GIVING TO THE community

Dennis Marshall, General Vice-President/Director of Education

Christmas is known as the season for the spreading of joy. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come," the famous hymn Joy to the World proclaims. The author, Markus Tidmarsh, is applauding the fact that the long- awaited Messiah has finally come to redeem fallen mankind, thus restoring the joyful relationship between God and man that was lost with the fall of Adam and Eve.

In Deck the Halls, the same author admonishes us to be in a jolly mood at Christmas: "'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la." This is not a time to be despondent and withdrawn; it's a time to celebrate because the birth of Christ represents freedom.

One of the ways by which people express joy and a jolly spirit during this time of the year is by decorating their homes with Christmas ornaments, with a decorated Christmas tree as the centerpiece of attraction. Another way is by the giving and receiving of gifts. Thus, people spend a lot of time and money shopping for Christmas presents to give to friends and family members. By being unusually generous, pleasant and forgiving, they hope to create a joyful atmosphere during the Christmas season.

Christmas provides schools with a great opportunity to make a good impression on their communities, since people are generally in a receptive mood. What kinds of gifts can schools give to the community to make their Christmas joyful and memorable? How can schools make a difference in the lives of individuals, giving them a taste of joy during this celebratory season?

An annual Christmas concert or play depicting the story of redemption is a great way to turn peoples' attention to Christ during this time of year. This Christocentric focus will draw attention to the true meaning of Christmas. For a more practical application of the Christmas spirit, your school could undertake a charitable or environmental project that your community will appreciate.

The Apostle Paul's admonition is particularly applicable. He says, "Therefore, as we have opportunity let us do good to all people..." (Gal. 6:10) What a great opportunity to do good that Christmas affords us! Take up the challenge... do some good and bring some joy to your community. You never know whose life might be changed as a result of your generous act.

CRAWFORD ADVENTIST ACADEMY GRADE 4M CLASS RAISES FUNDS FOR ADRA

On November 28, 2013, Grade 4M at Crawford Adventist Academy had a Red, White, Blue, & Yellow Day to honour the Filipino Community. Students made donations to wear the colours of the Filipino flag in place of their Crawford uniforms. Funds raised were donated towards ADRA’s efforts to support the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan.

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GRANDVIEW ADVENTIST ACADEMY
CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT
Lisa Clarke, Principal, Grandview Adventist Academy, Mount Hope, ON

This year GAA joined with Living Word Christian Fellowship and the Eva Rothwell house to help give Christmas to underprivileged families in our local community. The school “adopted” 10 families. On Friday, December 6, the upper grades students helped with a Christmas Mall for the families. One child from each family, with help from a Grandview student, picked a free gift for Mom, Dad, and his or her siblings. After the child picked out gifts for his or her family, he or she was allowed to pick one gift for himself/herself. In addition, our Chime Choir treated the students to special music during the pre-shopping mall entertainment. This is a great program because it helps the children think about giving more than receiving. Our students also experience the joy of giving to others. It will be an event to remember as the students see the fruits of their labours at the Christmas Shopping Mall.

FRASER VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY
STUDENTS CARE
Karen Wallace, Principal, Fraser Valley Adventist Academy, Aldergrove, BC

One of our girls in grade 10 came to me and asked if the grade 10 class could have a bake sale to raise money for the Philippines. Of course, I said yes.

We planned the bake sale to happen on Thursday evening during our Language Arts Fair. We solicited baked goods from families and staff. We raised around $300 from the sale.

Also, once a month we have a casual dress down loonie Friday. The students don’t have to wear their uniforms on that day if they pay a loonie (teachers too for casual dress). During Sept. and Oct. we raised $250 and the students voted to purchase a well from the ADRA Gift Catalogue with the money. Our November loonie day was on the 22nd. We collected over $300 (loonie plus donations) that we put with the bake sale money. We collected $661.14 for ADRA. We also had a sponsor who pledged to match the money the students raised up to $500. We will be sending $1161.14 to ADRA and of course the Canadian government matches dollar for dollar money donated for the Philippines. So, our $1161.14 will really be $2322.28.

Our students in the junior high and high school art classes are making holiday cards to sell with the profit from these sales going to ADRA as well.

I am so proud of our students and their caring hearts.

COLLEGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RAISES FUNDS FOR PHILIPPINES
Ashley Brown, Teacher, College Park Elementary School, Oshawa, ON

“Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Brown! We want to raise money for the Philippines. Could we do a presentation to the class on Monday with our ideas?” And so began our successful movie night fundraiser at CPES for the Philippines. On Saturday November 30, my grade six social studies class (with the help of my grade five class and many parent volunteers) began the night by leading in worship and a time of prayer for the people of the Philippines.

ADRA Canada joined us with a short presentation on the work that they are doing in the Philippines. Once that was done we moved on to the highly anticipated movie, Turbo! Refreshments were sold throughout the night, with popcorn being the number one seller. After I carefully counted the many donations that were given, as well as the proceeds from the refreshments, I was excited to announce that we raised $1017.30!!

My students were amazed at the generosity of all those that came out in support of this worthy cause. The money has been given to ADRA Canada and will be matched by the Canadian government, dollar for dollar. I am so proud of my students for seeing the need to do something to help during a time of complete devastation, coming up with a plan, and successfully accomplishing it. And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me’. Matthew 5:40 NKJV
Featured Schools

**AVALON ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY'S CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**

Clifford Wood, Principal, Avalon Adventist Jr. Academy, Port Hardy, BC

In recent years our Food Drive has been moved closer to Christmas and away from the traditional Halloween collection. In late November the students of Avalon Adventist Junior Academy worked together with the Port Hardy Airport Church Sabbath School to collect food for the local Harvest Food Bank. The food bank is managed by Adventist Church members of both the Port Hardy Airport and G.N. Churches.

Paper bags with specific directions were distributed to homes in Port Hardy by Avalon’s upper grades students under the direction of teacher in charge, Kristin Pazitka, and Teacher’s Aide, Eric Anderson. Patty Smedley and Irene Oickle were the church liaisons.

On December 3, 2013, all Avalon students from Kindergarten to grade nine, staff, and parent volunteers collected a “substantial amount of food that will serve the Port Hardy area during the Christmas season. The spirit of giving was in the people of Port Hardy and the endeavour” (Suzanne Galitzine, Associate Manager of the Port Hardy Harvest Food Bank).

Avalon Adventist Junior Academy believes in community service. The students participated well and enjoyed the opportunity to help feed those who would have gone hungry during the Christmas season. The Grade Eight-Nine Class will continue to assist the food bank on a bi-weekly basis.

**CRAWFORD ADVENTIST ACADEMY EAST**

Katherine Gurango-Nool, Teacher, Crawford Adventist Academy East, Pickering, ON

The students at Crawford East have excitedly been busy and filled with the spirit of giving to those not only in their own community but helping those in need all around the world.

In November the whole school participated in the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child initiative, filling and collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies to be shipped to children less fortunate in different countries. We were thrilled when we dropped off 64 boxes to the collection center on November 24!!

The Grade 1-3 class has initiated a monthly food bank towards the St. Paul’s-on-the-Hill Community Food Bank in Pickering. Each month the class brings in a non-perishable food item to help more than 239 families in the community receive food and financial support throughout the year.

On Tuesday December 10, our Christmas Concert was held at the Agape SDA Church entitled “The Christmas Prayer” in keeping with the theme for this year ‘The Power of Prayer Changes Lives’. In true giving style, all invited guests were asked to bring a non-perishable food item or toy donation.

**GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY**

Yvonne Williams, Teacher, Greaves Adventist Academy, Montreal, QC

As members of a community, we all have a God-given responsibility, not just at Christmas time, but all year round, to assist others less fortunate and to “contribute to the common good.”

Whether you donate money or your time, giving to the community is crucial, not just for the recipient, but also for the giver. **The grade eleven students at Greaves Adventist Academy**, understand this very well, as they set out once again this year, to put the classes’ motto, “Non Nobis Solum,” Not For Ourselves Alone, into practice.

On December 11th these very special boys and girls, along with their homeroom teacher Ms. Yvonne Williams, teamed up with “Sun Youth”- a charitable organization operating in Montreal for over fifty years, to give back to their community. As volunteers, some students sorted food and clothes donations, while others prepared food baskets.

In addition, on December 17th, the class, made up of Seventh-day Adventist, other Protestants, Muslims, and Jews, will joyfully give of their time, to present their annual Christmas concert, to some wonderful people with “special needs,” at the “Montreal Re-adaptation Center.”

Research has shown that the good feelings that are experienced from helping others may be just as important as exercise and a healthy diet. However, it is the smile from a thankful person that makes all the difference to our students at Greaves Academy. What will you do this Christmas, to give to your community?
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LA SIERRA EXTENDED CAMPUS PROGRAM @ CUC SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

The following courses are scheduled to be offered this summer at Canadian University College from La Sierra University:

**Summer 2014 (On CUC Campus)**

- July 7-18, 2014
  - EDAD/EDCI 598 - Seminar in Current Trends in Education
- July 21-August 1, 2014
  - EDAD 574 - Legal Aspects of Education
  - EDCI 545 - Brain Science and Learning

**Fall (Online)**
- EDPC 561 - Theories of Counseling

**Winter (Online)**
- EDAD/EDCI 597 - Master’s Thesis

**Spring (Online)**
- EDAD/EDCI 597 - Master’s Thesis Continued

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

The schedule for CUC Summer School will be available shortly. As soon as we know something, we will let teachers know. You can also check the CUC website, www.cauc.ca under Current Students and Registrar Services.

SDACC CURRICULUM PROJECTS

The SDACC Office of Education is excited to share the completion of two valuable curriculum resources this summer. A huge thank you to all those involved in these projects!

**Secondary Guidance:**
This past summer a committee consisting of Victor Chant (chair), Alastair Atherton, Donald Coleman, and Kristy Grovet met at CUC for a week in July. They worked to put together a faith-based supplement to provincial career/guidance curricula. CD’s have been sent to all senior and junior academies and it is also posted on CAT-net.

**Canadian Pathways DLG’s:**
The following committee met at Camp Fren-da for a week this past summer to develop two Canadian DLG’s: Frances Schander (chair), Karen Landry, Kristin Pazitka, Michelle DeSilva, and Sarah Mora. The two Canadian titles are *The Little Word Catcher* (Gr. 2) and *When the Cherry Blossoms Fell* (Gr. 5). The DLGs are being piloted during 2013/2014 and will be available to all teachers for the 2014/2015 school year.

THE BLUEPRINT: THE STORY OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION

The SDACC Office of Education has purchased a copy of The Blueprint: The Story of Adventist Education for each school and senior pastor across Canada. Schools and churches are encouraged to host a premier of this video for members and the community. Once you have decided on when you will do your screening you need to register your Regional Premiere(s) with the NAD Office of Education (Elaine.Furrow@nad.adventist.org). This will provide you with the licensing for a general public screening (under PBS rules), and will allow the NAD to provide you with the materials you need to promote your showing. (For information on an available accompanying study guide, see page 6.)

CANADIAN ADVENTIST SCHOOL ATHLETICS LOGO

The British Columbia Conference has graciously shared a logo that was designed by Lawrence McMullen at Okanagan Adventist Academy for the BC schools athletic program. This logo can be used by Adventist schools across Canada. Please contact the SDACC Office of Education if you want to use this logo and we will send you a file.

SDACC 2015 TEACHERS’ CONVENTION

Plans are underway for the SDACC 2015 Teachers’ Convention in August 2015. Start planning now!!!

BY DESIGN SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS FUNDING

The SDACC Office of Education has set money aside to assist schools with the purchase of student textbooks or eBooks for schools that will be implementing the North American Division *By Design* Science Series. The amount is $45.72 per student (based on the enrolment from the 2013/2014 Opening Report). The cost for the Grades 1-4 Student Textbooks is $44.95 Grades 5-8 Student Textbooks are $59.95. Since the entire series is not yet complete, we are encouraging schools to purchase for the 2014/2015 school year. Grades 1-6 are currently available and Gr. 7 and 8 are scheduled to be available in April 2014. To receive your funding, please send the SDACC Office of Education a copy of your Kendall Hunt Invoice.
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NAD SUMMER COMMITTEES ~ JUNE 9-26, 2014 – SAN DIEGO AREA

*Elementary:* Bible framework/curriculum, PE/Health Standards, Pathways revisions

*Secondary:* Science standards/textbook review, PE Health/Wellness, Bible

NEW LEAF PUBLISHING

New Leaf Publishing provides creation-based materials for the classrooms . . . excellent products though a bit costly. Search online or contact Betty to see their catalogue.

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE STANDARDS AND FAITH CONNECTIONS

The NAD Science Standards are currently being revised and will be released some time in 2014. An exciting new resource which provides faith integration ideas for each of the science standards will be available online to assist teachers.

TDEC WEBSITE

The TDEC website has been redone, and you will find lots of resources for teachers there, http://tdec.nadeducation.org. TDEC welcomes the submission of any tech ideas from teachers who are technology-oriented. Send your ideas and recommendations to Martha Ban.

LITERATURE SELECTION CRITERIA

A revised version of the former criteria has been voted for use at the elementary level. It can be found on the Pathways website at http://nadeducation.org/pathways.

STEPPING STONES UPDATE

There are currently 7 units available with the final 3 coming (January, April, August). Check the Kendall Hunt order form for the latest updates and release dates. Lots of additional resources are available on the Kindergarten Stepping Stones page in the Toolkit. See links there for Pinterest – Kay and Rob have posted lots of additional ideas and pictures there.

ELLEN G. WHITE ENCYCLOPEDIA

This collaborative project between Andrews University and the EG-White Estate provides a new resource on the life and teachings of our church founder. Check out the info at: http://www.adventistbookcenter.com/catalog/product/view/id/7827/s/the-ellen-g-white-encyclopedia/category/289/. Howard Scoggins, Vice President for Marketing and Operations at Review and Herald has agreed to charge your schools only $35 plus shipping (half price!). One copy for each school in the NAD will be available at the one-time discounted rate if the order is received on/before December 31, 2013. Please submit orders to Elaine Furrow at the NAD Office of Education - elaine.furrow@nad.adventist.org before December 31, 2013. NAD will bill conferences for their orders.

CREATION HEALTH ETEXTBOOK

This exciting new faith-based secondary health eText has been developed by Florida Hospital and incorporates Adventist history and current references to Adventists and their health message and lifestyle (i.e., bluezone). The eText is interactive, attractive, engaging, and includes built-in tools (i.e., search, highlight, test cards). It will run on iPads and other mobile devices. Physical copies will also be available.

Release dates: January 2014 for iBook; February 2014 for softcover text

Costs: $14.99 for iBook (hard copy cost to be announced)

GRIGGS UPDATE

The website has been revamped to make it more user-friendly. See the NAD tab for direct access to the applicable services available for schools. Improvement to courses include new formatting, more media and interaction, access to an online bookstore. New courses recently added include electives like fashion and interior design, criminology, veterinary science, holocaust history. Check it out at their website: www.griggs.edu. To see what the redesigned courses look like, click on “Griggs Online.”
NAD News/Featured Schools

SELF-STUDY DOCUMENTS REVISIONS
The Self-Study documents for NAD accreditation are currently being revised to align with NAD standards and J2E. The accreditation process is also being revised and streamlined with the goal of a fully digital product that will be completed and filed online. The target is to be ready to pilot the new instrument during the 2014/15 school year.

MACKIN LIBRARY SERVICES
This Christian library company (200,000 titles) which provides both physical and eBooks is willing to pick out titles that would fit our values and provide library resources for our schools. The NAD is working on a proposal for NAD-wide access and special pricing. Stay tuned for further information.

BLUEPRINT STUDY GUIDES
Every church should show this film. Everyone with a school-aged child or grandchild should see this film. Every Adventist should see in this film an opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to learn about Adventist Education through the showings on Public Television. This is an unprecedented opportunity to promote understanding of the importance of Adventist Education.
—Dan Jackson, President, North American Division

The Blueprint study guides are available when bulk orders are placed for the DVDs through AdventSource. Additional copies can also be ordered through AdventSource. The guides are especially recommended for church boards, home and schools, school boards, etc. The NAD will send out a letter in January to the conferences reminding them about ordering. When scheduling a preview showing, keep in mind that Martin Doblmeier is willing to come to personally introduce the film and sign autographs (just cover his airfare and travel expenses). The NAD will let us know when the PBS affiliates have scheduled the showing in their areas (PBS international has not yet been arranged).

ASDASA
The next Association of Seventh-day Adventist School Administrators (ASDASA) conference will take place in Dallas, Texas from February 15-18, 2015.

NAD DASHBOARD
The Adventist Education Tool Kit can be used from any computer with a web browser - anywhere in the world - to manage your school-affiliated information. An Internet connection is necessary.

Print your certification status report or download a certification report for your school, conference, or union from the eCertification icon.

Access this and more web apps at https://dashboard.nadeducation.org. To gain access, you will need to log in with the email address your conference uses for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Brandy Perkins, perkins.brandy@adventist.ca or (905) 433-0011 x2072.

THE STORY SACK PROJECT
Duriene Jean, Ottawa SDA School, Ottawa, ON

From the time I picked up the ADRA catalogue from my mailbox early in the Fall I knew that I wanted to get involved in a giving project. I have been doing a lot of giving of goods and time to the homeless and realized that making a difference all begin with the willingness of one.

This holiday season, my class and I decided to share the joy of learning through play with children in Cambodia. I have five students and to raise the bar a little I set the goal at wanting to send six story sacks ($15 each). I sent an email to my Kinder Parents and texts to a few close family and friends. Within two days replies were coming in and I had reached my goal. We continue to raise funds.

Each student who donates will receive a Bible activity book and a puzzle to keep them Christ-centered over the holidays. It is my hope that when they play they will think about the other children far away from us who will get the chance to be as happy and eager to learn as they are.
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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

The Excellence in Education award recognizes the work of exceptional teachers and outstanding school administrators in the SDACC school system. The award consists of a beautiful iron and glass award and a cheque for $1000.00 for the selected teachers and $1500.00 for the selected principal. The 2013 Excellence in Education Award winners are: Alysia Carlson, Okanagan Adventist Academy, BC; Patricia Ferreira Lopez, Adventist Christian Elementary School, ON; Divina Ladores Buhia, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, AB, and Margaret Russell, Kingsway College, ON. The administrator recipient was Lisa Clarke, Grandview Adventist Academy, ON. We extend our warmest congratulations to our outstanding educators. Nomination forms for the 2014 school year are posted on CAT-net (http://cat.net.adventist.ca).

2014 SCHOOL EVALUATIONS

The following schools have evaluation visits this school year:

**Elementary Schools**
- Avalon Adventist Jr. Academy (Interim Review)
- Chilliwack Adventist Christian School (Full Eval.)
- Curtis-Horne Christian School (Full Evaluation)
- Lakeview Christian School (Revisit)
- North Okanagan Jr. Academy (Full Evaluation)
- Sartigan Adventist Academy (Interim Review)
- SDA Christian School (Full Evaluation)
- South Side Christian School (Full Evaluation)
- Spring Creek Adventist School (Interim Review)
- Sylvan Meadows Adventist School (Full Evaluation)
- Windsor Adventist Elementary Sch. (Full Evaluation)

**Senior Academies**
- Crawford Adventist Academy (Full Evaluation)
- Kingsway College (Interim Review)
- Okanagan Adventist Academy (Interim Review)
- Sandy Lake Academy (Revisit)

ADVENTIST EDUCATION SABBATH

Please plan to do something special at your local church for Adventist Education Sabbath, on April 26, 2014. This is your special day to let everyone know how great your school is and to promote Adventist Education in your church community.

NEW SUPERINTENDENTS/TEACHERS

We welcome the following individuals who are new to their positions or new to our Adventist education system in Canada:

- **Donald McIntyre**, Superintendent for the Ontario Conference
- **Luz Ahumada Lillo**, Sartigan Adventist Academy, QC
- **Andres Albornoz**, Coralwood Adventist Academy, AB
- **Mark Bedford**, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, AB
- **Hilary Blackman**, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, AB
- **Landen Blize**, Coralwood Adventist Academy, AB
- **Rhonda Brewster-Johnson**, Crawford Adventist Academy, ON
- **Janelle Brock**, Peace Christian School, BC
- **Ashley Brown**, College Park Elementary School, ON
- **Bev DiMambro**, Lakeview Christian School, BC
- **Sandra Dodds**, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, AB
- **Bruce Fillier**, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, AB
- **Arjei Franklin**, Windsor Adventist Elementary School, ON
- **Tricia Gabrys**, College Heights Christian School, AB
- **Leo Ganson**, College Heights Christian School, AB
- **Nyabuony Guet**, South Side Christian School, AB
- **Heidi Mallard**, Peace Christian School, BC
- **Aaron Manswell**, Crawford Adventist Academy, ON
- **Brandi Mills**, College Heights Christian School, AB
- **Chris Mortenson**, Kingsway College, ON
- **Katie Nichols**, Peace Christian School, BC
- **Tammy Parker**, Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool, AB
- **Guylaine Plante**, Sartigan Adventist Academy, QC
- **Kristi Rasmussen**, Sandy Lake Academy, NS
- **Crystal Scott**, Greaves Adventist Academy, QC
- **Riter St. Luc**, Crawford Adventist Academy, ON
- **Alyssa Stacy**, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, AB
- **Teresa VanWart**, Peel Adventist School, ON
- **Krystal Williams**, Coralwood Adventist Academy, AB
- **Keisha Williams-Cummings**, Greaves Adventist Academy, QC

Please forgive us and let us know if we forgot anyone.
iLEARN TECHNOLOGY EDUBLOG

I would highly recommend the iLearn Technology edublog that focuses on integrating technology into the classroom. Kelly Tenkely regularly reviews hands-on, practical technology applications for the classroom, including tried-and-true teaching tips for how to incorporate the technology into your classroom teaching. Following is one of her latest recommendations.

Our Little Earth: Global News for World Citizens
Posted: 20 Nov 2013 03:36 PM PST

What it is: Our Little Earth is a great international online newspaper for kids. It is delivered every two weeks directly to email and best of all, it is free! Past editions of Our Little Earth can be found on the site for students to read and explore. Each issue helps students stay informed about what current events are happening in the world around them. Every edition has a map showing students where the news came from for the issue. The articles are easy for students to read and do a great job of offering enough background information so that students can make connections to the text and better understand it.

How to integrate Our Little Earth into your classroom: I really like Our Little Earth kids news, it is simple in its delivery, but packs a substantial punch of great information. This is a fantastic source for students to read and explore. Each issue helps students stay informed about what current events are happening in the world around them. Every edition has a map showing students where the news came from for the issue. The articles are easy for students to read and do a great job of offering enough background information so that students can make connections to the text and better understand it.

I love using current news with students, it keeps the classroom relevant and touches enough transdisciplinary themes that students can make connections to other reading and learning they are doing. Combine Our Little Earth with @angelamaiers What Breaks Your Heart project. As students are more informed, they will be able to better articulate things about the world they would like to be a part of changing.

Use Google Earth to help students learn geography at the same time. Create a pin on the map for each story read. Ask students to come up with a title for each story (or use the title provided) to help them remember what they read about that location. Add to the same Google Earth map all year-long so that students can begin to see common themes by geography.

Tips: Use the search feature to help students dig even deeper into events and themes. What happened a year ago at this time? From: http://ilearntechnology.com/

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP WEBINARS

Webinars for principals are monthly at 4:30 E.S.T.

January 13, 2014 - Technology for Leaders by Martha Ban, Director of School of Distance Education

February 10, 2014 - How to Breathe Life Back into Your School by Angela Walton, Principal of Greater Boston Academy

March 10, 2014 - Strategic Planning by Melissa Keller, Director of Development for Forest Lake Academy

April 7, 2014 - Balancing by Sylvia Gonzales, Andrews University Professor

May 12, 2014 - Safety Programs for Your School by David Lara, Safety Director of Monterey Bay Academy

June 9, 2014 - Word of Mouth Marketing: The Real Deal by Dan Krause, President of Grace Ministries

If you miss any of these webinars you can go to the following link - http://www.andrews.edu/sed/leadership_dept/webinars/previous-webinars.html.

SMARTER EVERY DAY

Smarter Every Day is a wonderful collection of YouTube videos (187 and adding) on specific science topics. “I explore the world using science,” says Destin, the creator and star who brings science to life. The official blog (http://youtube-global.blogspot.com/2011/07/introducing-smarter-every-day-your-july.html) says: “Destin aims to have the channel leave you a little smarter about the science behind our world, while also hoping to motivate his children to explore and even to help with their college education.” You’ll love it! See the YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6107grRl4m0o2-emgoDnAA

You can also join the 1,252,619 subscribers (as of Dec. 9)!
Professional Development/Resources

CANTER READ4CREDIT™ COURSES
http://www.canter.net/courses-and-registration/read4credit.aspx

Looking to get academic credit for certification renewal without leaving home? Canter now offers 17, one-credit courses by reading the selected book, completing the assigned coursework and submitting it by the deadline. Tuition is $150 USD per course. Receive one graduate credit per course from The Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership at Walden University, a National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) –accredited institution. Courses offered are as follows:

- The Dreamkeepers: Promising Practices for African American Students (Grades K–12)
- Discipline in the Secondary Classroom: Positive Behavior Management (Grades 9–12)
- The ESL/ELL Teacher's Survival Guide: Strategies to Support English Language Learners (Grades 4–12)
- Teach Like a Champion: Strategies to Promote Academic Success for Your Students (Grades K–12)
- Building Academic Language in the Content Areas (Grades 5–12)
- The Autism Checklist: Strategies to Support Academic and Social Growth for Children with Autism (Grades K–12)
- The Book Whisperer: Instilling the Love of Reading in Every Child
- Boys and Girls Learn Differently: Understanding Gender Differences in the Classroom
- The Classroom Teacher’s Technology Survival Guide
- Closing the Achievement Gap: What Highly Effective Teachers Do
- Making Thinking Visible: Practices to Develop Critical Thinking Skills
- Practical Strategies and Interventions to Reach and Teach Children With ADD/ADHD
- Reading for Understanding: A Research-Based Approach to Improve Reading Skills
- Teaching Mathematics: A Language-Focused Approach
- Teaching on the Education Frontier: Facilitating Online and Blended Learning in Your Classroom
- Teacherpreneurs: Innovative Teachers Who Lead But Don't Leave
- Teaching Outside the Box: Practical Tools for Managing Your Classroom

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH READING

The Professional Growth Reading list for the 2013-2014 school year is posted on CAT–net. To view the list go to http://catnet.adventist.ca under Resources, Certification, Professional Growth Books.

TDEC WEBINARS

TDEC has webinars on the second Tuesday of each month. This year webinars range from Differentiated Instruction to By Design to Validating our Adventist Education Standards - and more. If you want to review a session you watched or view one you missed, you can visit the Webinar Archives on NAD Dashboard - www.dashboard.nadeducation.org. If you have problems logging in, please contact Brandi Perkins - perkins.brandy@adventist.ca. Below is a list of the upcoming webinars:

February 11, 2014 @ 6pm CST - Explore the Adventist Education Standards and Their Relevance to You and Your Students
Have you ever wondered: Why standards? What is the significance of Webb’s Depth of Knowledge Levels when writing standards? How are standards organized? How do the NAD Standards reflect the Adventist worldview? Moderated by Diane Ruff & Carol Campbell.

March 11, 2014 @ 6pm CST - Stages for Differentiated Instruction Implementation, Part I
After a quick look at Differentiation of Instruction philosophy, we will study a rubric that can guide you on classroom implementation. It can be done and you are probably on your way already. (This webinar assumes that you are acquainted with the components of a DI) ~ by Martha Havens, Associate Director, Pacific Union Conference

April 8, 2014 @ 6pm CST - What can we expect? What can we expect from the By Design grades 5-8 Science series?
By Design Grades 1-4 is becoming a highly-acclaimed science series among Adventist educators. In this webinar, editors of the grades 5-8 Adventist Science series will give an overview of the upper grades materials. By Design is an engaging, rigorous, and developmentally appropriate curriculum that nurtures children’s natural curiosity as they explore the wonder of God’s Creation through the lens of the Bible.
Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carvings and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull." Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter," and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

~Author Unknown

### Dates of Importance

- NAD K-12 Advisory/UDOEC: December 4-10, 2013
- BC Pastor/Principal Meetings: January 19-22, 2014
- Education Council Executive: January 29, 2014
- AB Principals’ Council: January 30, 2014
- CUC Teacher Interviews/Banquet: January 30, 2014
- CUC Board Meeting: January 31 - Feb. 2, 2014
- UDOEC: February 11-13, 2014
- BC K-12 Board: February 16, 2014
- SDACC K-12 Board: March 2, 2014
- BC Teachers’ Convention: March 13-18, 2014
- AB Principals’ Council: March 13, 2014
- Man-Sask Principals’ Council: March 17, 2014
- Reach/Tell Canada Week: April 20-26, 2014
- Adventist Education Sabbath: April 26, 2014
- CUC Board Meeting: April 25-27, 2014

*Dates are subject to change. Please confirm with your local conference.*