



Livingstone Range School Division/ ATA  
Professional Development Newsletter  
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**INTER SCHOOL COLLABORATION DAY: Feb. 10th & March 24th.**

***We have two more Interschool Collaboration Days***

Our Interschool Collaboration Days provide for more collaborative time and more choice in your own professional development.



Why not consider hosting a conversation about something in which you are interested and help provide the opportunity for staff to work with people outside of their school.

Or perhaps think about using both days to support the work of an ongoing project.

Please send your session idea (complete with time, location, contact person & short description) to Julie at C.O. ([hutchisonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:hutchisonj@lrsd.ab.ca)) **PRIOR to February 3.**

Consider planning for 2 sessions - 1 collab. meeting and a follow up sessions so ideas can be discussed, applied, and then evaluated/refined. Or perhaps consider contacting fellow LRSD staff members in another school to work on a grade or subject project. The possibilities are endless.



The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of **SWATCA** will be held at the **University of Lethbridge, February 23 & 24, 2017**

**Theme: Creating Compassionate Classrooms.**

***Thursday Morning Keynote Speaker:*** Alex Russell.

Dr. Alex Russell is a clinical psychologist who helps children develop resilience and their own personal relationship with school and achievement.

At the heart of his message—and his book, Drop The Worry Ball—is that children learn by experiencing non-catastrophic, painful failure, and it is through the process of these failures that they mature into resilient, resourceful and emotionally balanced individuals. **Friday Keynote: Vince Gowman. Check out** <http://swatca.ca/> "REMEMBERING TO PLAY: Inspiring Joy, Freedom & Self-Care."

**Livingstone Range Local #14 : Want local information on your local ATA committees, past PD newsletters, scholarship information, etc: visit your Livingstone Range Local #14 website at** <http://www.lrata.com/>



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<https://sapdc.ca/en/welcome-to-sapdc>

**Supporting Adolescent Readers in Content Areas | Lethbridge | Jan 19 | \$50** This full day session provides teachers at every level an easy to understand theory to support literacy instruction. A much needed answer to the far too common question in our profession: “How do you teach someone to read?”

**What Every Teacher K-12 Needs to Know about Reading Instruction | Lethbridge | Jan 20 | \$50** Literacy instruction is widely becoming viewed as a responsibility for all teachers. This session is designed to support teachers of older students by providing a stronger knowledge base of how reading develops, the nature of some reading difficulties, and strategies to support students’ comprehension.

**Multiple Paths to Effective and Engaging Literacy Learning. What Really Works? K-2 Lethbridge | April 6 | \$100** In this practical workshop, real-life examples will come to life through the many photos, student writing samples, and student, teacher, and parent reflections and stories. Miriam will demonstrate scaffolding play, self-regulation, art, inquiry, technology and literacy learning effectively while linking assessment to instruction.

**Crisis Prevention & Preparedness: Comprehensive School Safety Planning and Crisis Intervention & Recovery: The Roles of School-Based Mental Health Professionals - 1/2 DAY | Cardston | Jan 30 | \$20** This half day workshop emphasizes the unique needs and functions of school crisis teams. It also reviews steps important to the development of cohesive and sustainable teams, and provides a model that integrates school personnel and community provider roles.

**Blueprinting and Developing High-School Math-Science Assessments | Lethbridge | Feb 8 | \$10** This session is based on the provincially established performance standards published by Alberta Education in subject specific information bulletins. A blueprint that reflects the standards will be developed by the participants for whichever course they are instructing.



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**A Hands-on Evening with the Alberta Science Network for Grade 3 Teachers Hearing and Sound Unit | Lethbridge | Feb 9 | \$10** Join us at the Southern Alberta Professional Development Learning Suite in Lethbridge for a 75 minute workshop covering the “Hearing and Sound” science unit in Grade 3. Participants will leave with plenty of resources and ideas to enable you to walk into your classroom ready to teach this science unit with more confidence and clarity.

**A Hands-on Evening with the Alberta Science Network for Grade 2 Teachers Exploring Liquids plus Buoyancy & Boats | Lethbridge | Jan 26 | \$10** Grade 2 teachers have an opportunity to spend time exploring two science units. Ed Kusmirski of the Alberta Science Network will combine the two units into a 90 minute session. Participants will leave with plenty of resources and ideas that will enable you to walk into your classroom ready to teach these Science units with more confidence and clarity.

**Strategies to Support Students in Math - “Conferencing on the Big Ideas” | Lethbridge | Feb 1 & Mar 20 | \$100** Join Cathy Frost for a two-day, two-part intensive experience to deepen your understanding of how to question, guide, mentor and support young mathematicians as they work on investigations. This is a two-part series.

**Mathematics 30-2: Diploma Examination and Research Project | Lethbridge | Mar 8 | \$10** Participants will have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the assessment standards in the Mathematics 30-2 Assessment Standards and Exemplars and their connection to the diploma examination. This session will also explore ideas for how to incorporate the research project into classroom assessment.

**Kairos Blanket Exercise - Train the Trainer | Lethbridge | Mar 23 | FREE** | Fifteen years ago, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition worked with Indigenous elders and teachers to develop an interactive way of learning the history most Canadians are never taught. The Blanket Exercise was the result; it has since been offered thousands of times. This half-day session will expand the participants’ knowledge and they will be able to return to their schools to share this experience.

Be sure to check the [SAPDC website](https://sapdc.ca/en/welcome-to-sapdc) for new registration procedure, times and locations.

If you see a session that interests you, simply email [kuzyk@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:kuzyk@lrsd.ab.ca) your intention to attend and you will be provided instructions on how to participate using your VC unit. Each session will run from

4:00-5:00 pm on Thursdays or upon request. Schools may also book a live session, please contact Chad for more details.

- Online Resources:** January 16
- GAFE (Google Apps for Education):** February 6
- iPads and Apps:** February 27
- Digital Citizenship:** March 13

[Check out link http://www.lrsd.ca/Technology.php](http://www.lrsd.ca/Technology.php)



LRSD, in partnership with Horizon and Holy Spirit, is proud to bring a **Google Summit to Zone 6**. The event will take place March 23-25 in Lethbridge.



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*Our own LRSD Literacy site is full of amazing resources for Family Literacy Day - January 27th, 2017 -*

so much available at

<http://www.lrsd.ca/Resources.php>



## The Alberta Teachers' Association

### \$100 ATA Workshops, Courses, and Presentations

Are you interested in bringing an expert from the ATA to your school or to speak to your group? Topics include: Creating Positive classrooms and Schools, Enhancing Pedagogical Practice, Inclusive Classrooms. FNMI Success, Communities of Professional Practice, Understanding Mental Health Issues in our Schools, and many more! Sessions can be 2 hours or full day.

Visit ATA/Members Only /Professional Development / PD Programs & Service Guide (bottom link on page) <http://www.teachers.ab.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/ATA/For-Members/>

### How to access LRSD PD sites:



The shared/unrestricted PD site is on the main LRSD home page. Click on the blue 'staff' on the top ribbon, and the PD site will then appear on the left hand side of the directory.

If you are looking for more specific PD information, forms etc., log onto the 'intranet' using the 'BREEZE for teachers' sign-in at the bottom right of the LRSD home page.

### Looking for some inspiration, need to set goals for 2017. check these out:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjnj5StX68g>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PT-HBI2TVtI>

