

Surrey Start UP! Series 2015 intermediate workshop descriptions:

(note: some schedule changes are still possible)

Saturday, September 12th - morning session

StartUP! The First Week of School - Ray Myrtle

Are you new to starting a class? Start Up! your year prepared and confident. Learn the most important things to focus on when you begin. Get The First Week of School, a 33-page booklet of lesson suggestions, strategies, ideas and checklists for your first week with your new class. Why re-invent the wheel? Build your network of resource people and early career colleagues as you learn tested ways of building routines, quickly assessing students, and building a task-orientated atmosphere. Join more than 1000 early career teachers who have attended and recommend this workshop.

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.

Saturday, September 12th - afternoon session

StartUP! Your Math Class - Ann-Marie Hunter

Building Math Confidence Fosters Success

How often do you hear from students, "I can't do Math" or "I'm just not good at Math"? These attitudes can greatly interfere with students' success in Math learning! As their teacher, you are one of the prime influences on your students and you can help them to revamp their attitudes to help them to become successful Math learners! This workshop will offer strategies to reduce Math anxiety in students.

We will discuss how to focus on individual needs and how to use hands-on tools to strengthen Basic Skills. Strategies presented are designed to build student confidence, helping students to be more engaged and successful in Math. The program Mastering the Basics, from Trevor Calkins' Power of Ten program, will be reviewed. (Mastering the Basics is now available in French).

Ann-Marie Hunter, from Kamloops, started her teaching career as a high school Math teacher and once she transferred to intermediate grades, she never looked back!

Ann-Marie thoroughly enjoyed being the Math 'Go-to' person in the elementary setting, helping to foster the love of Mathematics! Ann-Marie finds the amazing spirit of Grade 4 – 8 students to be inspiring. Teaching them provides a wonderful opportunity to help children become confident learners; in particular, she strives to help all kids love Math!

Saturday, September 19th – 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.

Saturday, September 19th – afternoon session LA- written/oral language

Saturday September 26th - morning session StartUP! Your Science Class

Saturday September 26th - afternoon session StartUP! Your Social Studies Class

Saturday, October 3rd – morning 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.

Saturday, October 3rd – afternoon session

StartUP! Your PE Class - Tammy Wirick Gr. 4-9

Planning and teaching Physical Education can be daunting from both a management and curricular perspective. In this session, you will gain a repertoire of practical activities for Physical Education, management strategies and tools for planning an effective short and long term program. Come prepared to be active and change your thinking about what Physical Education means to you.

Tammy Wirick is a former PE and Health program consultant (Burnaby School District). She presently works in SFU PDP program.