

# SUPPORTING Struggling Students

Hilton Whistler Resort  
Friday, April 12, 2013  
9:30am - 3:30pm

Join us at the Hilton Whistler Resort to discover practical strategies for teaching struggling students. Learn how to reduce your frustrations and minimize reteaching. Spend your day in one of the three full-day options or mix and match the half-day options. Please note: the full day options require the full day of participation and may not be matched with a half-day workshop.

## Extended special rates:

**BCTF members** \$125 before April 5.

Non-BCTF members, out-of-province, and administration \$145.

Retired teachers, para-professionals and SEAs \$65.

**Teacher Candidates** \$30, \$20 if a room booked at Hilton.

\*Two in a room for \$149 + tax, 3 room sharing for \$179 + tax.

**TTOCs** Join & Go! Join PITA now at [www.pita.ca](http://www.pita.ca) for \$15; pay an additional \$20 for in-person conference registration if you don't get called to teach; \$15 will go to PITA membership.

Register as a group of three or more and receive 10% off.

Online registration ends April 7. In-person registration April 12.

## morning only sessions 9:30-11:45

### Using Literature Circles to Turn Kids into Readers

Elaine Jaltema grades 4-7

Discover how to create avid readers and cover reading and oral language PLOs with no preparation or after-school marking. Students are excited to discuss the juicy issues in the books and typically read far more than they ever have before, while developing comprehension, critical thinking and social skills. Participants will be given access to PITA's chapter summaries and tests for hundreds of novels to be used for literature circles and individual reading.

### Comme Moi: A Ready-to-Go Unit... just add students!

Liliana Pesce grades 5-8

Students will enjoy writing and sharing stories that they have created. Whether you are a fluent French speaker or a beginner, we will have fun trying out communicative activities that will facilitate the creation of a keepsake pattern book. Participants will receive a unit that is easily adapted to a variety of grade and ability levels, review effective assessment strategies that provide students with constructive feedback, addressing a variety of PLOs.

## full day sessions 9:30-11:45 and 1:15-3:30

### Guys Write! 10 Sure-Fire Ways to Excite Boy Writers

Diana Cruchley grades 4-9

Diana presents 10 simple ways to tweak your writing program to make it fit more with how boys learn and are motivated (and your girls will like it too). This practical workshop includes lots of great ideas for writing that your boys (and girls) will love – tomorrow. Use the 10 simple ways of thinking about topics, to always be able to alter a writing assignment “just enough” - enough to engage your boys (and girls). Receive a detailed practical handout.

### Simply Math

Mary Moody grades 4-9

Mary's practical techniques target the needs of students who have been “left behind” in Math and they are equally applicable to meeting the Math learning needs of ALL students. Simply Math may be incorporated into regular Math classes to help clarify concepts and skills, troubleshoot specific areas of difficulty, and provide cumulative review.

### Engaging Struggling Students Through Adventure

Sheldon Franken grades 4-9

Do you want your classroom to be a safe yet exciting place for even your most reluctant, struggling students? Adventure Learning is the use of emotional and physical risk-taking to promote positive change. We will explore various adventure-based activities that can be used to engage all students and enhance social and emotional learning. Come ready to actively participate and engage in a variety of adventure activities targeted towards challenged learners.

## afternoon only sessions 1:15-3:30

### Build Math Confidence to Create Success!

Ann-Marie Hunter grades 4-8

Helping struggling students to develop strong basic skills in Math reduces their anxiety and fosters confidence that initiates success. Come and learn strategies and games to stomp out Math anxiety and create a positive atmosphere in your classroom. An introduction of the Mastering the Basics program (now available in French) is included in this workshop.

### Dialogues and Skits

Liliana Pesce grades 5-8

Students love to dress up and perform! Let's integrate drama and French so that students can practise vocabulary and phrases from a variety of themes in a fun, interactive, and motivating manner. We will review how to assess students' performances including the value of peer assessment, to gather authentic data and give students feedback on their progress. Workshop participants will receive an extensive handout of mini-dialogues and skits.



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