

WOTP Mentoring: Community of Practice December 4, 2018

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WOTP Mentoring is successful because of the active participation of ALL of you: the most amazing teachers in the



Goals for WOTP Mentoring: Community of Practice

- Develop a network of teachers who are comfortable sharing their experiences and teaching practices with each other, in the service of building a strong knowledge base for WOTP across the province.
- Provide the opportunity for teachers to meet and/or visit each other's classrooms, either in person or virtually.
- Create a common forum for evaluating resources and learning together. We believe in the power of professional development by teachers for teachers.

Quick Administrative "Stuff"

- Washrooms: down the hall to your right, as you exit this room
- Lunch will be served in this room at 12:00
- Please ensure that you sign the attendance sheet, as this is how your school board consultant will claim for your substitution costs.
- If you would like to meet with a colleague in between Mentoring sessions or visit his/her classroom, the Mentoring project can support this! However, please speak with your WOTP Consultant first. S/he is your "go to" person for substitution and travel claims.

Teacher Wellness

Self-Compassion



Teaching is a Tough Profession!

- "With the burnout issues teachers face, taking care of themselves through work/life balance is important, but it isn't enough. Teachers need to give themselves permission to be self-compassionate for the stress they're under."
 Dr. Kristin Neff
- For example, if you've had a particularly rough day, try speaking to yourself the way you would to a friend or colleague: "I'm sorry you've had a hard day. Even though the day didn't unfold as planned, it's okay. This happens to everyone, but the students will survive and so will you. I know you care so much about your students and want them to be successful. Teaching is one of the most challenging jobs out there, and you're doing the best you can."
- Displaying compassion towards yourself will also help you feel compassion towards your students.

Connect with a Colleague

Questions to Reflect on...

- ▶ How do you currently make time for mental health preservation in your busy schedules?
- ▶ How do you preserve your mental health given the unique personal/emotional challenges that teaching atrisk students in WOTP presents?

Slide: E. Bloom & G. Weintraub

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What I Appreciate

Reflect on the last week at work:

- 1) Think of 3 things that went well and what was your role in making them happen.
- 2) Think of someone at school who did something you appreciated: What did they do?
- 3) Think of a student who did something you appreciated: What did they do?

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OSEntreprendre

www.osentreprendre.quebec/en/



How does OSEntreprendre define an entrepreneurial project?

- An entrepreneurial project creates a product, service or event that satisfies a want or need in the community, finds a solution to a problem, or improves a situation for a specific group that goes beyond the project participants (students) themselves.
- An eligible entrepreneurial project places students at the heart of the action, allowing them to participate actively in the decisions and tasks required to carry out all steps involved in the project. The teacher guides the process, but does not make decisions for the students.
- A strong entrepreneurial project allows students to develop entrepreneurial values such as: self-confidence, perseverance, initiative, creativity, a sense of responsibility, autonomy and team spirit.

OSEntreprendre Grants

- Grants for eligible projects: \$75/student participant, up to a maximum of \$750/project.
- Funding is granted after the project is completed and judged; grant will arrive at the beginning of the next school year. Yearly participation in OSEntreprendre can produce a recurring source of income for your program.
- Applications are made online on the OSEntreprendre website. Deadline to complete a full application: Tuesday, March 12, 2019.
- Your entry category is Secondaire adaptation scolaire.
 Speak with your WOTP consultant for more information and support.

Two Successful Entrepreneurship Projects

Ormilla Seecharran: Mini Farm

Katie Shea: Smoothie Shop

Mcdonald High School, LBPSB



Making It Work: Five Pillars for Building a Successful WOTP Program

- Patrick Cousins and Sandra Iacovozzi, Howard S. Billings High School, New Frontiers School Board
- Patrick and Sandra will share how they have created pride in their WOTP program within both their school and community, built bridges with colleagues and administration for student placement and groupings, and helped their students truly feel part of the fabric of their school.
- In addition, they'll share some of their favourite tried and true resources!

Engaging Multi-Disciplinary Projects Built On WE Resources and Activities

 Amy Campbell, Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School, Lester B. Pearson School Board

 Amy will share how she uses WE Movement Educator Resources to create positive, engaging projects that help her students feel empowered to make change happen.

Issues addressed could include:
education, poverty, hunger, the
environment, discrimination, mental
health, Indigenous peoples,
homelessness, food, health and
nutrition – topics which work well
with ELA, ASP & GHC curriculum
content.

Breakout sessions after the



Break

Here in C-201:

Downstairs in C-100:

 Engaging Multi-Disciplinary Projects Built On WE Resources and Activities: Amy Campbell, Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School, Lester B. Pearson School Board

"Safety Rap" Video Project

 Gail Berstein, LINKS High School, English Montreal School Board



WOTP Website...



Rules of the game: (PS: There are prizes!)

- Work in teams of five at least one of you should have a phone/ computer to use to access the Internet. Each team has one envelope with a Website Scavenger Hunt Challenge.
- Ask one person to read the challenge out loud to your small group.
 Solve your challenge together you will have five minutes to do this.
- **Designate three people to come to the front of the room to answer**The Challenge. One person will read the challenge out loud, the second person will navigate through the website, the third person will clearly explain each step/click taken to arrive at the correct resource on the website.
- You must ALWAYS start your explanation to the large group from the LEARN Homepage, or your group will be disqualified.
- Clarity counts! The purpose of the game is to teach others how to use the WOTP website! Time counts too – each team will have exactly two minutes on the clock to clearly explain all the steps required to solve their Scavenger Hunt Challenge.

Just two examples of the many teachercreated LESs to be found in Teaching and Learning Resources . . .

Teacher's Guide

WOTP Training for a Semiskilled Trade

Math in the Real World: Road Trip

Cross Curricular Learning and Evaluation Situation English Language Arts Mathematics

Alexandra Welik & Amy Campbell

Guiding Question: How can we implement algebra while planning for a road trip? How can algebra be implemented in the real world?

Teacher's Guide

Aaryn Bradley / Alison Reichert

WOTP PREWORK

Healthy Lifestyles Meal Planner

Cross Curricular Learning and Evaluation Situation English Language Arts Autonomy and Social Participation Mathematics

What can you discover in "Curated Resources"?

Pixar in a Box

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The art of storytelling

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3. Story structure

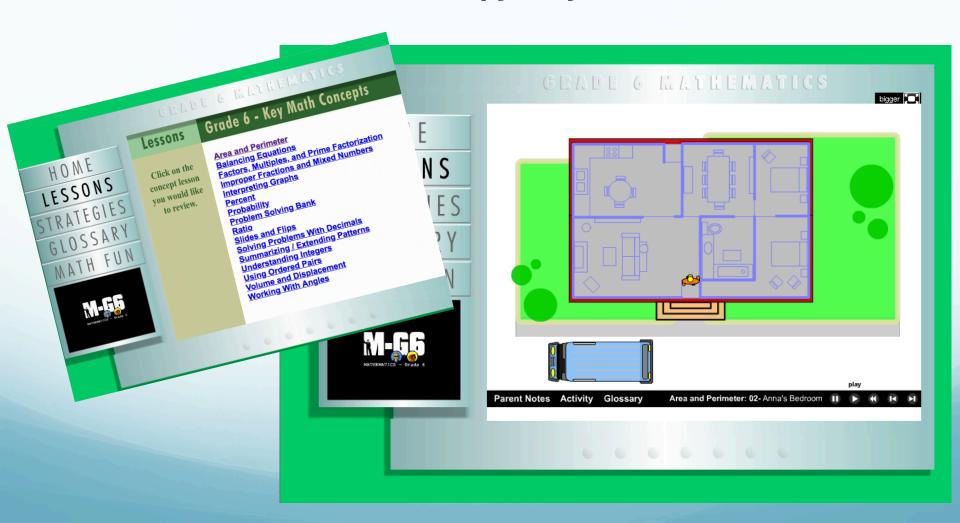
Every story that is told has a foundation, or structure. For example, one of the most basic story structures is "it begins, something happens, and it ends." But a story's structure can be complex, and if used well you're not even aware of it. In this lesson you'll learn how Pixar structures their films, and you'll start laying the foundation for your own stories.



D	Introduction to structure
D	Story spine
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What else can you discover in "Curated Resources"?

Math 6 Spy Guys



Support and Sharing between Mentoring sessions!

Don't forget, if you've connected with another teacher here today, and would like to meet with him/her between now and our next Mentoring: Community of Practice session on April 10th – just speak with your WOTP consultant and Marsha. They can help you make it happen!





- Take 15 minutes to finish browsing through the resources on display.
- At your table, put your name on the bottom half of <u>three</u> post-it notes (please fold the sticky edge so it won't stick to anything else!)
- Place your name in any three baskets attached to a resource and we'll draw names to give away each one.

Thank you for your participation today!

Please complete an Exit Card before you leave.

Happy and safe holidays to all!

Mark your calendars: The next WOTP Mentoring session is April 10, 2019!

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