to share on assessment practices in the language context. We also welcomed amazing vendors from across the country and internationally. Be sure to check out their offers, advertisements and resources throughout this edition.



COMING UP:

The BCATML is excited to offer a variety of workshops, webinars and professional developpment opportunities this coming season. Have somethihng great to share? We'd love to work with you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! A huge thank you to all of you -our members! We value your hard work and dedication. It was wonderful to see so many of you in person at our conference this fall and I look forward to connecting with more of you as we continue our journey together as language teachers in BC.

As you know on July 1, 2023 the New Reporting Order was announced for K-12 teachers in British Columbia. Due to this announcement we dedicated our Fall Conference to this theme. We would like to thank all of you for your commitment to language teaching and we are very grateful to have worked with Lisa Green as our keynote presenter. It was evident in the room that everyone was grateful to navigate this new terrain together and be inspired by Lisa's approaches and ideas. She offered many hands-on tools. You can see a copy of her keynote presentation on our website.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Please stay tuned for more updates from the BC Ministry of Education and other professional development opportunities. We will continue to offer webinars and professional development opportunities to our members and we look forward to working with all of you.

We will be offering a Book Club opportunity this spring....stay tuned! You will not want to miss this one! It's hot off the press!!

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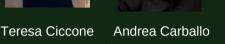


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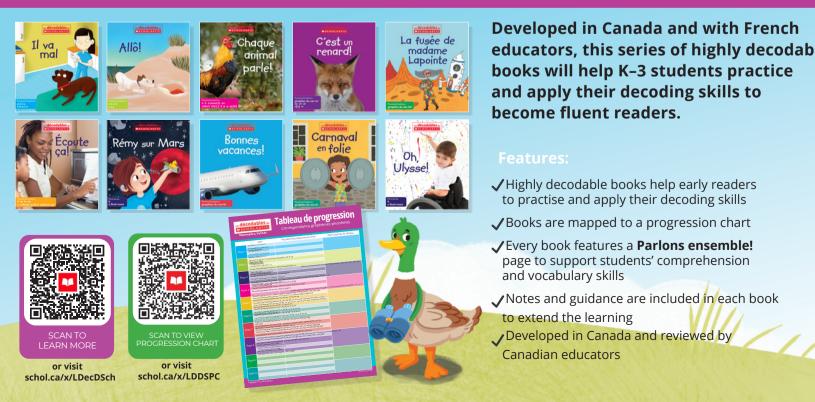
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FROM OUR CONFERENCE CHAIR:

Season's greetings! A huge thank you to all of you for your support with Fall Conference 2023!!! We are so grateful to all of you – our members, our keynote speaker, Lisa Green, our fabulous presenters, and all of our amazing exhibitors. The Exhibitor hall was buzzing with energy and excitement. Thank you also to our BCATML Conference Committee who worked hard all year long to organize this event.

This event was a huge success and it certainly takes a team. We are so proud to be language teachers and the feeling of being in a room together is pretty fantastic! We shared our love for donuts with a Donut Wall and our dedication to Assessment and being able to deliver top quality Assessment tools for our language students.

I would also like to thank my Conference Co-Chair, Wendy Yamazaki, who is a dream to work with. We celebrated her retirement as she stepped down from our BCATML Executive and we wish her all the best with her future plans!

Conference 2023 was also a time to welcome new members to our BCATML Executive including:

Adriana Ramirez-Spanish Rep Yi Li-Mandarin Rep Parabjot Singh-Punjabi Rep Sumeet Playia-Core French Elementary Rep

Stay tuned! We will be sending out information about our Fall Conference 2024 in the New Year! We hope to see you there!

> Best wishes to all of you! Kindra Harte

A huge thank you to Klett World Languages!

They very generously sponsored our Happy Hour at our BCATML Conference 2023! We are very grateful for their support and kindness in hosting this event.

We also proudly offer the upcoming webinars to learn more about brand new resources from Klett! Save the dates!!

All sessions are from 4-5pm and are free! Hope to see you there. Stay tuned for Zoom links to follow!

January 18, 2024-Klett World Languages Resource share for Core French Secondary teachers

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school has a positive impact on student

Assessment that is focused on student

Learning Standards leads to improved

reliability of assessment results and

increased student engagement.

proficiency in relation to the established

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Researchers stress the importance of

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learning and engagement.

Focus on Proficiency



Student Self-Assessment

Student self-assessment leads to an increase in student confidence in their abilities, greater responsibility for their own learning, greater student satisfaction.

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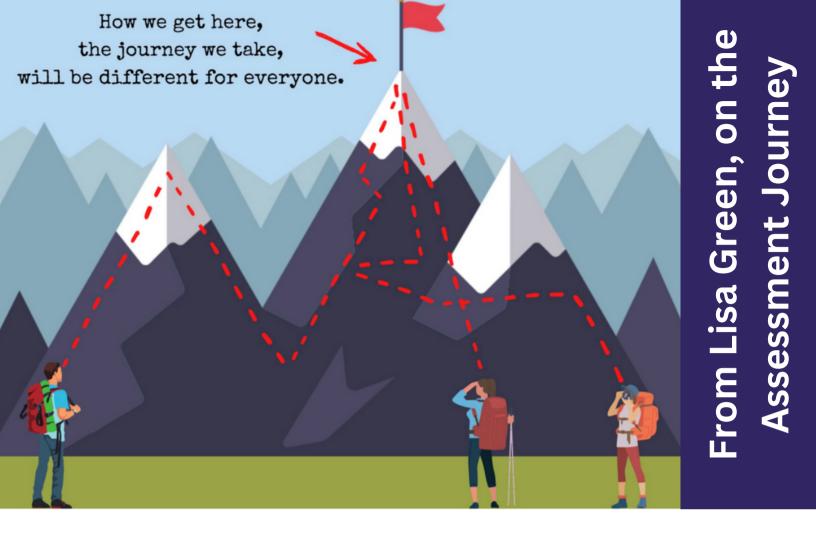
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FROM JAPAN BOWL TO BOWLS IN JAPAN!

Melissa Illing - Japanese Rep

This summer I had the wonderful experience of going to Japan with my students for free! 2022 was the first year my school had participated in Japan Bowl, a guiz competition for Japanese language and culture. Since it was a new experience for myself and my students, I was hoping that they would just enjoy themselves and even agreed to pay for fried chicken if they won. Amazingly they became the 2022 champions and managed to claim first place again the following year. In previous years, the winning team was sponsored by Kakehashi Project to a weeklong trip to Japan. Due to Covid and travel bans our trip was a bit delayed, but we finally managed to make it! Even though the Japanese summers are notoriously hot and humid, the students kept cool with their vending machine drinks and electric fans. We travelled around Tokyo and Ishikawa prefecture and were able to make lifetime memories. This includes meeting and talking with the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kenji Yamada, First Lady Yuko Kishida, and Princess Hisako Takamado. The students did an incredible job speaking Japanese and representing Canada. It just goes to show how great things (and fried chicken) can come from learning a language!



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Scholarship Recipient

Jessica Chen

As a second year at the University of British Columbia, I have had the pleasure of being a recipient of the BCATML scholarship. After spending the entirety of my high school career studying Japanese, I knew that the profession I wanted to pursue had to utilize it in some way, shape, or form. This idea was only further encouraged after winning the 2022 Metro Vancouver Japan Bowl with my teammates. Entering university, I continued to pursue Japanese as a second language, surpassing the two

hundreds to the three hundred level language courses. I loved it, but the heavy emphasis on rote memorization and the even heavier workload were burning me out, but that all changed when I was contacted by my old and awesome Japanese high school teacher during, funnily enough, my JAPN 360 course. Due to coming in first place, the Kakehashi Project (which is partnered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan; the same as Japan Bowl) whisked us away to Japan and we experienced everything from home staying in Ishikawa Prefecture's Kaga City to walking through the electrifying streets of Akihabara to even meeting the First Lady of Japan. With my ambition revitalized, I plan to try for my JLPT 2 and, thanks to the BCATML scholarship, continue chasing my passion.

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