

# BCATML

WINTER 2023



## 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 development opportunities this coming season. Have something 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!!



Video  
Video  
based language  
based language  
immersion 'workbook'  
immersion 'workbook'

For district-level pricing email [schools@yabla.com](mailto:schools@yabla.com)  
For district-level pricing email [schools@yabla.com](mailto:schools@yabla.com)

# MEET YOUR EXECUTIVES



Kindra Harte  
President



Trish Kolber  
Vice President



Tanya Campbell  
Secretary



Yi Li  
Madarin Rep



Teresa Ciccone  
Treasurer



Andrea Carballo  
Other Languages Rep



Meaghan Bowes  
Web Master



Lidija Bakovic  
German Rep



Melissa Illing  
Japanese Rep



Summet Playia  
Core French Rep



Paraoboht Singh  
Punjabi Rep



Adriana Ramirez  
Spanish Rep



Kevin Sigaty  
French Rep

Les **décodables** de  
SCHOLASTIC

Grades K-3

13 sets of diverse and inclusive decodable books that help build phonics knowledge!



Developed in Canada and with French educators, this series of highly decodable books will help K-3 students practice and apply their decoding skills to become fluent readers.

#### Features:

- ✓ Highly decodable books help early readers to practise and apply their decoding skills
- ✓ Books are mapped to a progression chart
- ✓ Every book features a **Parlons ensemble!** page to support students' comprehension and vocabulary skills
- ✓ Notes and guidance are included in each book to extend the learning
- ✓ Developed in Canada and reviewed by Canadian educators



SCAN TO  
LEARN MORE

or visit  
[schol.ca/x/LDecDSch](http://schol.ca/x/LDecDSch)



SCAN TO VIEW  
PROGRESSION CHART

or visit  
[schol.ca/x/LDDSPC](http://schol.ca/x/LDDSPC)

# 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

February 1, 2024-Klett World Languages Resource share for Spanish teachers all levels K-12

February 15, 2024-Klett World Languages Resource share for Core French elementary

March 7, 2024-Klett World Languages Resource share for German and Italian teachers

## Backed by Research

### Meaningful Communication

Researchers stress the importance of ongoing and timely communication with parents and caregivers. Effective communication between home and school has a positive impact on student learning and engagement.

### Focus on Proficiency

Assessment that is focused on student proficiency in relation to the established Learning Standards leads to improved reliability of assessment results and increased student engagement.



### 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.

### Formative Assessment

Globally, there is a shift toward assessment for learning so that the student is regularly informed of where they're at in their learning and how to move them forward.



## Print and Digital Solutions for the Canadian Language Classroom

Oxford University Press has partnered with leading language publishers to offer Canadian educators solutions that meet the needs of today's language learners.

For more information, please contact your local language consultant:

Jim Baron

[jim.baron@oup.com](mailto:jim.baron@oup.com)

1-866-229-7025 ext. 2536

French • Spanish • German • Italian • Mandarin



CLE  
INTERNATIONAL



SGEL



VISTA  
HIGHER LEARNING

How we get here,  
the journey we take,  
will be different for everyone.



# From Lisa Green, on the Assessment Journey

## LIVE

Chilliwack is a growing community located in our Beautiful British Columbia and offers a large variety of amenities, affordable cost of living and a "small-town feel." In addition to the unrivalled beauty of its rivers, lakes, mountains and more, Chilliwack has excellent sports teams, activities for adults and children alike, and a thriving arts community. See more at [lifeinchilliwack.com](http://lifeinchilliwack.com)

## WORK

Why work at the Chilliwack School District? As the population of Chilliwack grows, we continue to look for great teachers and support staff to guide the young minds of our community. Our motto is "Partners in Learning!" which includes a positive learning environment and provides outstanding education, professional development, resources and More.

Our Mission is to ensure that deep learning engages our hearts, heads and hands to develop vital competencies for the success of all learners. And our Vision is Syósys lets'e th'ále, lets'emó:t (See EYE yees LETS – a - thala LETS – a - mot) ~One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose.~

We are looking for new and experienced professionals who are passionate and driven as we are. We want a team who are excited about being part of an inclusive, Collaborative, and diverse educational community. Consider our innovative, forward-looking Chilliwack School District as the place to launch or continue your career by applying at [makeafuture.ca](http://makeafuture.ca)



Make a Future  
CAREERS IN BC EDUCATION



## GROW

The Chilliwack School District is a fantastic place to grow a long and successful career. Our district offers a balance of supportive teams and a wide range of opportunities for growth in leadership and career advancement.

Chilliwack continues to grow and become more vibrant and rich with opportunity while still retaining its community roots and environmental splendor. SD33 is the perfect place for you to increase your knowledge and experience and feed your passion! More information at [sd33.bc.ca](http://sd33.bc.ca)

### About the Chilliwack School District:

Chilliwack School District No. 33, located at the eastern end of the Fraser Valley within S'olh Temexw, the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, is one of a few growing school districts in the province. Chilliwack School District covers approximately 1,825 square kilometers including Chilliwack, Sardis, Vedder, and the surrounding areas of Yarrow, Cultus Lake, Rosedale and Greendale.

The District has twenty elementary schools (kindergarten to grade 5), five middle schools (grades 6 to 8), and five secondary schools (grades 9-12). Our facilities are attended by more than 14,000 full and part-time students and are served by approximately 1,800 teachers and support staff.

### Contact Us:

For more information about our school district and employment opportunities, please call **604.792.1321** or scan the QR code.



**Partners in Learning!**

8430 Cessna Drive, Chilliwack, BC, V2P 7K4



# 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 quiz 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!



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



## ABOUT US

**Kett World Languages Canada** is the Calgary-based arm of the Klett Group, which, with 80+ companies in 18 countries, represents one of the leading educational institutions in the world. Since its foundation in 1897, the Klett Group has achieved strong economic success and innovation in the areas of education and culture. Our company produces tailor-made educational media for students and adults, as well as course books for learners of all ages in Europe and here in Canada.

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Our **print and digital programs** enable students of all ages to learn and effectively communicate in a new language!

Discover the programs that thousands of schools, teachers, and students rely on!

## CONTACT US



[www.klettwl.ca](http://www.klettwl.ca)



[info@klettwl.com](mailto:info@klettwl.com)



# 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.

**Give the gift of bilingualism**  
***Le bilinguisme : un grand cadeau***



**Join us | Rejoignez-nous**  
**cpf.bc.ca**



**CANADIAN  
PARENTS  
FOR FRENCH**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
& YUKON







Dear Members of the BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages,  
As your dedicated educational partner in Victoria BC, we proudly offer a  
comprehensive selection of educational resources in  
French, Spanish, Punjabi and Indigenous Languages


**\*\*Special Discounts:** We offer special discounts to all BCATML members throughout the year.

**Language Learning Essentials:** From captivating books tailored for libraries to resources specifically crafted for teaching languages. Explore our curated collection of charts, posters, students' recognition awards, stickers, flashcards & Levelled reading books

**Exciting Launch-Punjabi Children's Books Section:** We are crafting a vibrant children's books section and enhancing our Punjabi teaching materials

**TPRS Resources:** Elevate language teaching with TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) novels. School House is proud to offer a diverse range of TPRS resources

Have a specific resource in mind? Let us know your special requests, and we'll make those resources available locally,

 Shop Now: [www.schoolhouseteachingsupplies.com](http://www.schoolhouseteachingsupplies.com) (click on BCAT-Modern Languages menu tab)

Contact : Lovely Sidhu (Owner)

Email: [schoolhouseteachingsupplies@shaw.ca](mailto:schoolhouseteachingsupplies@shaw.ca) | Phone : 250-385-9030

Location: 103- 3170 Tillicum Road, Victoria BC V9A7C5

[www.schoolhouseteaching.com](http://www.schoolhouseteaching.com) | [www.schoolhouseteachingsupplies.com](http://www.schoolhouseteachingsupplies.com)

SFU

BUREAU DES AFFAIRES FRANCOPHONES  
ET FRANCOPHILES (BAFF)



**PARTICIPEZ AU CONGRÈS «J'ENSEIGNE EN FRANÇAIS»**

**LITTÉRATIES MULTIMODALES: CRÉATION, COMMUNICATION ET COMPRÉHENSION**

**VENDREDI 16 FÉVRIER 2024 | CIVIC HOTEL | SURREY CENTRAL**

Cette journée de développement professionnel s'adresse au personnel enseignant qui se reconnaît dans un contexte «J'enseigne en français» en Colombie-Britannique.

En plus de vous donner accès aux conférences, ateliers et au salon des exposants, votre inscription inclut le déjeuner, les pauses santé, le repas du midi et un cocktail dinatoire.



**VENDREDI 16 FÉVRIER 2024 | 8H30 À 15H30**

**CIVIC HOTEL | SURREY CENTRAL**

**[WWW.SFU.CA/BAFF-OFFA/CONGRESU](http://WWW.SFU.CA/BAFF-OFFA/CONGRESU)**

**PROFITEZ DU TARIF *EARLY BIRD!***

Les 75 premières personnes inscrites profitent d'un rabais de 25% avec le code **jenseigneenfr2024**

# The World is Waiting for You

Introduce your students to a world beyond the classroom

WorldStrides Canada—which now includes Brightspark and Explorica—offers educational travel programs that encourage Canadian students to see the world (and themselves) in new ways. Whether you're looking for a way to level-up your student's language proficiency through immersive educational travel, want to take your music ensemble to centre stage, or beef up your team's bonding with global sports tours, WorldStrides has what you're looking for.



Welcome to the WorldStrides Family

Visit [worldstrides.ca/our-programs](http://worldstrides.ca/our-programs) or call a member of our team at 1-888-378-8845.

 **WorldStrides**  
Educational Travel & Experiences



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Education

## Maitrise en éducation en français

**BOURSES DU MINISTÈRE OFFERTES POUR CE PROGRAMME**

Ce programme d'études permet d'explorer comment les recherches en éducation s'appliquent à la salle de classe, tout en mettant l'accent sur les questions qui vous intéressent.



[pdce.educ.ubc.ca/  
med\\_french](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/med_french)

Début: juillet 2024

Durée: 2,5 ans, à temps partiel

Format: en ligne et en personne à Montréal

Département des langues et littérature en éducation

Date limite d'admission: le 15 janvier 2024

