

Metro North (Burnaby/Vancouver) Start UP! Series 2015 **intermediate/Middle WEBCAST descriptions:**

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Monday, August 31st – morning session

StartUP! Your Social Studies Class - Lori Villeneuve

Implementing Inquiry in Social Studies

In this StartUP! session, you will learn how to implement INQUIRY into the Social Studies curriculum at the intermediate, middle or high school grade levels. This is a step-by-step guide to the inquiry process, which engages all learners, requires minimal preparation and no after hours marking.

Lori is a grade 7 teacher at Yorkson Creek middle school in Langley. She has taught in an upper intermediate classroom for the last 20 years and is always looking for new ways to engage students in their own learning. Lori has presented at myPITA and New Teachers conferences.

Monday, August 31st – afternoon session

StartUP! Your French Class- Stacey Sviestrup

Fun Ideas for Teaching French

This Core French workshop will focus on purposeful, engaging, and meaningful strategies to use in Core French classrooms. Teachers will learn some fun ways to develop students' French oral language skills. Games, songs, and sample mini-units will be shared as well as activities that can be adapted for various themes.

A literacy-based approach, some Intensive French methodology, and tried-and-true activities will be presented. Regardless of abilities in French, teachers will gain strategies to implement new and fun ideas immediately in their classrooms.

Stacey Sviestrup will be starting a new position as the Modern Languages Consultant in Vancouver in September. She is an experienced Intensive French instructor as well as an elementary Core French teacher. She has been a School Advisor for several UBC Teacher Candidates, she is on the BCATML Executive, and she has worked for Pearson Canada developing new Core French materials. In the past year she has also been working on the new Core French Curriculum with the Ministry of Education. She is passionate about teaching French and enjoys sharing her ideas with others.

Tuesday, September 1st - morning session

StartUP! Your Reading Class - Elaine Jaltema

Using Literature Circles to Turn Kids into Readers

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 myPITA's chapter summaries and tests for hundreds of novels to be used for literature circles and individual reading.

Elaine Jaltema received the first Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence in Literacy and is the President of myPITA. She teaches intermediate classes in Burnaby and is the mother of three grown sons. She is passionate about empowering struggling learners and inspiring students to become life-long readers.

Tuesday, September 1st - afternoon session

Start UP! Your Language Arts Class- Deborah Borgenstrom

Starting the Writers Workshop

Learn about the writers workshop model and how to launch and build it with your class. We will introduce the components of the model, provide suggestions for the sequence of lessons and samples, and suggest some of the ways you can use the writers workshop process to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners. We will focus on non-fiction writing and integrating the writers' workshop with a social studies unit with lessons on construction of sentences, paragraphs and essays as an example depending upon the grade.

Deborah is currently a Grade 6/7 teacher at South Slope Elementary in Burnaby. She is passionate about Literacy holding a Master Degree in Language and Literacy Development and Leadership from UBC. This led to work as a Literacy Helping Teacher for 4 years and then to the District Mentorship Committee in Burnaby. With 10 years of workshop experience she enjoys the professional conversations that support, engage and move students forward in their learning.

Saturday, September 12th - afternoon session

StartUP! The First Week of School - Ray Myrtle-Afternoon Session (register through Metro South -Surrey Series in person or webcast)

This workshop will help you start & manage your class as a TTOC or on a contract. The lessons needed to start up your own class are completely adaptable to working as a TTOC. In this workshop you will learn effective lessons to reduce classroom management issues. You will find help in developing an overall strategy and specific techniques to reduce conflict and deal with it smoothly. Learn how to do the important things and what to leave for later during the first days with your new class, as well as what to watch for to learn the most from observing experienced teachers. Get "The First Week of School", a 33 pg. booklet of lesson suggestions, strategies, ideas, blacklines and checklists. Start the year prepared and confident.

Ray Myrtle is passionate about supporting early career teachers and has led the development of Start UP! He has taught gr. 4,5,6 for 21 years and sometimes TTOCs in Burnaby to keep in touch with real work, kids, schools and teachers.

Start UP! Your Science Class – The "Whys" and "Hows" of Science - Bill Morphett

Do you miss the days when every science question you have ever had was answered by Bill Nye or Ms. Frizzle? Are you in awe of their engaging active lessons? In this workshop, we will walk through a unit on ecology that has applicable and useful activities and strategies for grades 4 -10. We will demonstrate and share activities and examine the prescribed learning outcomes together as we lay out 20 lessons of an introductory Science Unit. As an added bonus teachers will receive a CD with ideas and activities for teaching science.

Bill Morphett is a Learning Support Teacher in school district 43 (Coquitlam). In this role he supports classroom teachers by working with them and for them as they improve their practice. He has been a faculty associate at SFU and has worked as a science teacher in Coquitlam at all grade levels. He has worked with McGraw Hill on their general science and biology texts. He has designed and run several behaviour support programs and has a desire to reach all learners and help them to achieve their goals.