

June 12, 2014

Organizational Projects Educational Technology

Pedagogical Projects

Online Learning Collaborative Initiatives Publications & Presentations



Organizational Projects 2013-2014



Strategic Orientation 2013–2018



1 - Organizational Orientation:

- To build a more democratic organization
- To be responsive to our community's needs (reflecting our vision, mission, values, mandate)
- To improve organizational performance
- To clarify and reinforce LEARN's role in the educational community

2 - Pedagogical Orientation:

- To provide resources that address the pedagogical needs of our Quebec community
- To provide rich and relevant professional learning opportunities for educators
- To encourage pedagogical practices that reflect rigorous, and relevant research

3 - Educational Technology Orientation:

- To guide and support the use of educational technologies that meet the needs of LEARN and our Quebec community
- To ensure that LEARN's technological infrastructure can provide stable and reliable services to the community
- To provide community-wide pooled resources, aligned to the curriculum
- To provide the community with access to a common and secure virtual environment

4 - Online Learning Orientation:

- To offer full-time online learning services for English Quebec students
- To enhance our online academic services for students
- To provide online non-academic services to our community

5 - Partnerships and Collaboration Orientation:

 To partner with key stakeholders in the educational milieu and the community at large to support pedagogical collaboration and innovation



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MOST DEMOCRATIC WORKPLACES 2 0 1 4

4th year on the list!

Principles of democratic organizations

Purpose and Vision

A democratic organization has a purpose and vision. These offer guidance and discipline to the organization's direction.

Transparency

Democratic organizations are transparent and open with employees about the financial health, strategy, and agenda of the organization.

Dialogue + Listening

Democratic organizations are committed to having conversations that bring out new levels of meaning and connection.

• Fairness + Dignity

Democratic organizations are committed to fairness and dignity, not treating some people like "somebodies" and other people like "nobodies."

Accountability

Democratic organizations are clear about who is accountable to whom and for what.

Individual + Collective

Employees are valued for their individual contribution as well as for what they do to help achieve the collective goals of the organization.

Choice

Democratic organizations thrive on giving employees meaningful choices.

Integrity

Democratic organizations understand that freedom takes discipline and also doing what is morally and ethically right.

Decentralization

Democratic organizations make sure power is appropriately shared and distributed among people throughout the organization.

Reflection + Evaluation

Democratic organizations are committed to continuous feedback and development and are willing to learn from the past and apply lessons to improve the future.



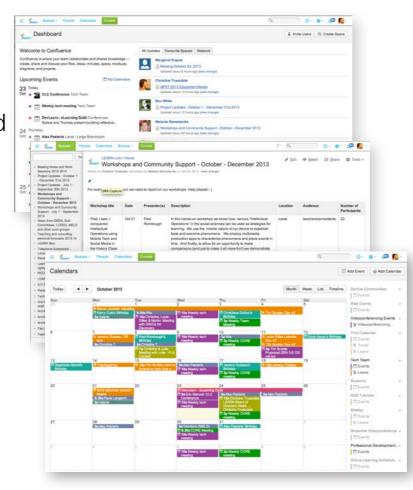
Klearn Organizational Knowledge

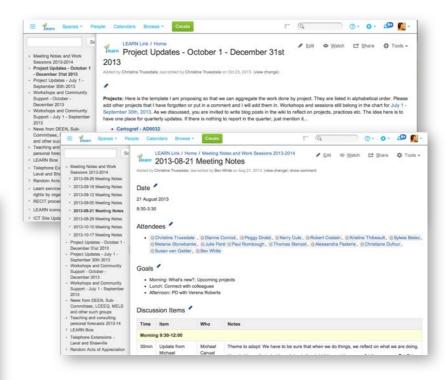


- Ongoing and expanded use across the organization of Atlassian's Confluence, a world-class content and collaboration software, provided to LEARN through a free license for non-profit organizations.
- Documentation of projects, planning, development and shared calendars
- Upgrade to version 5.3 done in August, many new features, better integration with Jira project management and issue tracking tool

Update:

- increased usage for project and process documentation
- used of new templates for meeting agendas and minutes, notifications for action items
- increased usage for project planning
- increased usage for collaborative work







Project Tracking

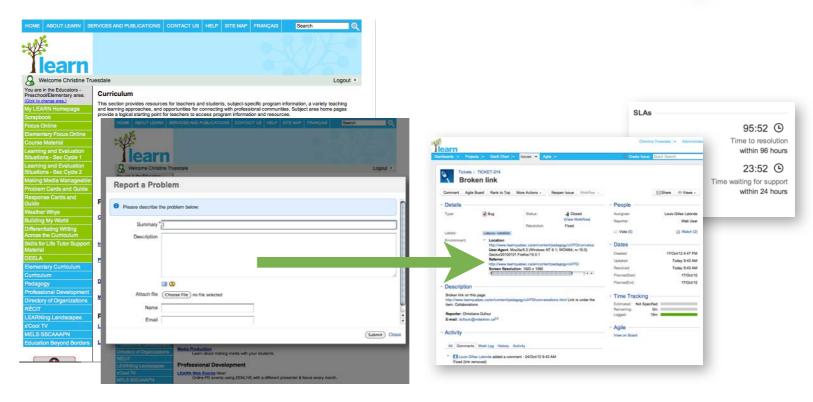


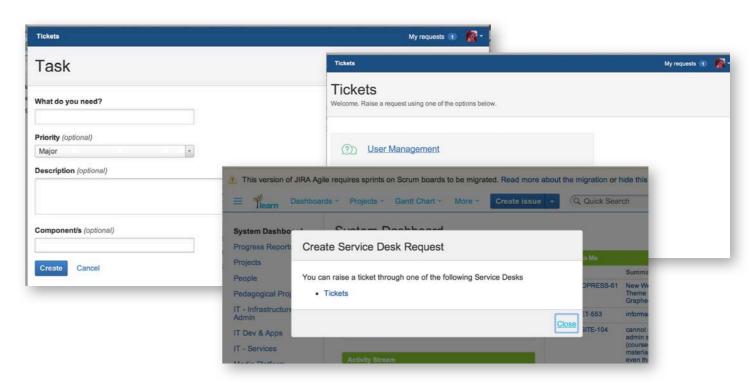
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Update:

- updated to version 6.1 in October
- implementing new tools and features such as Capture and Test Sessions for debugging applications
- promoted use by all for IT and design & development projects
- Report a Problem button available on all pages of the LEARN website creates an issue directly in the tracking system, will be implemented on other web services
- testing a new Service Desk with Knowledge Base integration in 2013-2014







LEARN Newsletter

Highlights from LEARN

- 1 page featuring LEARN projects, upcoming events, new resources and publications
- Was published in January, February/March, April, May, June
- Distributed to DEEN members and sub-committees, ABEE, RECIT, Subject PLCs
- Shared on LEARN website, RSS feed, Twitter and Facebook
- Opt-in listserv subscription to receive via email
- Will be continued in 2014-2015 - next in first week of September





LEARN Blog Learning from each other and building a community Reflection is a key to how we learn. Read about how both teachers and students benefit from reflective practice for learning in the following blog posts:

Reflective practice as professiona http://bit.ly/LEARN-blog-reflect2

ePEARL

Homegrown portfolio tool levels up ePEARL has a new level 3, aimed at Elementary Cycle 3 students and older. Each level allows students to plan, do and student learning and greater awareness of themselves as learners Free to use, bilingual and designed by our own Quebec educators! http://bit.ly/LEARN-ePEARL

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WOTP

The Work-Oriented Training Path This learning pathway is designed for students who, for all kinds of reasons, having difficulties in school. WOTP is highly practical, and the objective is immediate preparation for the job market. Our new site at LEARN features curriculum documents and resources for teachers, consultants and administrators as well as parents of WOTP stude http://bit.ly/LEARN-wotp



LEARN-RÉCIT Technology and Learning Summit On October 20th, 2014 join us for our second annual Technology and Learning Summit at the Sheraton Laval. The theme for this year: Connected Learning, Connected Lives will be explored. How are you helping students to make connections? Call for workshop proposa submissions until June 13th, 2014.



LEARNing Landscapes Inclusive Education: Socially Just Perspectives and Practices Live in July! Wren Kauffmann, a transgendered youth, shares how his own beliefs and the support of classmates, teachers and family have helped him to thrive in middle school. Experience this interview and a wide range of peerwww.learninglandscapes.ca



How To's Common tasks for students The How-To project is growing. Find content in ELA, FLS, History, Science...and more! Just in time for June: How to prepare for that history exam-tutorials and tips written in student-friendl language. Remember, resources can be accessed on a mobile device. If you have a suggestion for a How-To, please let us know about it. http://howto.learnquebec.ca



Web Events Join us for some online PD Upcoming event... June 9, 2014 at 8:00 pm: Spelling for Success in Cycle One with Kerry Ballard http://bit.lv/LEARN-webevents or idea to inspire that you would like to have us highlight in the coming school year? If so, please feel free to fill out our web event proposal form. http://bit.lv/LEARNwe-input



LEARN Blog Learning from each other and building a community
We have featured some great stories from the field this year. Educators, students and parents have all shared what really matters to them about our schools. Be sure to read their posts, as well as our and Julie Paré: Conjuguer c'est plus qu'un art ! http://bit.ly/LEARN-blog-field



Social Media Management

Update:

- Use of Hootsuite tool to manage feeds
- Addition of social media sharing buttons on the LEARN blog
- Tracking provenance of site referrals through social media tools with Google Analytics
- LEARN LinkedIn page
- Twitter Accounts Main LEARN account and subject-area account
- Use of Twitter hashtag for Tablet Summit #tabsummit13

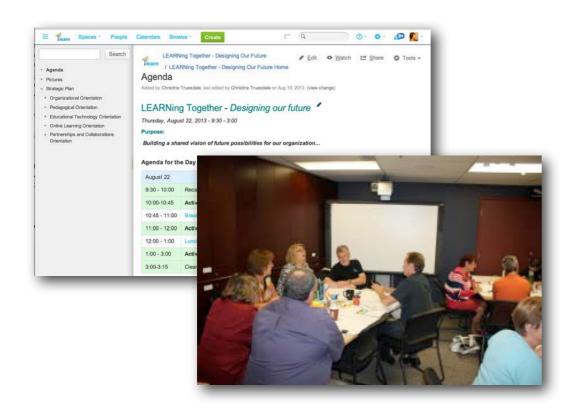


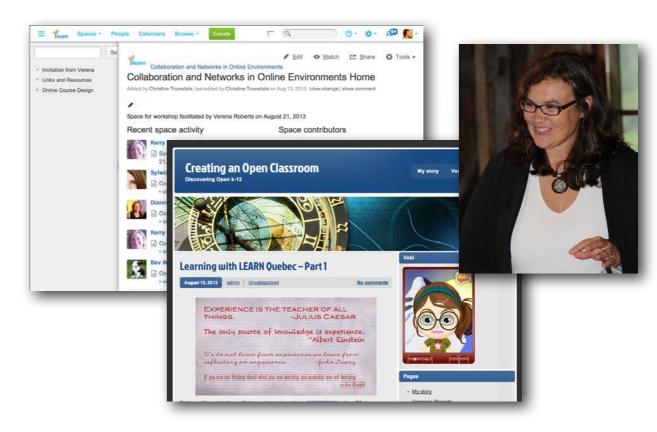


LEARN Staff Development and Welcome Back – August 21–23

Activities:

- PD for Pedagogical team with Verena Roberts
- Online teacher PD
- Overview of new features in Jira and Confluence
- Strategic Orientation day with LEARN team







Pedagogical Projects

2013-2014



How-To for Students



Description:

Common pedagogical processes broken down in a student-friendly way. These resources will be easily available on the web in a new student interface.

Future development can expand availability to mobile and tablet devices such as smart phones, iPads and Android tablets.

Rationale: Often, students know what they are supposed to do, but don't know *HOW* to do it.

Launched at QPAT 2013.

New content being developed, two new modules since last meeting: *Prepare for that History Exam* and *Écrire un récit d'aventure*.

howto.learnquebec.ca

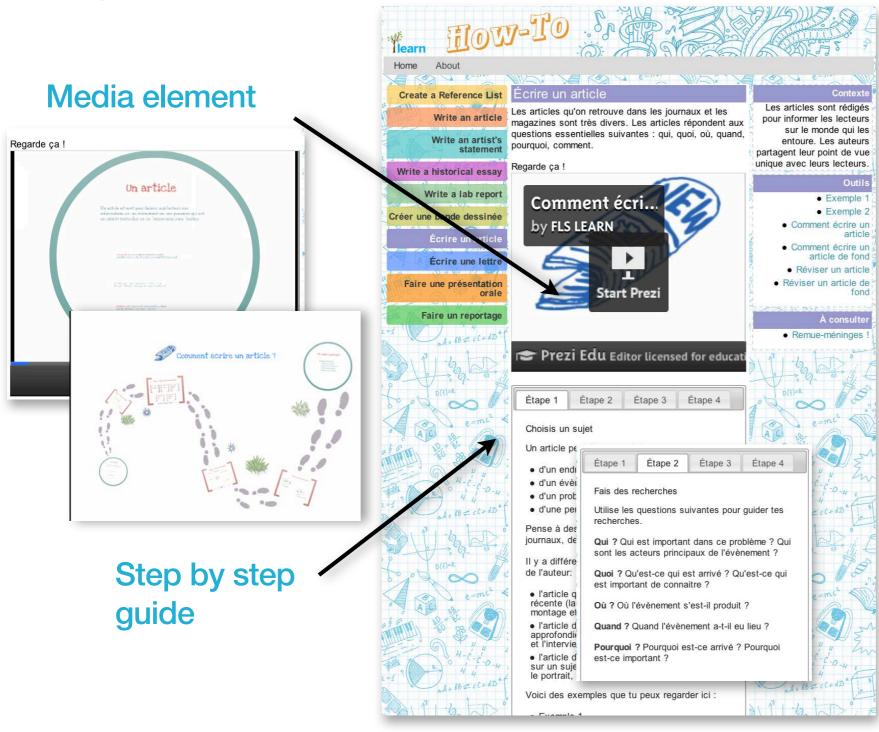




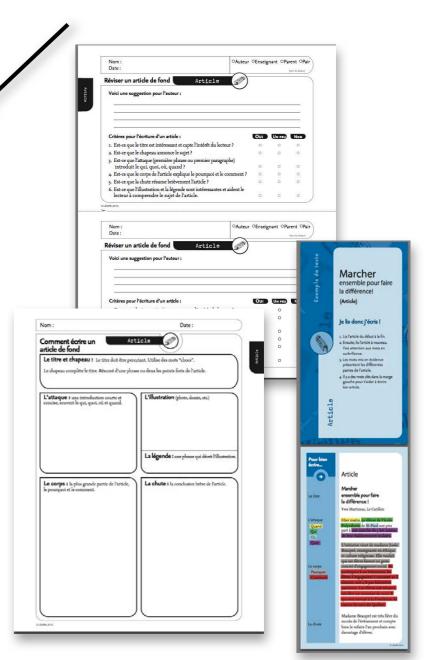
How-To for Students



Example: Comment écrire un article



Tools for students





Compassion in Action



- Sponsored by LEARN and Encounters with Canada
- Students submitted an essay or a video response
- Contest was open to Secondary students between 14-17
- 5 students have won a 1 week trip to Ottawa to participate in an exchange with students from across Canada:

Andrew Yu Cao Grade 10, Selwyn House, QAIS: Selfless Devotion

Farid Djamalov Grade 9, St.George's School, QAIS: It's Time to Solve the World's Biggest Issues

Olivia Makinson Grade 10, St.Thomas High School, LBPSB: Mercy Ships

Kelly Pawliuk-Coderre Grade 10, Lakeside Academy, LBPSB: A Day at Lakeside

Chloe Shahinian Grade 10, The Study, QAIS: The Sarah Cook Fund

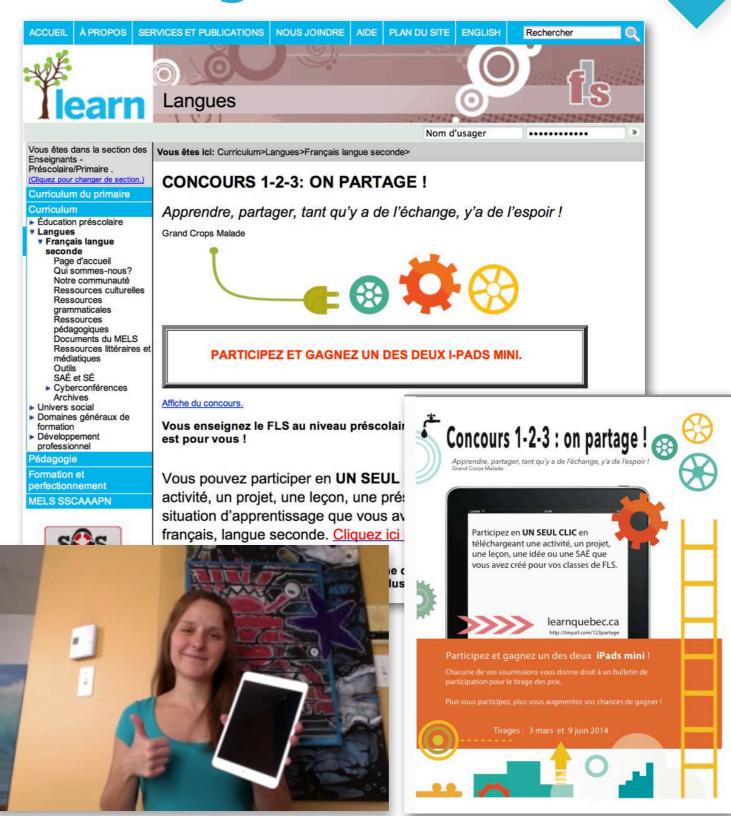






1-2-3: On Partage! Contest

- Contest was open to FLS teachers at Preschool, Elementary, and Secondary levels
- Teachers submit a lesson plan, classroom idea, an activity, or LES
- Participants are entered in a raffle to win an iPad mini, drawings to be held March 3rd, or June 9th, 2014
- Prizes: First winner was drawn on March 3rd - Marie-Hélène Cormier, a teacher from New Richmond, ESSB won the first iPad mini
- Second winner was drawn on June 9th - Isabelle Busque, a teacher from CQSB.





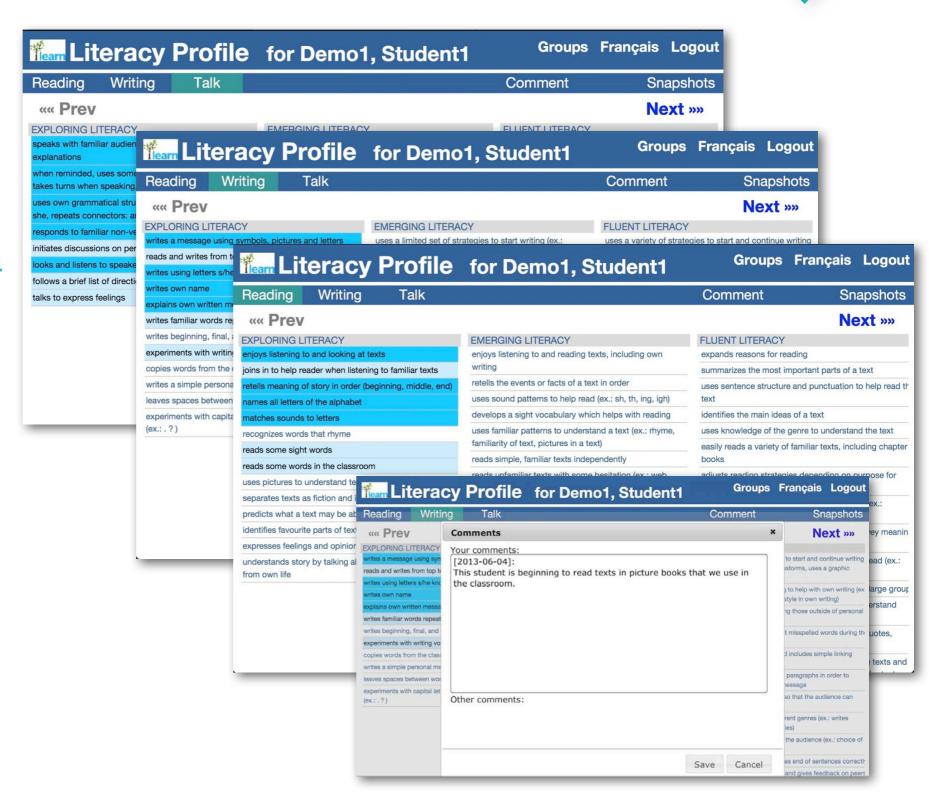
Literacy Continuum



Create a mobile-friendly Web version of the Language Literacy Continuum (based on Riverside's SLP continuum).

Development and Pilot 2013-2014

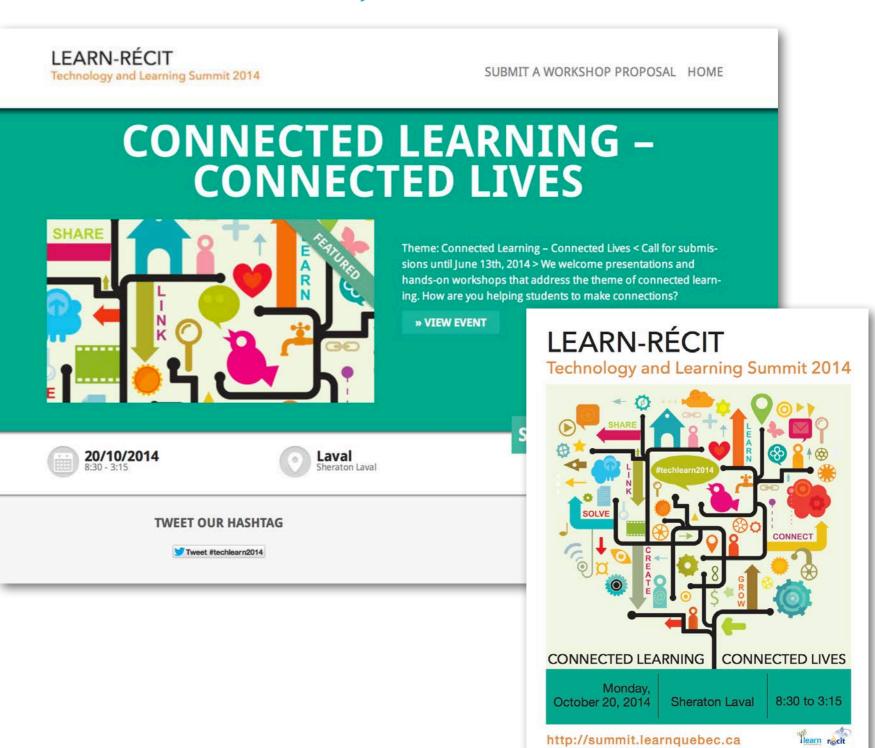
- Pilot with RSB and SWLSB in two Cycle 1 classrooms
- Vanguard School to continue using tool this year across cycles
- Edit and revise English support guide, translate and adapt guide into French
- EMSB pilot training with print guide, working with complementary services and 7 schools





arn LEARN-RÉCIT Tech and Learning Summit – October 20, 2014

- Theme for 2014:
 Connected Learning Connected Lives
- Call for Proposals open until June 13th
- Hashtag: #techlearn2014
- summit.learnquebec.ca





LEARN-RÉCIT Tablet Summit October 21, 2013

- 240+ local presenters and participants from: AJDS, CQSB, EMSB, ESSB, ETSB, LEARN, LBPSB, NFSB, McGill, MELS, QAIS, RSB, SWLSB, WQSB
- 25 sessions 1 full day, 3 half-day and 21 60-90 minute sessions







LEARN-RÉCIT Tablet Summit October 21, 2013



Keynote Speaker:

Wesley Fryer



Sessions

- Your Table[t] d'hôte Today
 was recorded for later viewing online, presentation available online
- Visual Notetaking with Brushes for the iPad (with Susan van Gelder) - links to material available on the LEARN website









LEARN-RÉCIT Tablet Summit October 21, 2013



Preliminary comments from evaluation forms

Highpoints

- The workshops offered by teachers are always relevant!
- Getting to try to make a (movie) trailer. I can do this with some practice.
- Practical practices of what was learned during the first session
- L'inspiration! Voir comment on peut se débrouiller avec peu.

Reflection - what did you learn

- The idea of using the iPad to explore creativity and demonstrate understanding.
- That the emphasis is not on apps but on student productivity, creativity and much more.
- We have a great network out there!!!!
- Nous sommes les pédagogues, la technologie devrait être au service de notre enseignement et non le contraire!

How I will use what I learned

- Will be trying some of the ideas I got today in my class tomorrow!
- Stop using it as I do which is really practising concepts and start using it for the children to create.
- I have so much in my notes to go through. I have come away with a lot of valuable information.
- Once I get the apps I need, the possibilities are endless.

Comments

- Appreciated that the sessions were given by present teachers in today's classrooms with multiple levels of intelligences.
- Merci pour cette belle journée: bien organisé, intéressante, etc. et pour la disponibilité de votre équipe!

Appreciative email

"...your team, did an incredible job putting everything together for the Tablet Summit. It was the best PD day I've had to date. I loved every workshop I attended. We were really spoiled too ... lunch, snacks, a goodie bag. I could get used to this. Some of the consultants I met last May at your office remembered me! I was so honored. It was a very stress-free day, every detail was taken care of. I loved it. I hope your team does this again next year. I can imagine the countless hours and energy invested by many to make this day a success AND it was successful. You would have been proud to see everyone in action."



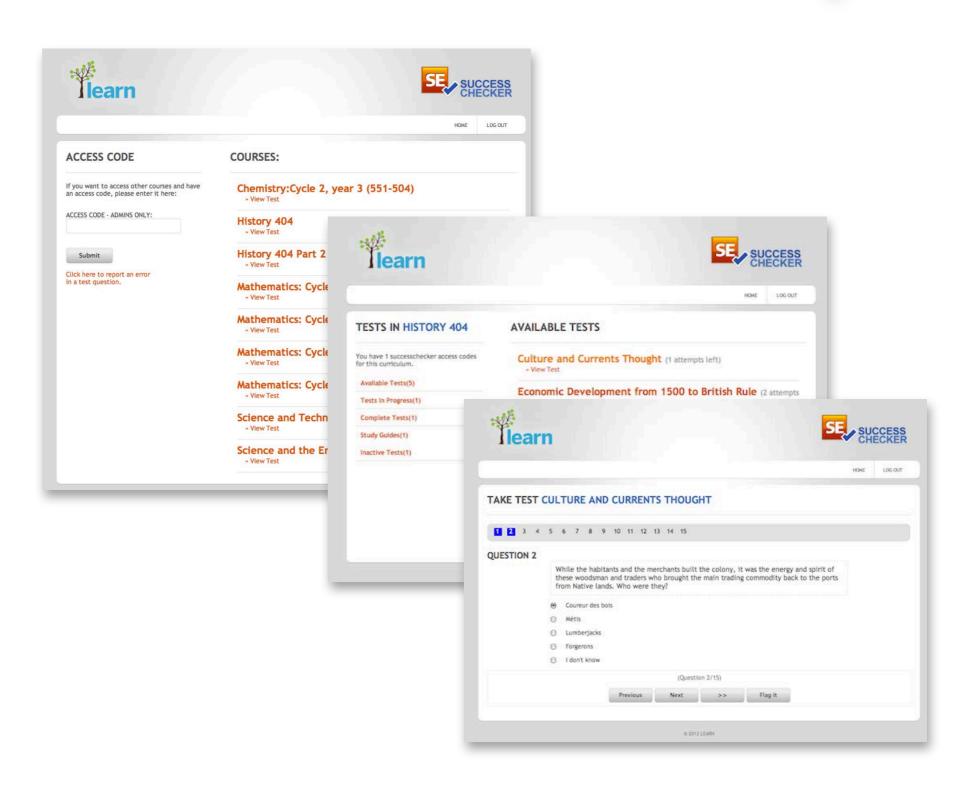






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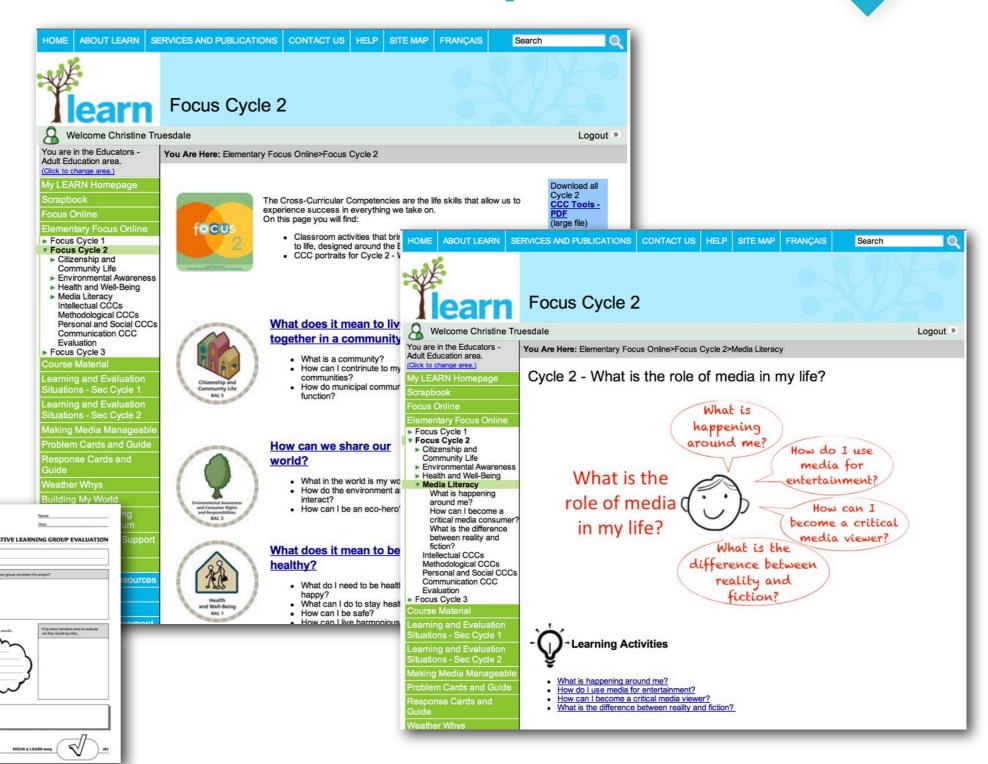
- New sections:
 - History 404
 - Math TS Year 3
 - Physics
- Additional resources
- Customized study guides for students based on their responses





Focus Elementary

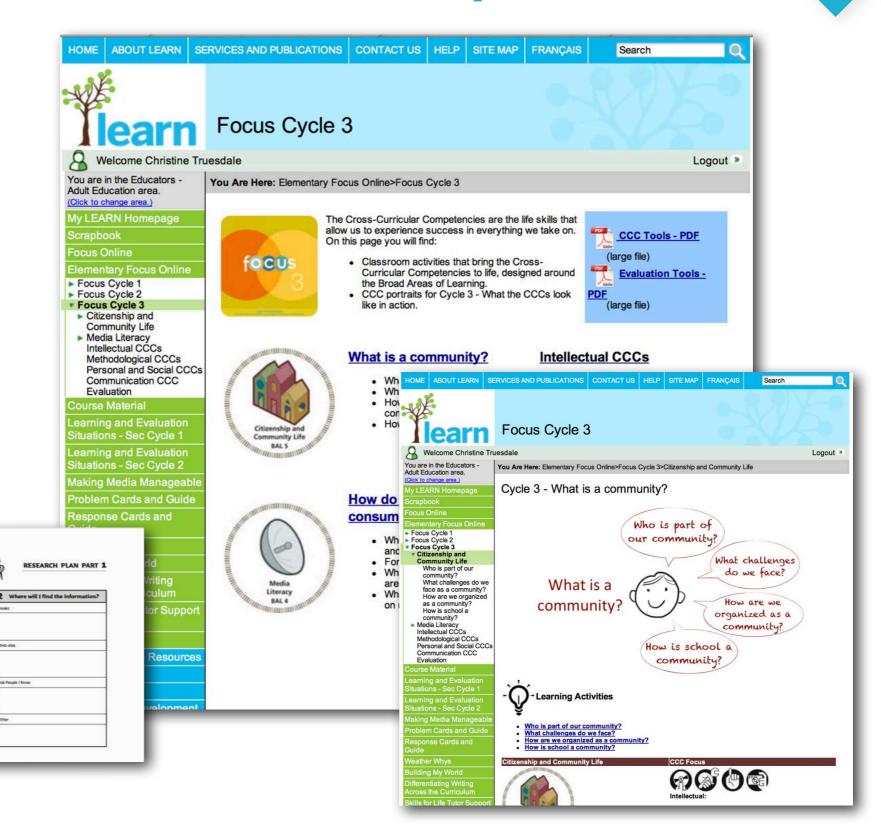
- Elementary Cycle 2
 14 Curriculum Units:
 Learning Activities
 and Resources
- Adapted print version for web
- Evaluation and Observation Tools available as PDFs





Focus Elementary

- Elementary Cycle 3
 8 Curriculum Units:
 Learning Activities
 and Resources
- Adapted print version for web
- Evaluation and Observation Tools available as PDFs





Training for a Semiskilled

WOTP Video Contest 2014

Directory of Organizations

LEARNing Landscapes

LEARN

Trade CD & WOTP Info

RÉCIT

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MELS SSAACC





DEADLINE: June 6th

About the WOTP

- Links to introductory curriculum documents
- Message for parents of WOTP students

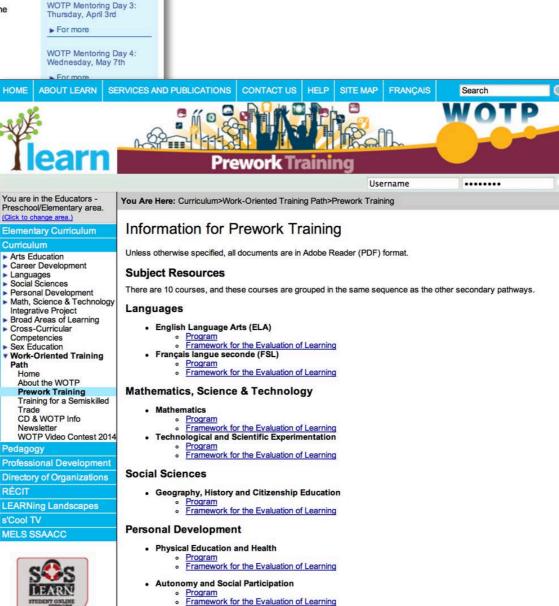
Prework Training

Training for a Semiskilled Trade

- Subject Resources
 - Practicum Resources
- Curriculum Resources
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Career Development & WOTP Newsletter

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Career Development



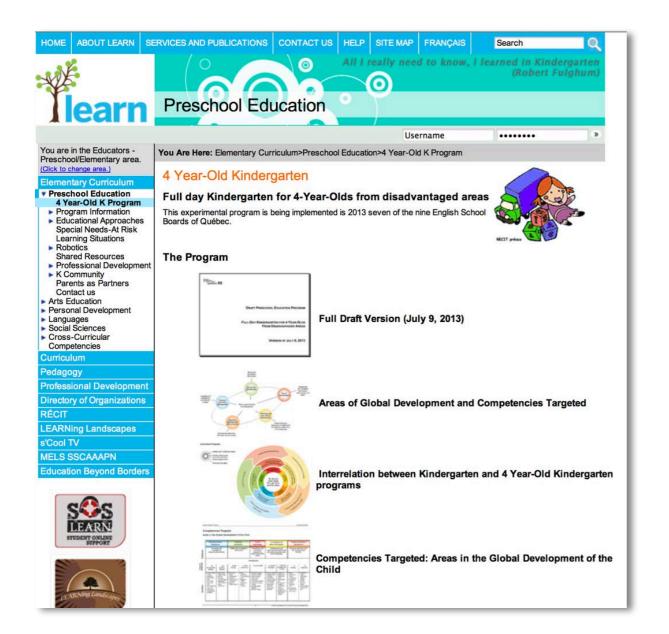
DEEN-CREATE Sub-Committee Newsletter



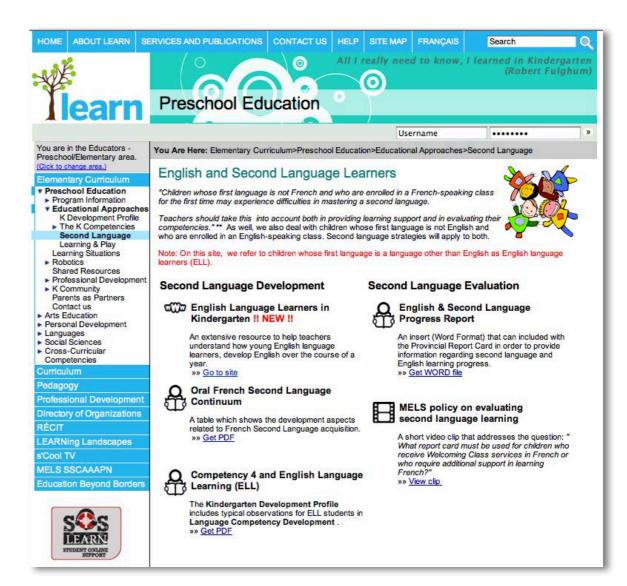
Preschool Education



Information on MELS 4 Year-Old Program



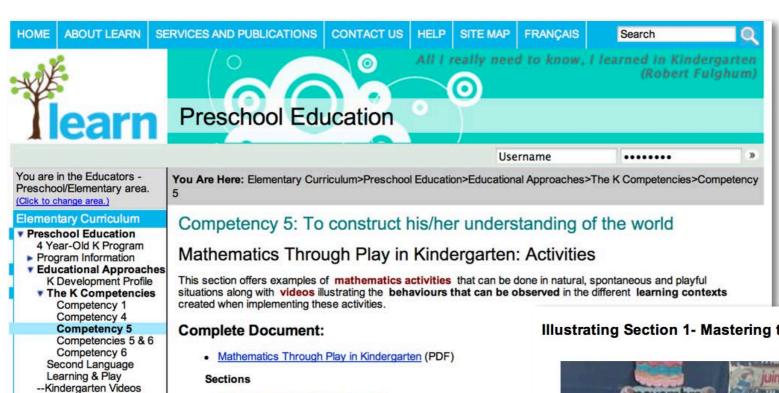
Second Language Learning Section





Preschool Education

Mathematics in Kindergarten





- Table of contents and Introduction
- 1- Mastering the Counting Sequence, i.e Rote Counting
 2- Identifying, Writing and Representing Numbers 1 to 10
- 3- Associating a Numeral with the Number of Objects in a Collection
- 4- Developing the Ordinal Concept of Numbers
- 5- Composing and Decomposing Numbers into their Parts
- 6- Classifying and Recognising/Making Patterns
- · References, on-line references, Web resources for teachers

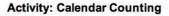
Related Materials and Manipulatives

The materials and manipulatives that accompany this document are available in the Kindergarten On-Line Community.

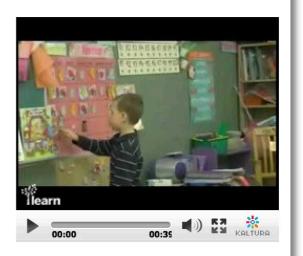
- 1. Log into your LEARN account
- 2. Go to Learning and Community Portals (Sakai).
- 3. They are in the "RESOURCES" under the Kindergarten Communi

Illustrating Section 1- Mastering the counting sequence, i.e. rote counting





Child uses a counting strategy to determine what day comes next. At the end she completes the simple pattern of images.



Activity: Calendar Counting

Child uses a counting strategy to determine the number of days before an event.

LEARN - www.learnquebec.ca

Special Needs-At Risk

Learning Situations

Shared Resources
Professional Development

▶ Personal Development

Math, Science & Technology

Professional Development Directory of Organizations

Robotics

K Community

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Cross-Curricular

Competencies

Arts Education

LanguagesSocial Sciences

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Pedagogy

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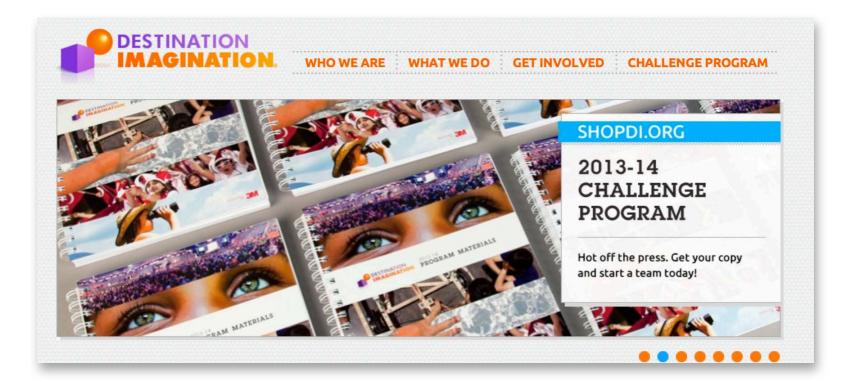
Destination Imagination





LEARN to sponsor up to 2000 students for the *Challenge Program*:

Goal of the program is to teach students 21st century skills. It provides opportunities for kids to learn how to work together, solve problems effectively and experience the creative process.



Currently sponsoring classes from ESSB and QAIS schools



CLIC Pilot



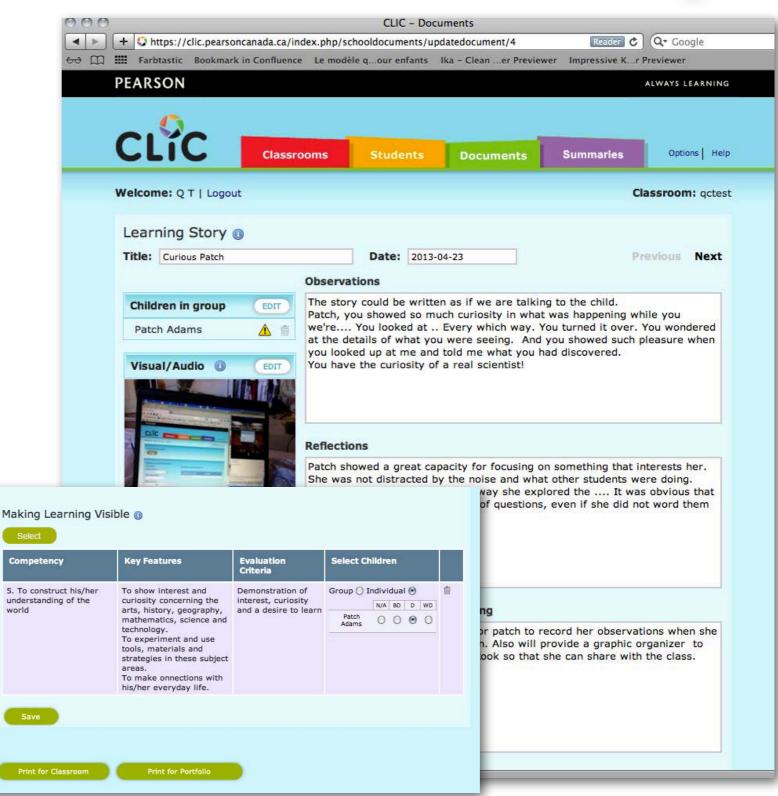
Description:

CLIC is an observation tool for Preschool teachers developed by Pearson Education.

Coordination of pilot with Pearson

Development and Pilot

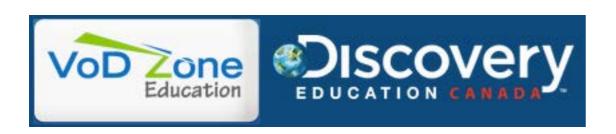
- Contribution of Preschool QEP competencies and evaluation criteria
- Pilot in 2013-2014 with Riverside and Sir Wilfrid Laurier
- Pilot could be extended in 2014-2015 for new version with iPad App, based on demand in the community

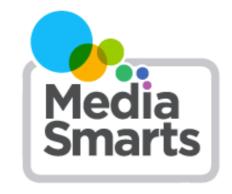






Licensed Educational Content provided through LEARN to our Community











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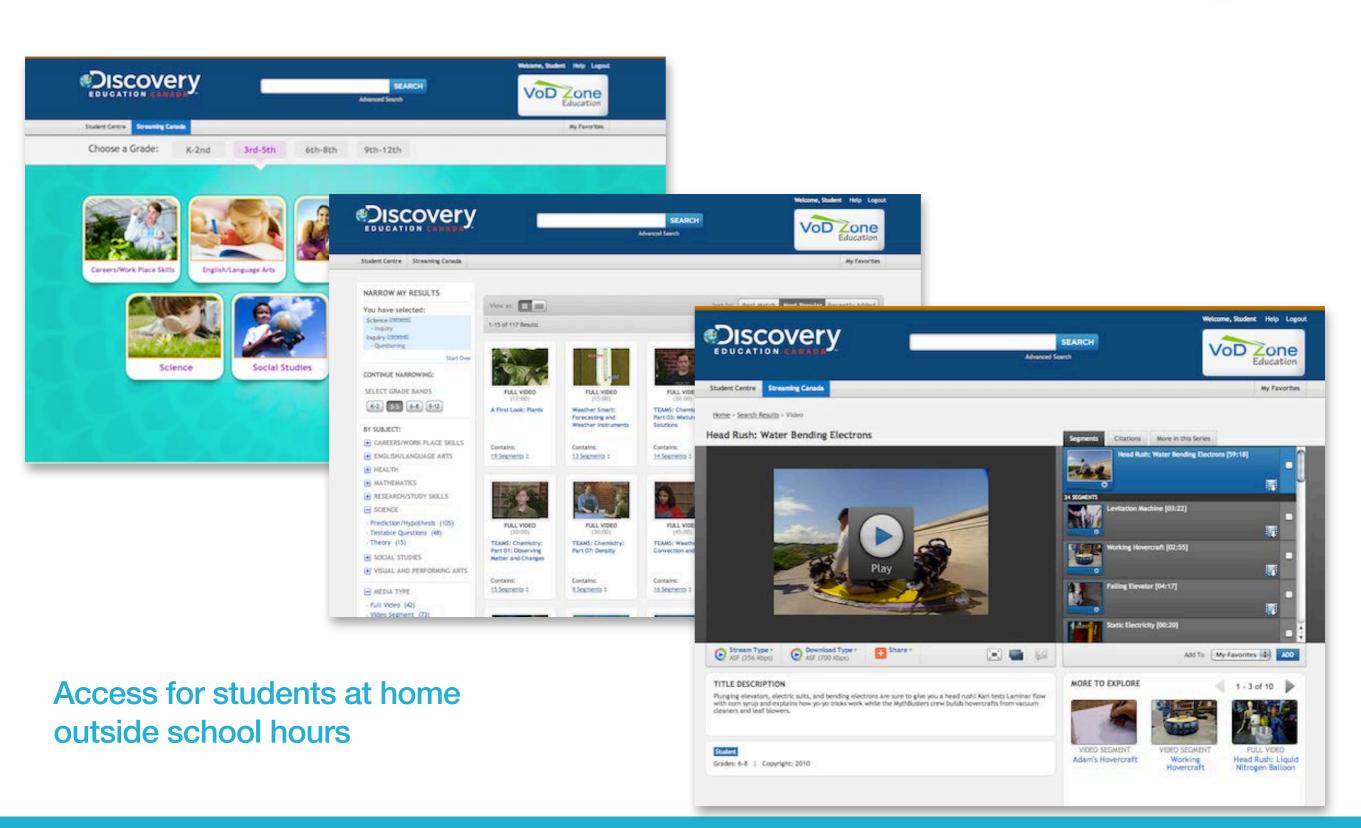


Books paired with videos for students from Preschool to Cycle 2, Year 1



VodZone Education



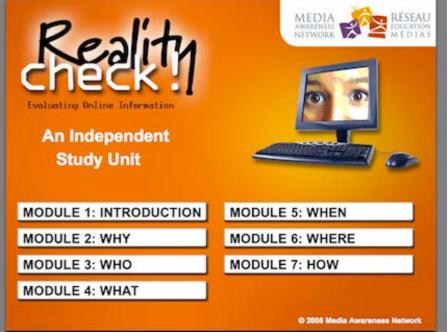






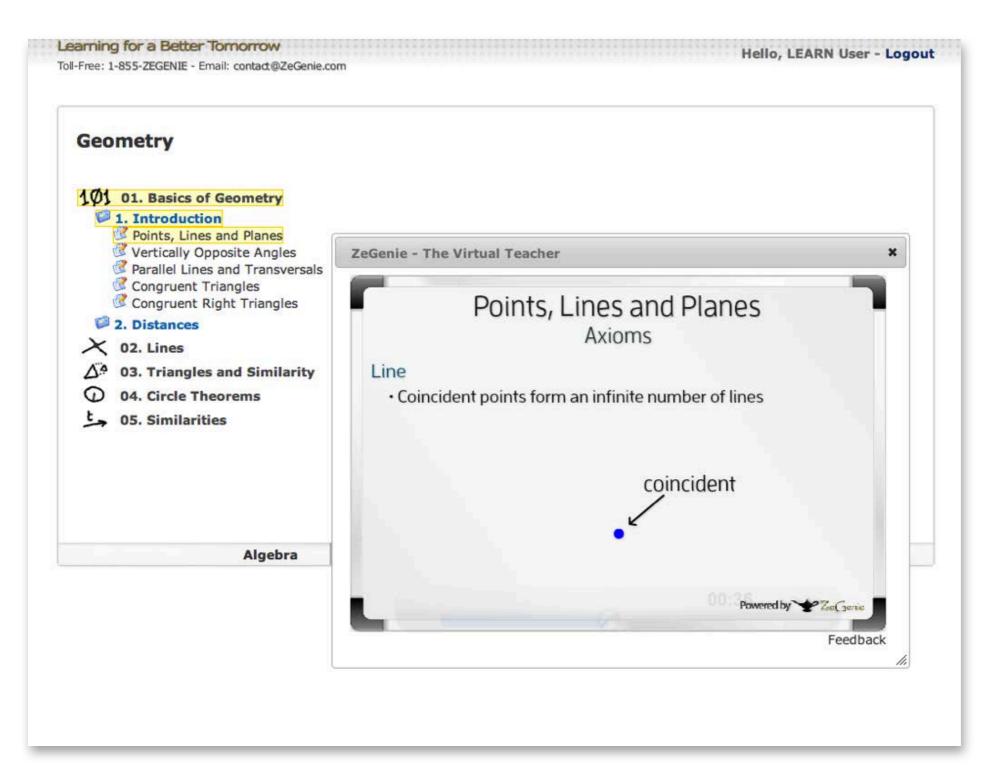








Zegenie Math Resources





Educational Technology

2013-2014



Infrastructure



Server Upgrade and Systems Updates

- Installation of new servers completed in July
- Upgrade of drives and memory modules completed in July
- Creation of new testing and development environments ongoing
- Systems upgrades: installation of CentOS platform, Ubuntu upgrade
- Migration to new platform for all services ongoing
- Updating services ongoing
- Implementation of https protocol
- Installation and testing of SAML authentication server piloting with GRICS/ Discovery Education



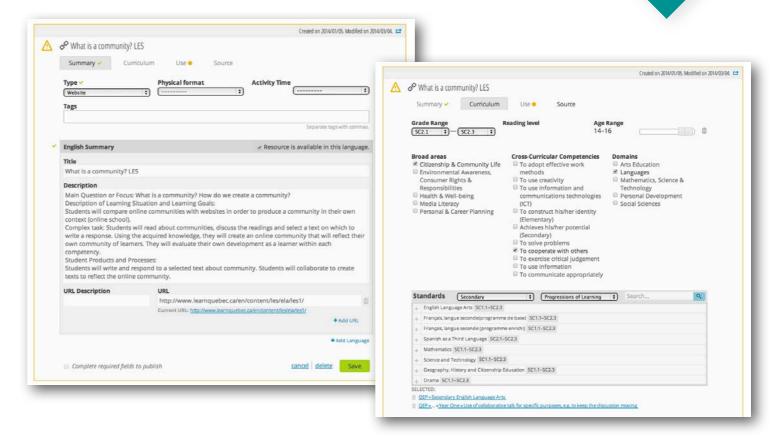
Learning Object Repository

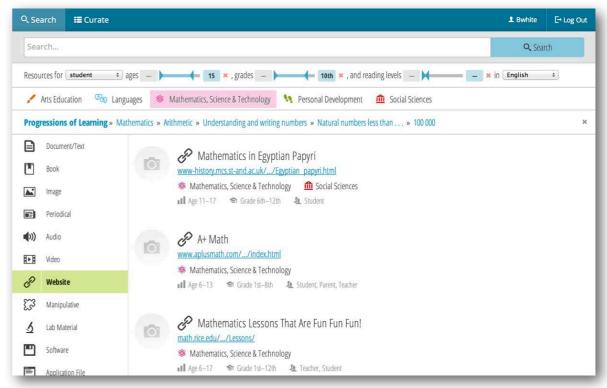
Objectives

Build a central database of available resources on the web tightly linked to our curriculum to be accessed by our community.

Development and Pilot

- Curation tool being developed to include QEP and Progressions of Learning
- Piloting with curators LEARN pedagogical consultants, Board consultants and teachers to add resources for all subject areas
- Search interface developed







Cartograf

Objectives

Designed and developed by teachers and consultants at the RECIT en univers social (RECITUS), together with LEARN team members and other partner organizations, the Cartograf application responds to student skills contained in the Geography and History programs in the QEP, with other possible extensions in the curriculum.

Development and Pilot

- Installed and hosted on LEARN servers
- Pilot with teachers to build learning activities using Cartograf in the classroom
- Development of a hands-on workshop focussing on the pedagogical use of the tool in the classroom
- TikiWiki platform was upgraded to latest version
- New features to be developed Winter 2014
- Online video tutorials created, web event featuring the tool was held and archived

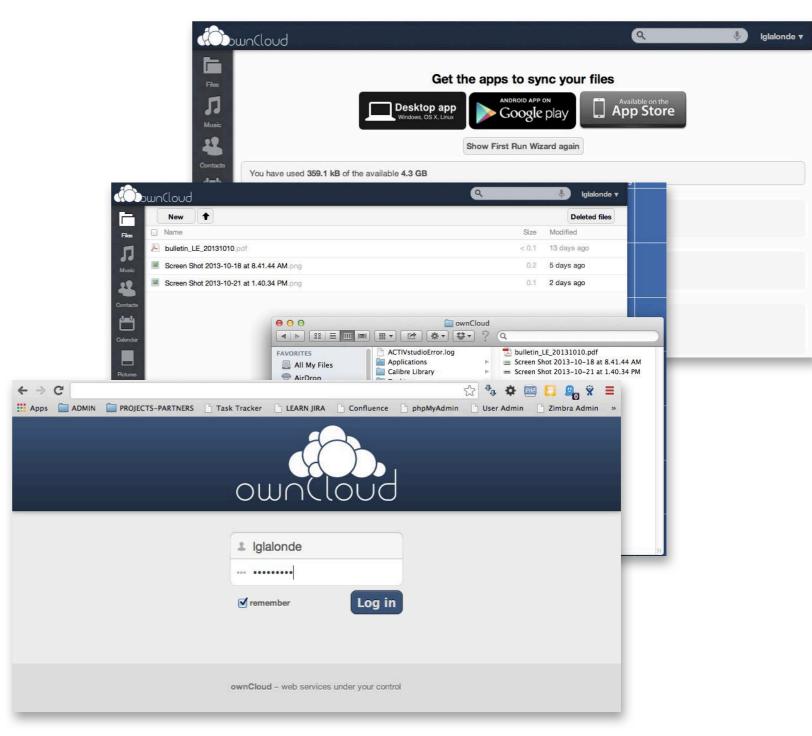




Self-Hosted File Sync and Share Solution



- Installation of ownCloud server on LEARN infrastructure
- Alternative to *Dropbox*
- Allows for secure sharing of files from multiple devices
- Creation of test accounts
- First phase: pilot with internal LEARN users
- Installation and testing of client software for Mac/Windows, iOS apps and Android apps for devices
- Testing of ownCloud
 Documents when it becomes available rich-text collaborative editing





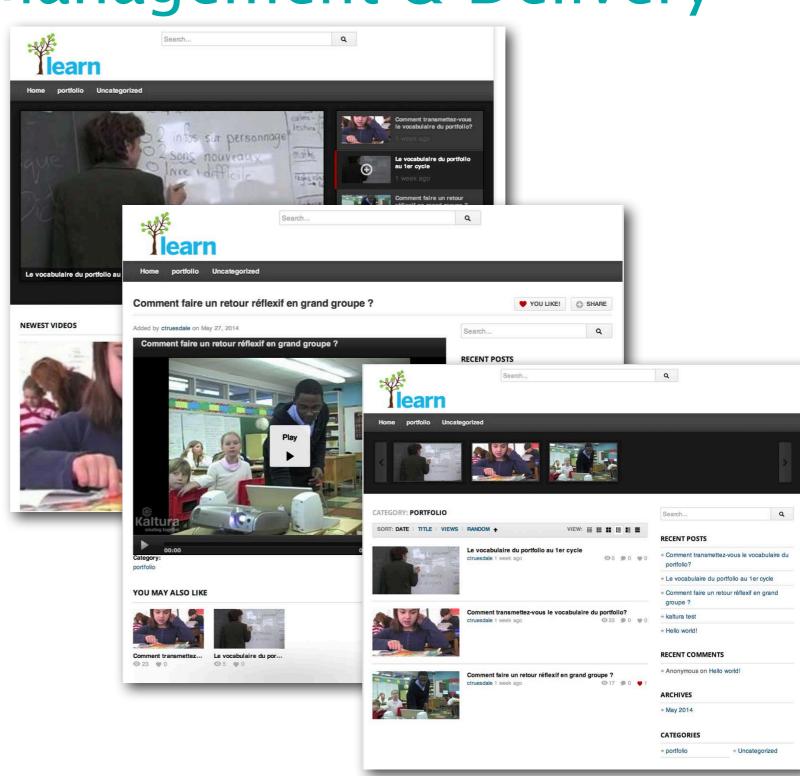
Secure Media Management & Delivery

Objectives

 Streamline upload, management and distribution of media files across our network and community through the use of Kaltura, an open source media platform

Update

- Integration with Wordpress blogs is in progress
- LEARN's Kaltura video collection to be accessible through a LEARN video channel
- Playlists presented according to categories
- Some collections to be online in Fall 2014





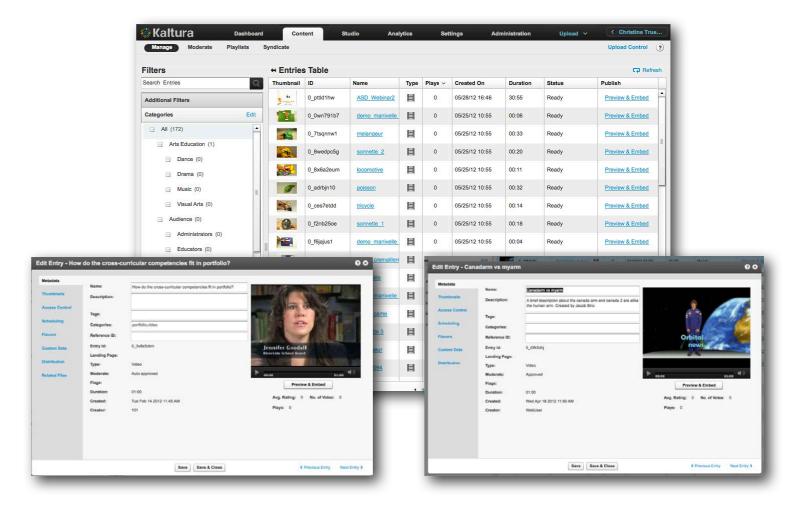
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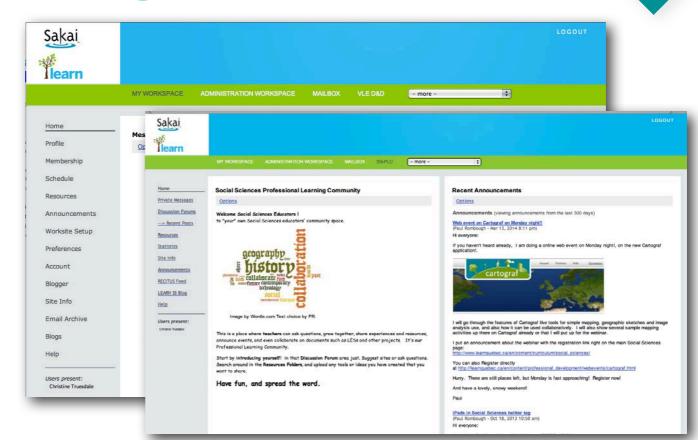
- Over 1500 media files readable across platforms and devices
- In use for Encounters with Canada and FLS contest. Students can upload media to our site securely with their usernames. Uploaded videos are moderated and validated before they are published.
- Support for student and community generated media productions and uploads

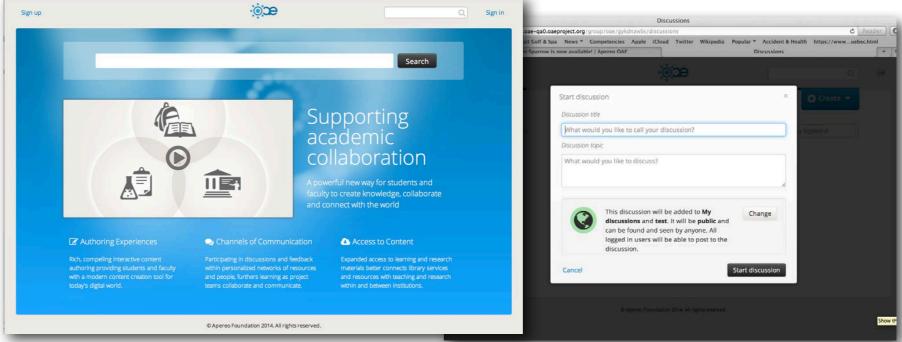




Sakai Upgrade

- Sakai 2.8 Collaborative Learning Environment in use
- Fall 2013 Test version 2.9, upgrade in Winter
- Installation and testing of new Sakai OAE - Open Academic Environment - now called Apereo OAE, following the development of roadmap for next release



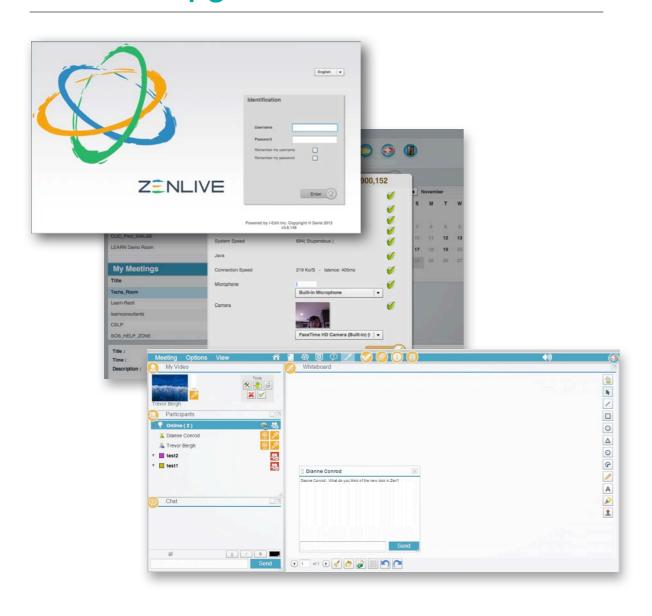




eConferencing Services



Zenlive - Upgraded to version 3.8



Videoconferencing





Online Learning

2013-2014

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Online Courses

Synchronous online delivery model:

- 2 days per week for 2 credit course
- 4 days per week for 4 credit course
- 5 days per week for 6 credit course

Courses offered 2012-2013:

- Technical & Scientific Mathematics (564-426)
- Science Mathematics (565-426)
- Technical and Scientific Mathematics (564-506)
- Science Mathematics (565-506)
- **Physics** (553-504)
- Chemistry (551-504)
- Science and Technology (555-404)
- Science of the Environment (558-402)

Virtual School Project Development

- Proposal for Public Virtual School
- Exploring possibilities for a Private Virtual School

School PD and Support

- Exploring possibilities for history students writing exams with ESSB
- Central Quebec School Board Online Student Support for Fall 2013
- Cree School Board project
- Planning for Summer School 2014



SOS LEARN Tutoring Sessions



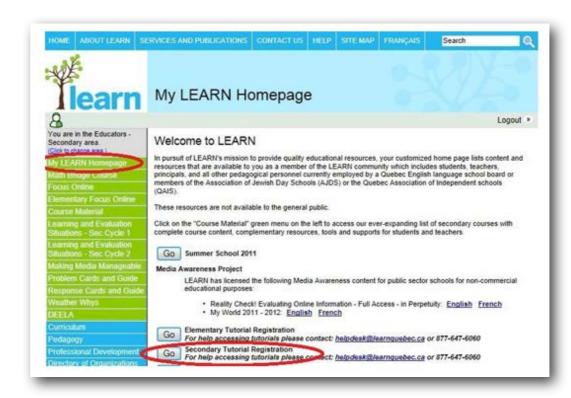
Free Online Tutoring Sessions with Real Teachers

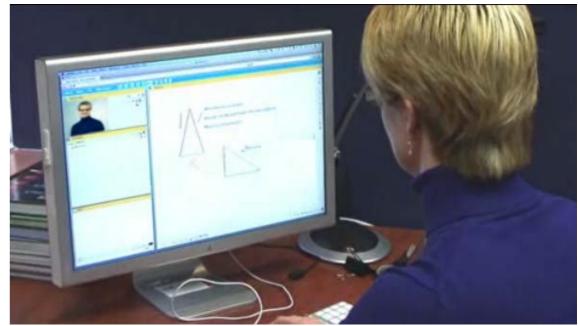
- Elementary sessions 4 nights a week in English and French
- Secondary Subject-Specific sessions
- Registration began October 11, 2013
- Over 1330 registrations for Fall/Winter/Spring
- Fall/Winter Session:

October 21 to December 12, 2013 January 6 to February 6, 2014

Spring Session:

March 31st to end of June exams, 2014







Online Learning Blog



Stay up to date with LEARN's Online Classes





Twitter Chats with Online Students

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Connecting to our students

LEARN online students and teachers have participated in four 30 minute evening Twitter chats in the last few months. Using the hashtag #LQChat, students and teachers have tweeted in response to 5-6 questions.

February 5th:

 students tweeted about their experience as online learners

March 12th:

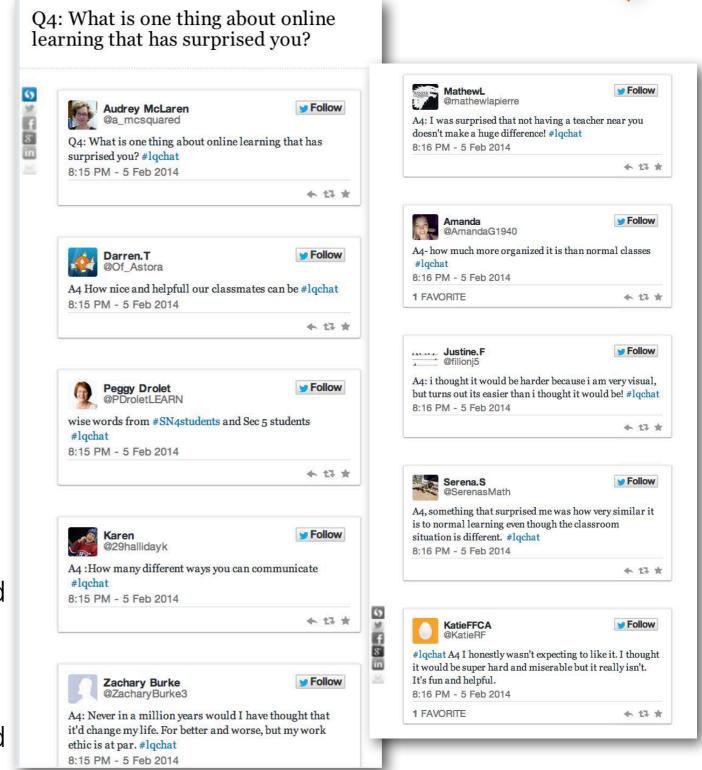
students' own interests and future plans

April 22nd:

 based on students' responses submitted on a spreadsheet

May 13th:

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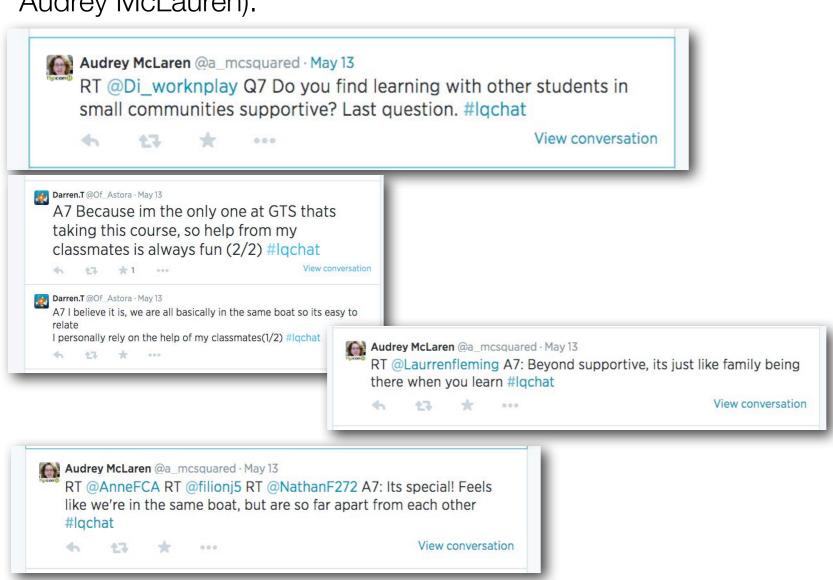


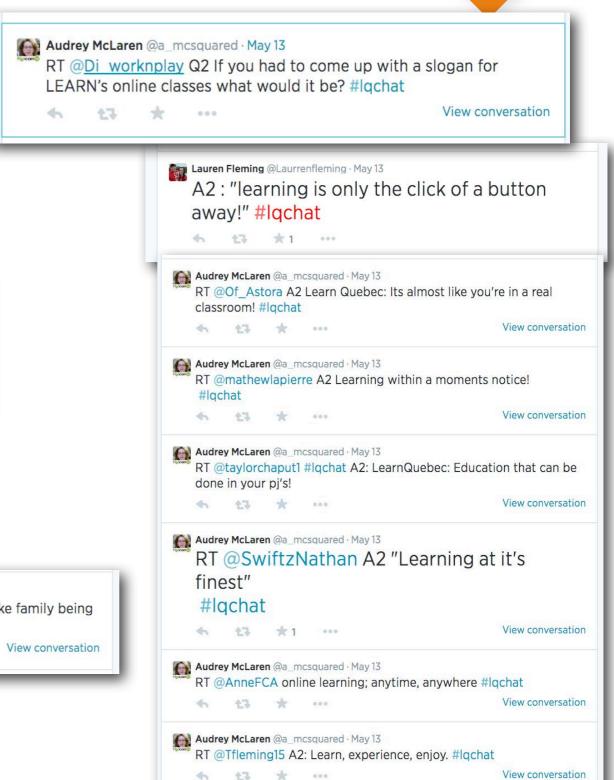


Twitter Chats with Online Students

Connecting to our students

The fourth chat took place on May 13th, 2014. Using the hashtag #LQChat, students and teachers tweeted in response to questions. (All answers were retweeted by our online teacher Audrey McLauren).





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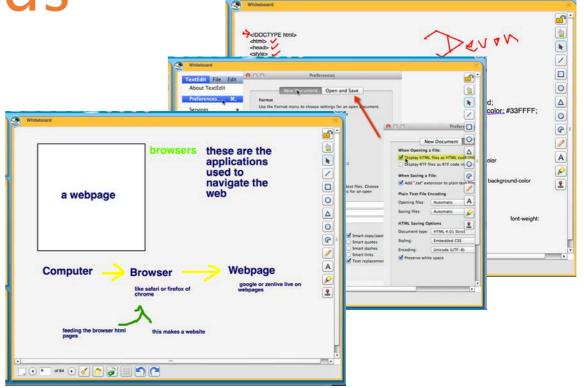
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Collaboration with *Kids Code Jeunesse* to design and deliver Summer coding camp for students during the summer.

Goal: teach the basics of computational thinking and programming to students using a project-based approach

Pilots for Spring/Summer:

- Lunch program for Elementary with Kids
 Code and LBPSB concluding June 2014
- Free Online Scratch Coding Camp Summer 2014 - Scratch (7-9 year-olds) and HTML (10-12 year-olds) sessions will be offered in July and August 2014





Mearn Online Courses for HTML Coding

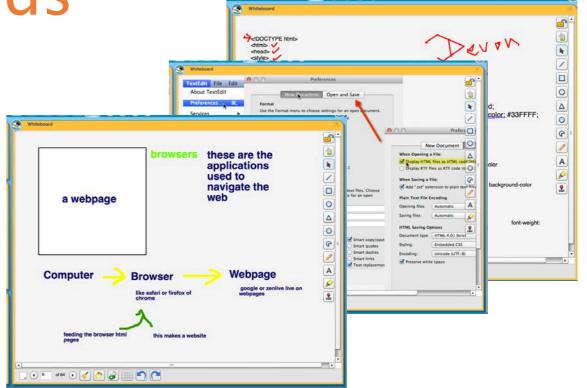
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Summer 2013 pilot consisted of:

- Online HTML Coding Camp July 15-19, 2013
 - 1 week for 5 days, 1 hour a day offered to 10-12 year olds
- Online Scratch Coding Camp August 19-24, 2013
 - 1 week for 5 days, 1 hour a day offered to 7-9 year olds







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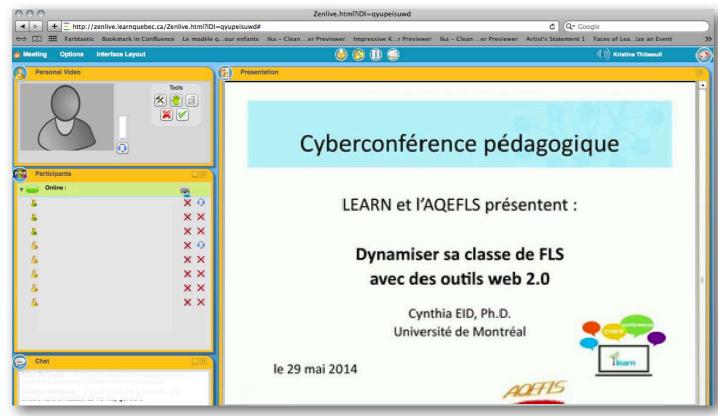
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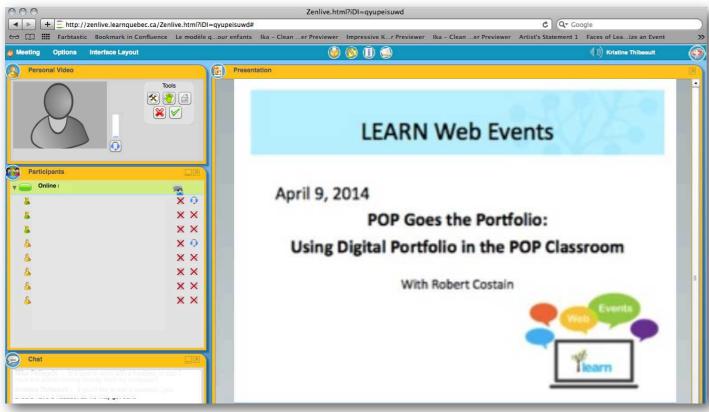
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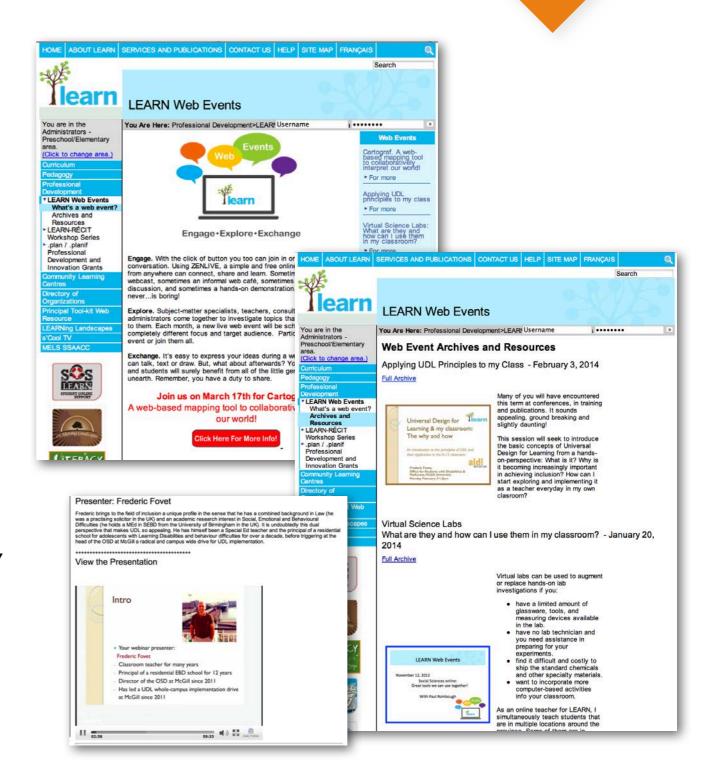
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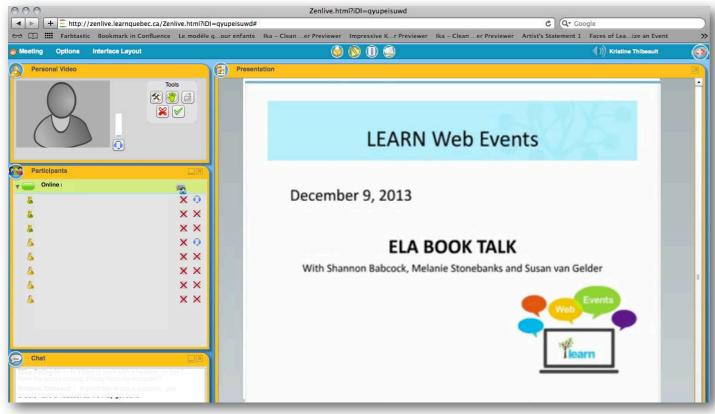
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 - Shannon Babcock, Melanie Stonebanks & Susan van Gelder
- January 20th: Virtual Science Labs: What are they and how can I use them in my classroom?
 - Kerry Cule
- February 3rd: Applying UDL Principles to My Class
 - Frederic Fovet, intro by Andrea Prupas, ALDI
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 - Paul Rombough

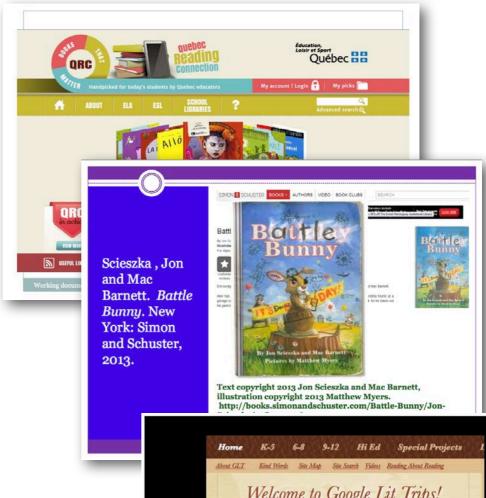


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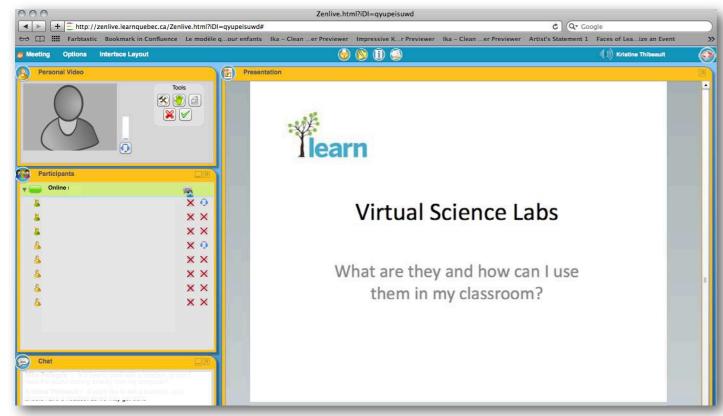


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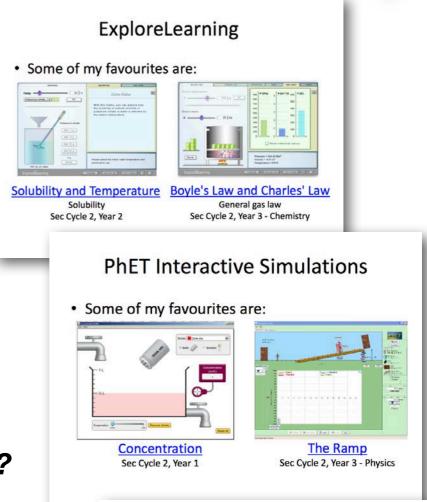


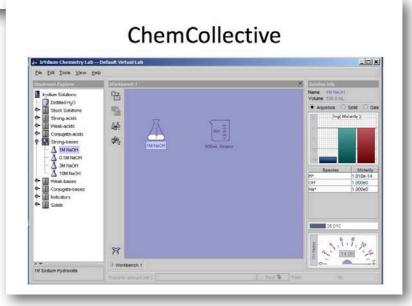


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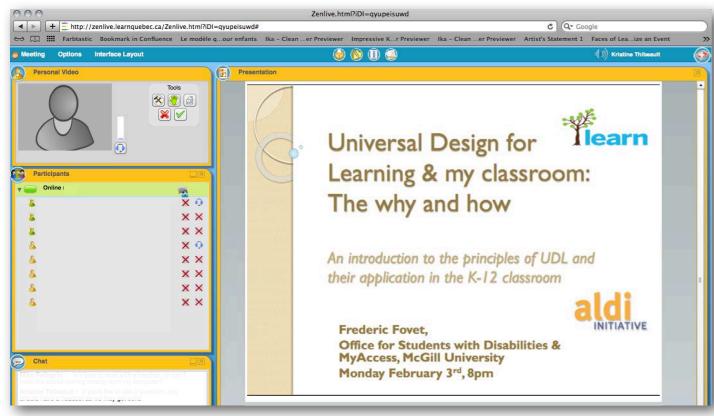


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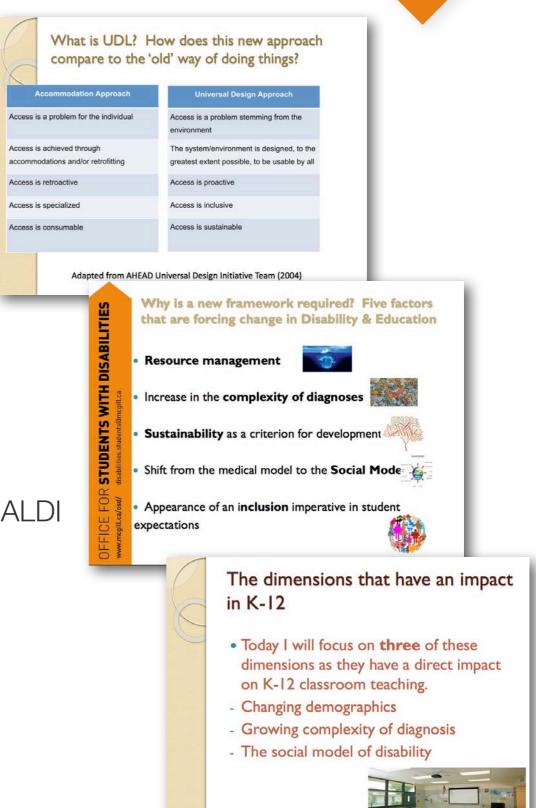




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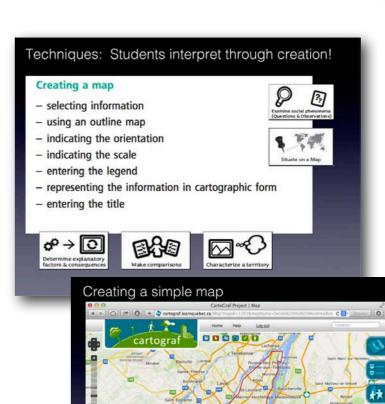
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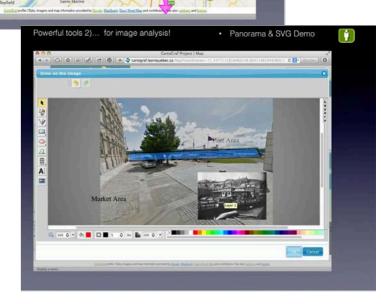


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Three events September-November:

- September 17th: *Harnessing the Power of* Social Media: Moving forward with Digital Citizenship - Tanya Avrith
- October 17th: Cyber-Bullying Maureen Baron
- November 26th: *Making Media Manageable* - Sylwia Bielec



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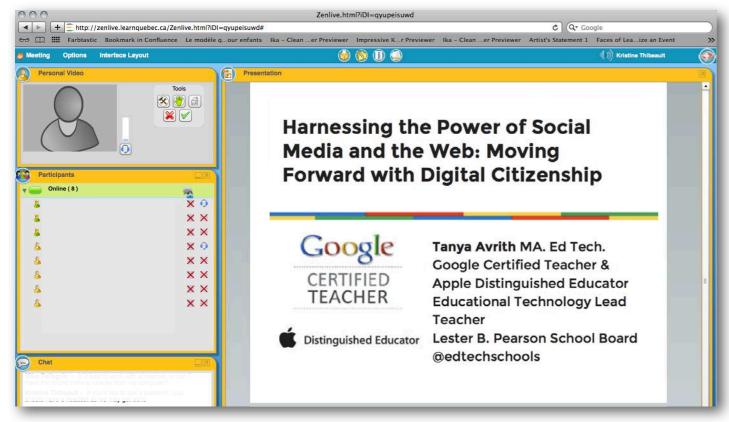


- Third web event November 26, 2013:
 Making Media Manageable
 Sylwia Bielec
- Participants from CQSB, EMSB, ESSB, NFSB, Littoral SB, LBPSB, RSB, QAIS, SWLSB
- Session will be archived and available for viewing online



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Literacies in the future Those who can harness the power of social media and those who can't

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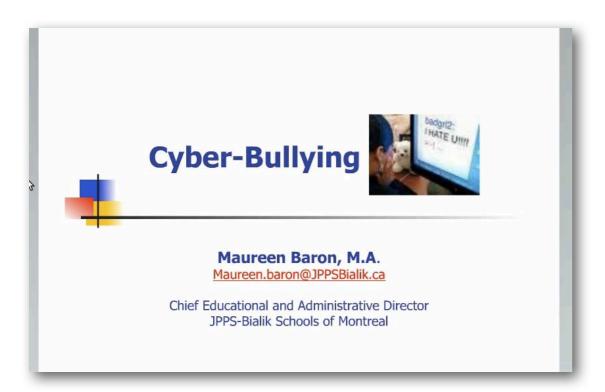
Tackling First Five Days of DC

#1 Tip

Create the AUP with your students first week of school.



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What is cyber-bullying?

"Cyber-bullying involves the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal Web sites, and defamatory online personal polling Web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others."

(Bill Belsey, www.cyberbullying.ca)



What educators can do

- Educate your students, teachers, and staff members about cyber-bullying, its dangers, and what to do if someone is cyber-bullied.
- Be sure that your school's anti-bullying rules and policies include cyber-bullying. Law 56
- Investigate reports of cyber-bullying immediately even if the cyber-bullying occurs off-campus
- Notify parents of victims and parents of known or suspected cyber-bullies as soon as possible.



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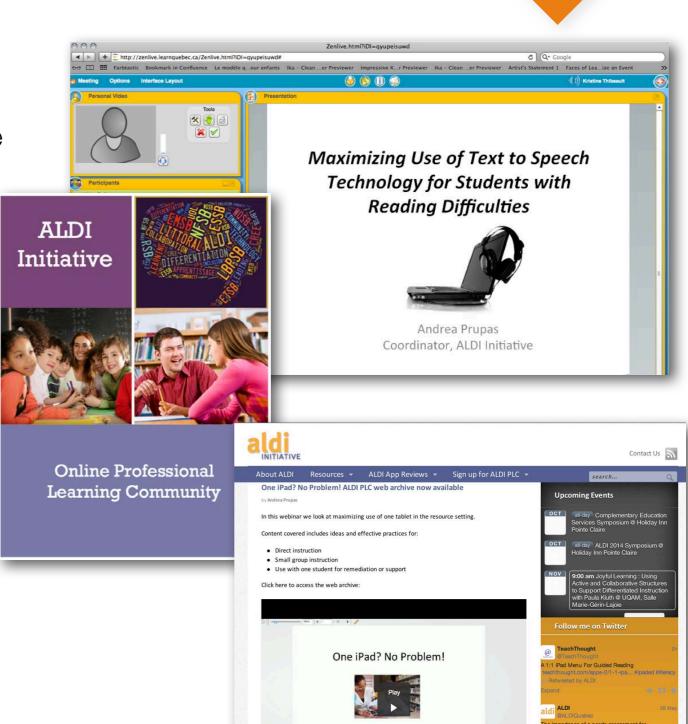


Description:

The new ALDI online professional learning community was launched in February 2014! Teachers in a resource role within the English school boards in Quebec, as well as those teaching in the private sector were invited to register for the Winter session.

Three events were held:

- Webinar #1: Maximizing use of text-tospeech technology for students with reading difficulties - Monday, February 24th, 2014
- Webinar #2: Writing strategies for students who struggle - Monday, March 24th, 2014
- Webinar #3: One iPad? No problem! - Monday, April 28th, 2014
- Sessions were archived and are available for viewing online on the ALDI website hosted by LEARN.
- The initiative will continue in 2014-2015.



Collaborative Initiatives

2013-2014



Community Collaborative Initiatives

Projects for 2013-2014

- Direction Lecture/Reading in Mind with MELS Plan d'action sur la lecture
- Language Literacy Profile RSB, SWLSB, Vanguard, EMSB
- Kindergarten Developmental Profile with MELS Provincial Kindergarten Committee
- Literacy Toolkit/EPEARL ELM Concordia University and School Boards
- DEEN LES Project Design tools and publication support with LEARN
- RÉCIT translation & adaption of resources: Arts, Phys. Ed, Social Sciences
- Preservice Teacher Online Community
- Kativik-McGill Teacher Professional Development Project
- ALDI PLC support for online webinars
- SAST/ASSET support for online administrator PD



Community Collaborative Initiatives

Hosting of Websites and Collaborative Spaces in 2013-2014

- FACET Site MELS research into common language teaching strategies (in progress)
- WOTP Website
- CLC Website
- PDIG Website
- Literacy Today MELS ELA Website
- ALDI Website/Blog
- GOAL Website
- PÉLIQ-AN (Linguistic Exchange Program) Website
- Direction Lecture/Reading in Mind
- Subject-Specific and Project-Based Communities in Sakai Collaborative Environment
- Blue Metropolis infrastructure and support for educational projects
- Resource Map (restructuring in progress)

Publications & Presentations

July-Upcoming



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To be published July 2014:

14th Issue - Vol.7 No. 2

Inclusive Education: Socially Just

Perspectives and Practices

Live in July! Wren Kauffmann, a transgendered youth, shares how his own beliefs and the support of classmates, teachers and family have helped him to thrive in middle school. Experience this interview and a wide range of peer- reviewed submissions.





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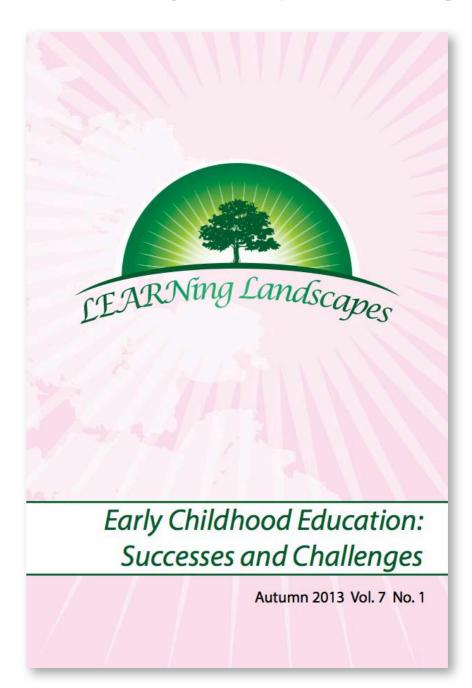
Early Childhood Education:

Successes and Challenges

The importance of play, and learning that is grounded in contextually and culturally relevant pedagogies that embrace difference are highlighted in this issue.

Authors in this volume include:

Beverly Kutsunai and Kathyrn Au, Sarah Michaels, Vivian Gussin Paley, Tim Peters, Pat Cordeiro and Lisa Sevey





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The journal is available in multiple formats. The interactive version allows readers to turn pages, hear authors read their work, enjoy podcasts, and experience other media. The PDF version is easy to download and print. It an also be read on a tablet such as an iPad. Printed, bound copies can be purchased at lulu.com in black and white and color, and are priced at the cost of printing.

Current Calls for Submissions

Teacher Education: Learning from **Experiences**

We are welcoming submissions to be considered for publication in our fifteenth issue (AUTUMN 2014). We are interested in texts that address the current and emerging policies, practices and possibilities of teacher education within North America and beyond.

Deadline for submissions is August 1, 2014

Teacher Research: Integrating Action, Reflection and Observation

We are welcoming submissions to be considered for publication in our sixteenth issue (AUTUMN 2015). We are defining teacher research as inquiry, or selfstudy, conducted on one's practice in any educational context that provides ways of questioning, building on, and sharing knowledge about teaching.

Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2015



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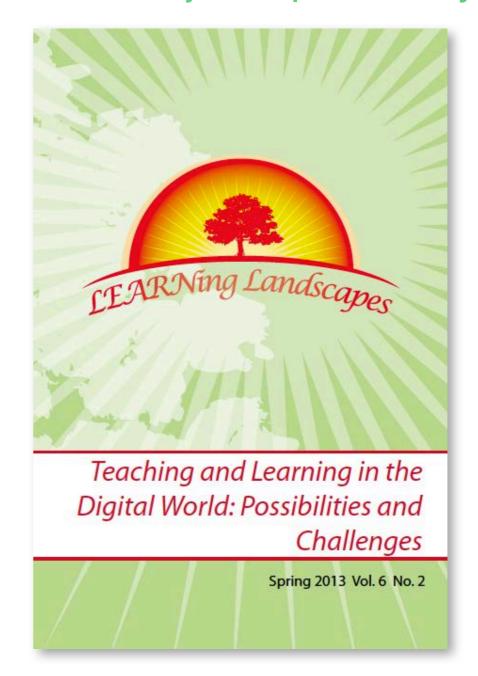
12th Issue - Vol.6 No. 2

Teaching and Learning in the Digital World: Possibilities and Challenges

This issue addresses the impact of the digital world on teaching and learning by sharing particular examples and critical discussions from a wide range of learning contexts.

Authors in this volume include:

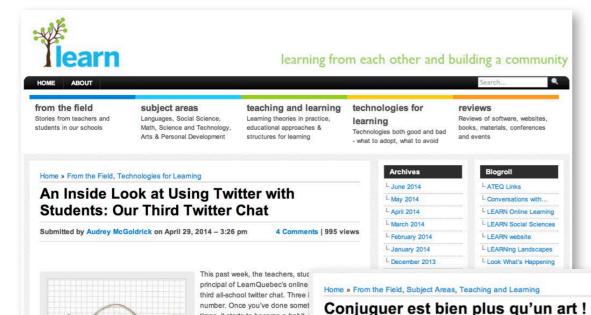
Michael Fullan, Seymour Papert and George Markowsky, Robert W. Lawler, Matt Russell (WQSB)





LEARN Blog





All Fun and Games: Gamifying a Language Classroom

Submitted by Sylwia Bielec on April 10, 2014 – 12:03 pm

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In February, I attended a session at the LCEEQ conference given by Avi Spector on Gamification. I was skeptical, as gamification is getting a lot of press from corporate training and marketing folks, and we don't always see eye to eye on classroom practice issues.

I was pleasantly surprised, therefore, when Avi presented an action-research project that he had undertaken with an FLS teacher in the Adult Ed. sector at CQSB, Catherine Boisvert. Now, before you say to yourself: "Oh no, Adult Sector is not for me, that's not my reality, I teach kids", remember that the Quebec Adult Ed. sector is geared towards students over the



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and what doesn't. Most importantlidea of how it's evolving, if it's gair

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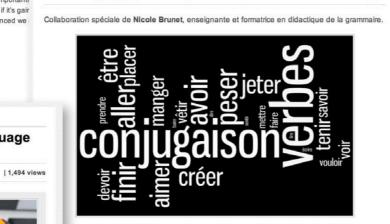
age of 16, so many students are actually not much older than those in regular secondary classrooms. Moreover, I discovered that the gamification model is so universally applicable across ages, that its principles are valuable no matter what level you teach. If you have read the blog before, you might know that I am a BIG proponent of action-research as a model for professional learning. We learn and grow as educators when we try sound pedagogical approaches, reflect on our experience, adjust and try again. So, without further ado, here are some key points from my interview with Avi Spector:

What is Gamification?

Avi discusses his definition of gamification and how it compares to game-based learning. Important distinction!

Update April - June

- April June 8 posts so far by LEARN team members and guest:
 - GrEau: From School Project to Business
 Opportunity guest post
 - Conjuguer est bien plus qu'un art!
 - It's All About Creating
 - Celebrating the Journey: A Reflection on Learning from Experience
 - An Inside Look at Using Twitter with Students:
 Our Third Twitter Chat
 - All Fun and Games: Gamifying a Language Classroom
 - POP goes the Portfolio: Digital portfolio in the POP Classroom
 - Geolocalize it: The global context of everything



du congrès de l'AQEFLS en avril demier, j'ai assisté à l'atelier Exit le Béscherelle ou iguer n'est pas un art. J'ai été enthousiasmée et stimulée par cette présentation et par latrice! Je lui ai donc demandé de partager son expérience et ses connaissances sur la façon eigner la conjugaison en écrivant un billet. Une suite sera publiée en juin. Bonne lecture!

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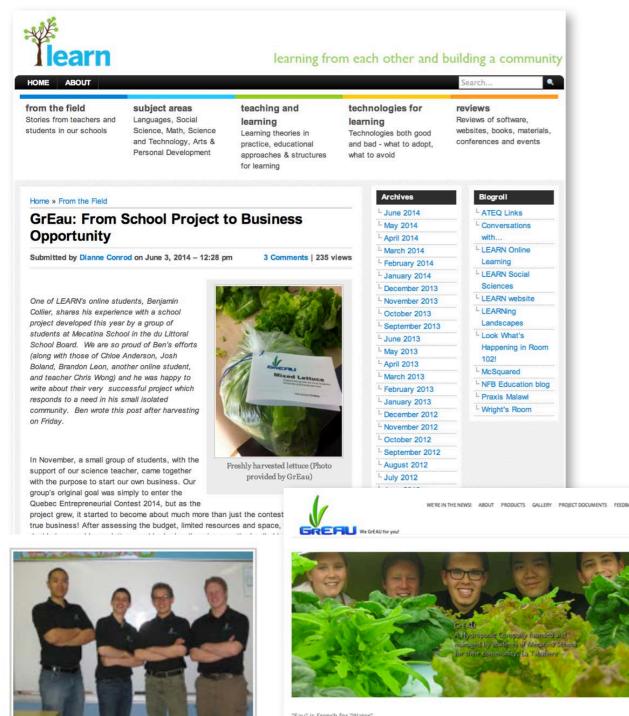
Submitted by Julie Paré on May 27, 2014 - 11:37 am

so deja queiques annees, dans mon enseignement des notions grammaticales, je privilegie oche didactique associée à la grammaire désormais qualifiée de rénovée (elle n'est plus alle après tout). Je propose donc le plus souvent possible à mes élèves de participer iment à la compréhension des différents phénomènes syntaxiques et morphologiques ints dans l'unité de base qu'est la phrase. En gros, ces jeunes immigrants fraichement arrivés vent, formulent des hypothèses et dégagent des règles générales de leurs observations. Is variable des noms, type d'expansion dans le groupe nominal, type de phrase, tout arve, tout conduit à dégager des régularités.



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The GrEau Team: Teacher Chris Wong, Josh Boland, Benjamin Collier, Brandon Leon

Update April - June

 June 3rd - Guest post by one of our online students, Benjamin Collier from Mecatina School, Littoral School Board:

GrEau: From School Project to Business Opportunity

One of LEARN's online students, Benjamin Collier, shares his experience with a school project developed this year by a group of students at Mecatina School in the du Littoral School Board. We are so proud of Ben's efforts (along with those of Chloe Anderson, Josh Boland, Brandon Leon, another online student, and teacher Chris Wong) and he was happy to write about their very successful project which responds to a need in his small isolated community. Ben wrote this post after harvesting on Friday.

Introduction by Dianne Conrod, Principal, Online Learning

Excerpt from the post:

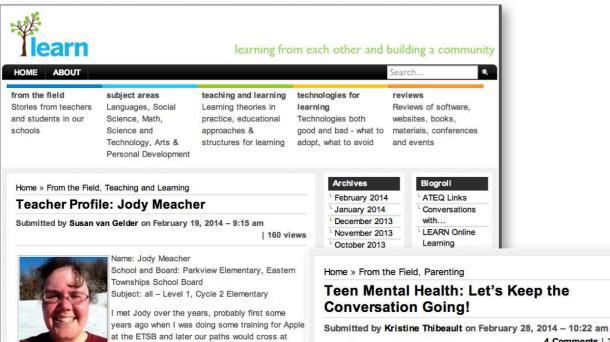
"Whenever anyone hears about our current business they are usually amazed, and commend us on the ability to get such a project up and running. The respect is probably my favourite aspect at this point. It makes me proud that we as a group were able to achieve so much, and that people are glad we did. The last important thing we received is recognition outside our community. For such a small area, that's something that's pretty hard to do. Before *GrEau*, very few people knew what La Tabatière was and even fewer knew where it was located. Hopefully now with the variety of publicity we were able to achieve, people will know that big things really can come from small packages. ..."

Benjamin Collier



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aroi iPa Submitted by Susan van Gelder on March 13, 2014 - 8:44 am





bought my first computer in 1983 - a Franklin Ace 1000. It had 64K of memory. It functioned with floppy 5 1/4" disks. I started taking classes at McGill in the EdTech diploma programme. One of my first ourses was in Logo, manipulating a triangular "turtle". I can member going to my computer after putting my children to bed and doing just a little more before I, too, should get to sleep, only to find myself fixing just one more bug and one more bug until my program

Soon after that I started volunteering to help with the computer classes at a private school and a few years later I was hired on staff. I taught students from grades 1 - 6 and a large part of my programme consisted of various iterations of Logo (Logo, Logowriter, Microworlds) and later robotics as well. It was easy to integrate the programming into projects already going on in the curriculum. There were not many in Montreal involved in teaching programming at the elementary level and I had to reach out to find like-minded people, attending and presenting at conferences (when I could get to it - the Logosium - a daylong event where educators shared) and reading Logo Express, a journal published by the logo special interest group of NECC (now ISTE).

conferences. I had the pleasure of sitting in on her

Fast forward to 2014 and the idea of coding and children is everywhere. There is crowdsourcing to fund programmable toys. I keep seeing articles touting apps for teaching programming. Just recently I read an article about how New York City has started a project to teach teachers how to teach programming. And in the UK, programming is now part of the national curriculum. You can see the primary programme here.



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February has been a busy month here at Pontiac High. In addition to the regular day-to-day of student life, there are CÉGEP & college applications grad pictures, term 2 reports, parent-teacher interviews, and...let's not forget Valentine's Day! The potential highs and lows of this one month on the emotions of any high school student could prove difficult to

4 Comments | 294 views

February also marks Power to the Purple month, when students TD t-shirts, sell DIFD swag and raise both awareness and money st week!) for teen mental health initiatives. DIFD stands for Do It nd started as a grassroots movement to get kids talking about Who is Daron? By all accounts. Daron Richardson was a bright. hletic, loving and beloved girl, who on November 13th 2010, at 4, died by suicide. Since then, her parents, NHL'er Luke and his wife Stephanie (both closely connected to the Pontiac), t their mission to inspire dialogue, raise awareness, combat change the face of youth mental health. In concert with experts (Ottawa Hospital), DIFD provides resources and outlets for rents and teachers to seek help

Update December-March

- December-March 9 posts so far by LEARN team members:
 - Life as a Pre-service Teacher, Part 2 "Education for Sustainable Development"
 - To Code: Forward 2014
 - Teen Mental Health: Let's Keep the Conversation Going!
 - Teacher Profile: Jody Meacher
 - Above and Beyond: Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Just Do It? Reflections on Perfection Paralysis
 - Teacher Profile: An interview with Cycle 1 teacher Mary Ellen Lynch
 - Brand New Tool, Same Old School? guest post
 - Teacher Book Picks: Favourites from the Field



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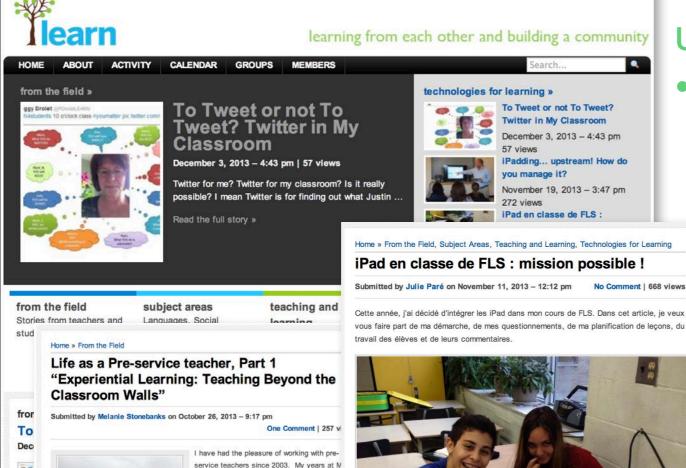
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- Pourquoi utiliser un iPad en classe '
- · Quelle est la valeur ajoutée ? Quels sont les avantages ?
- · Qu'est-ce que les élèves vont apprendre ?
- Quelles sont les connaissances antérieures de mes élèves quant au contenu enseigné
- · Quelles sont les compétences visées ?
- Quel est le lien avec le programme de FLS?

Update September-December

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 - To Tweet or not To Tweet? Twitter in My Classroom
 - iPadding... upstream! How do you manage it?
 - iPad en classe de FLS : mission possible !
 - Life as a Pre-service teacher, Part 1 "Experiential Learning: Teaching Beyond the Classroom Walls"
 - Plugging into Parents: Using technology to build and sustain positive parent-school relationships
 - Visual Notetaking: Tapping into other modalities for learning
 - The Tablet in the Room: Tablet Technology in Kindergarten
 - Always Learning possibilities and practicalities
 - Happy Happier New Year!

have real consequences. Students make discoveries and experiment with knowledge

themselves instead of hearing or reading about the experiences of others. Students also

reflect on their experiences, thus developing new skills, new attitudes, and new theories ways of thinking (Kraft & Sakofs, 1988). Experiential learning is also referred to as learn

and that learning takes place as a result of being personally involved in this pedagogical

through action, learning by doing, learning through experience, and learning through discovery and exploration. A key element of experiential learning, therefore, is the stud-

and now Bishop's University have been filled countless hours of joy, discovery, debate, at

I will be writing about some of the incredible

with the pre-service teacher community. The

narratives will allow you to peek into a world

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hope for the future and will undoubtedly inspi

those of us in the field presently to take a ris

two in our own teaching practice, our pedago

and the ways we engage with our students.

and I understand. ~ Confucius, 450 BC

engaging students in an experience that will





Local Conferences/Workshops

April / May 2014

- **LEARN 101 -** RSB
- Literacy Continuum MELS-PACTE, DEEN
- LEARN's Elementary Resources WQSB
- Literacy Continuum and IEPs EMSB
- LEARN's Secondary Resources and Services WQSB

March 2014

- Adapting with Technology EMSB
- LEARN 101 LBPSB





Local Conferences/Workshops

January/February 2014

- SOS LEARN and LEARN Resources and Services WQSB
- ePEARL2 for High School Concordia University
- Creation of a Professional Teacher Identity using ePearl Bishop's University
- CLIC Workshop SWLSB
- Sakai Basics EMSB
- Literacy Continuum EMSB
- LEARN 101 CQSB, LBPSB, EMSB, McGill
- ERC Resources at LEARN McGill University, Bishop's University
- The Power and Perils of Taking the Lead on Technology McGill University

December 2013

Introduction to LEARN Resources - SWL, CQSB





Local Conferences/Workshops

October - November 2013

- SOS LEARN and LEARN Resources and Services Littoral School Board
- Introduction to ePEARL McGill University
- Creation of a Professional Teacher Identity using ePearl Bishop's University
- LEARN Resources and PLCs Bishop's University
- Robotics in Kindergarten SWLSB
- LEARN 101 SWLSB, CQSB

July-September 2013

- LEARN Social Science Resources CQSB
- Online Learning Looking Forward Advisory Board of English Education
- Introduction to LEARN EMSB, QAIS





Local Conferences/Workshops

LCEEQ Annual Conference February 2014

- Building a Personal Learning Network Lifelong Learning at your Fingertips
- Social Sciences Online: Great tools we can use together!
- Blogging and Tweeting in the Classroom





Workshops Delivered - 2013-2014

EMSB Ped Days in November - 1st, 8th and 15th Lauren Hill Academy, James Lyng School, Lester B. Pearson School

- ePearl, a Digital Portfolio as a Tool to Organize, Structure, Reflect and Grow
- Social Sciences Online: Great tools we can use together!
- My Digital Life: Twitter in the classroom and as PD
- Flipping the Classroom in a Digital Citizenship World

LEARN-RÉCIT session on November 21st at EMSB:

Integrating the iPad into Classroom Practices

Sessions for Pre-Service Teachers

- Introduction to ePearl
- Creation of a Professional Teacher Identity using ePearl
- LEARN Resources and PLCs





Workshops Delivered - 2013-2014

QPAT 2013

LEARN Kiosk at Exhibition Hall

Spotlight on the Arts with MAD2 committee

• Engaged and Fulfilled: Educating 21st Century Citizens with the Arts - round table

Conference sessions:

- Flipping with Voicethread
- Praxis Malawi: Curriculum for Change





Presentations at Conferences

2e Colloque international sur les technologies en éducation : bilan, enjeux actuels et perspectives futures

· L'apprentissage professionnel - une approche socio-constructiviste

2014 Digital Learning Spring Conference: Engaging Flexible Learning

- On2LEARN: A description of our learning repository
- CANeLearn: A Pan-Canadian K-12 eLearning Association
- One Child at a Time

AQUOPS 2014

• PERLE, un portfolio numérique pour structurer, organiser et apprendre

34e congrès de l'AQEFLS

• iPad en classe de FLS : mission possible!





Presentations at Conferences

- CanFlip
 - Geogebra and the Coflip
 - Flipping with Voicethread
- ISTE 2013
 - EPEARL: Electronic Portfolio Encouraging Active Reflective Learning
- INACOL 2013 International Association for K-12 Online Learning
 - Online Communities of Collaboration: A Vision for Sustainable Professional Learning and the Role of Online Communities
 - A Canadian Perspective on Student Centred Online Learning panel
 - CANeLearn: A Pan-Canadian K-12 eLearning Association
- 4th International Symposium on Poetic Inquiry
- DevLEARN
 - Portfolios as Tools for Professional Learning
 - Developmental Literacy Continuum

LEARN by Numbers - Year to Date

60% increase in visits using tablets

100% increase in visits using smart phones

18% increase in unique visitors compared to last year

2.24 minutes average time spent on public sections of site

Traffic Sources

360% increase in google.ca referrals compared to last year

Sakai Community
Portal

+102 Communities

+5179 Participants

Workshops held so far this year: +87

Total number of participants: +2480

Fall session Four nights a week

Over 1330 registrations since October 11