

# The Launch

Diversified Basic Education Program for English Adult Learners in Québec

## IN THIS FEBRUARY ISSUE

The Launch already has a new look. Though the newsletter only has two publications to date, a more contemporary and e-friendly format has been adopted. Some of the new features include more buttons that link to internal and external pages, such as the arrows below. As well, The Launch has included links to interesting educational articles from around the globe. Happy reading!

- **Invitation to the Math DBE Implementation Provincial Workshop**



**Social Sciences news**



**Math and Science news**



**Global education news**

## AN INVITATION TO THE MATH DBE IMPLEMENTATION

**A STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING  
LEARNING SITUATIONS IN CST MATH  
MARCH 22, 2017 FROM 9:00 - 3:00**

This workshop will review the components of a Learning Situation and demonstrate the process of implementing one in the classroom. Our facilitators will model their ideas on how to situate the learner in a given context, activate prior knowledge, guide the learner through the acquisition of new knowledge, and encourage meta-cognitive techniques. The day will end with a discussion of future professional development needs and ways in which we can create and share resources for all DBE courses, on a provincial scale.

[Register here](#)

## Rencontre National

This two day event, held on Jan. 26 and 27 was attended by educational professionals mostly at the director and


pedagogical support level. At the rencontre much information regarding the implementation of the DBE programs was distributed, a brief introduction to some social science courses was given, and the much discussed math and science program was addressed and clarified further. Read on to find out more.

**THE THEME OF THIS  
EVENT  
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S'INSPIRER'**

## Contemporary World

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Here is a history course that is published and complete. Teachers who are interested in this program of study must consult the course and its accompanying DED . One prototype exam has been created by the Minister for evaluation of competencies. Teachers can use the prototype as an exam or they can use it as an example by which to build other exam versions. BIM is not currently working on providing different versions of exams for Contemporary World, but could possibly consider it if there is a demand from participatory school boards. If you teach this course, you can sign up for the latest updates by registering at <http://www.accompagnementfga.ca/universsocial/>. Though the site is created in French only, you can read it in English by asking your web browser to translate the page to English.

There are no official resources created for this course in the adult DBE program, however, some teachers who are currently teaching this course in the francophone adult sector are using the resources developed for the youth sector. You can order an English Contemporary World textbook by clicking on the arrow. 

#### **Social Studies courses in development**

**Financial Literacy, Cultural Geography, Regional Geography of Québec,  
History of the 20th Century, History of Québec and Canada**

## What is Accompagnement National?

In order to keep up to date with the latest course developments, the following websites on Carrefour FGA are available titled Accompagnement National. It is important to note that they are only available in French. However, these websites can be helpful with providing professional development, latest announcements, course updates and give educational professionals the possibility of signing up for a newsletter concerning specific programs of study.

[Accompagnement Français Langue Seconde](#)

[Accompagnement Francisation](#)

[Accompagnement Socioprofessionnelle](#)

[Accompagnement Mathématique](#)

[Accompagnement Univers Social](#)

**Accompagnement National**

**English Language Arts**

**Science et Technologie**

**in development**

# Math Corner

Funds were put aside in 2016 for the translation of several Math Learning Situations that are currently found on Carrefour FGA. Translations will begin shortly. I will send an e-mail to the EPC Committee when these LSs are ready.

Teachers from various school boards will facilitate the Math workshop on March 22, 2017. Please contact me at [sfiocco02@lbpearson.ca](mailto:sfiocco02@lbpearson.ca) if you are interested in facilitating future workshops. It's a great PD opportunity and a great way to network with teachers from other centres!

## Science Corner

A student workbook for SCT-4061 has been created for the Francophone sector. This manual contains five LSs that cover the content of the course. A list of necessary materials for each LS is also provided. The following link will give you access to the French manual. [http://www2.carrefourfga.com/alexandrie/nouveau/ressource\\_detail.php?idRessource=2432](http://www2.carrefourfga.com/alexandrie/nouveau/ressource_detail.php?idRessource=2432).

A group of science teachers is currently reviewing this manual. Should they agree that it is helpful for instruction, PROCEDE will have this manual translated in English. The authors have already given us their consent to do so.

Please see the attached request from François Guay-Fleurent regarding SCT 4063. [http://www.ppfgf.com/uploads/1/9/2/2/19226347/lettre\\_information-consentement\\_sct4063\\_fgf\\_uqtr\\_1.pdf](http://www.ppfgf.com/uploads/1/9/2/2/19226347/lettre_information-consentement_sct4063_fgf_uqtr_1.pdf)

If there are teachers who are interested in creating Science & Technology LESs with a teacher from another centre, please send me an e-mail. We have a science teacher who is seeking the opportunity to do so on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, once every two weeks. Release costs will be covered by PROCEDE.

## Helpful Websites

Mathematics Assessment Project: <http://map.mathshell.org/> Thank you to Innes Renner from PACC for sharing this fabulous resource. This website provides a bank of activities that are helpful for both the CCBE math program and the Secondary III DBE math program.

Rencontre National in Quebec City on Jan 26 and 27:

Some of the documents handed out at these workshops can be found at <http://www.carrefourfga.com/cpe-accompagnementsnationaux.asp>

# EXTERNAL EDUCATION NEWS

## K-12 Schools Embrace Anytime, Anywhere Learning

Districts go beyond reconfiguring classrooms and prepare students to take their learning mobile.

## Competency-Based Learning: A Dropout Prevention Strategy?

Do high schools use competency-based education—judging student progress by mastery, not seat time—as a dropout prevention strategy?

## Finnish-ing touches on education

Lessons that U.S. educators can take from Finland's top-performing education system

## Could our obsession with exams lead to long term failure?

As Head of a non-selective independent school, I have to ask myself the question; What are these exams actually measuring?

## Take the Listening Challenge!

### How well do you listen?

Test your listening comprehension by taking a 5 question quiz. First you'll listen to a 2 minute news story about volcanoes. Listen as many times as you like. After you answer the questions, you'll see how good of a listener you are!

**Teachers:** your students can take the quiz too!

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Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to introduce myself as a DBE Implementation Consultant for PROCEDE. I joined Isabelle in January and will be looking after the Math, Science & Technology programs. Although I am new to this role, I am not new to adult education. I've been teaching Math and Physical Science at Pearson Adult and Career Centre for the last nine years and spent the last year on partial release to study both the CCBE and DBE programs for Math. I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to thoroughly study these programs and to have successfully piloted some courses as well. I look forward to working with all of you as you continue to implement the DBE programs in your centres.

As per the request of the AGEC Committee, one of my roles is to coordinate provincial workshops for Math, Science & Technology where teachers can network and share ideas. Two workshops are scheduled for this year.

Math: March 22, 2017

Science & Technology: May 16th, 2017

Pedagogical consultants from RÉCIT and all nine school boards are assisting with the design of these workshops. Teachers from various centres will facilitate the delivery. The provincial workshops will provide opportunities for networking, studying, and practicing various elements of the DBE curriculum.



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