

~Simply Smarter~

More power to the brain...you and your brain can become smarter

Teaching learners 'from 3 to 103'
how to harness cognitive powers and
set and achieve higher goals

School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), invites you to a three-day *SmartLearning* Summer Institute.

Through cycles of action research conducted in B.C. schools over the past twenty-five years, *SmartLearning* has grown into an elegantly simple approach that includes a framework and sets of learning processes called *SmartThinking* tools. These research-proven highly motivating practices have a track record of developing all learners into more powerful -- and more thoughtful -- thinkers and learners. -- www.smartlearning.ca

Whether you are **new to *SmartLearning*, ready to go deeper, fully implementing the approach, or leading others** -- these sessions will provide you with simple ways to activate, engage and motivate minds... at any age, with any content.

If you are looking for effective ways to differentiate learning, then this is a summer institute for you!

Features this summer include:

- **FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN:**

A focus on developing rich oral language and cognitive play.

- **GROWING SMARTER:**

Equipping learners with a repertoire of strategies -- **POWER TOOLS** -- to guide and enhance learning, strategy work that teaches learners how to self-regulate learning, how to harness brainpower and motivate their own learning.

Learners love to know the brain science behind what they are doing. Each strategy reveals BRAIN-BYTES of information that the teacher can use to stimulate interest in the brain and learning. Through our research we continually get reflections that show us the power in the approach:

'I noticed that learning is sort of creative. My brain worked hard.' ...grade 6

'I noticed I met my goals. I really like this way of learning. It was different and utilized many concepts of how the brain works.' ...grade 11

'I noticed I am smarter. I noticed more colours and motion in my work.' ...grade 1

'I noticed that talk helped my thinking. And that movement made a real difference.' ...97 year- old community member

- **PLANNING FOR SMARTER LEARNING:**

Participants will experience sets of simple strategies sequenced to develop more powerful thinking... slowing down to achieve deeper, more lasting learning.

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- **A GIFT TO LAST: A TOOL-KIT OF LEARNING STRATEGIES:**
Participants will leave with plans that include detailed sequences of learning strategies, and performance scales for assessing important aspects of learning. They will also receive a new teaching resource, a poster-sized coaching card that features right and left-brain hemisphere activity seen in the learner-sized coaching cards (English or **FRENCH** ... yes, we now have French ones! See www.smartlearning.ca on June 25th for ordering details.)
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Institute sessions will focus on:

- How to develop thoughtful interactive learning environments – contexts where every learner feels respected, valued, included and accountable.
- How to develop plans that teach learners how to set, reach for, and achieve higher goals – simple plans ready to implement the first week of school.
- Cutting edge learning, set on a foundation of current neuroscience and learning research.
- Teaching that stimulates energy, engagement and attachment to learning.
- Assessment that is easy, involves the learners, and develops a growth mind-set.
- Thoughtful interaction patterns in the classroom – perceptive, challenging TALK that develops higher-order thinking and higher levels of achievement.
- Going slower, going deeper.... to actually get more accomplished.
- Less marking time, and more time for life!

Going deeper... to equip learners with the skills to be more sophisticated thinkers and more independent learners.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Wed. August 25

Registration, coffee, tea & goodies at 10:00 a.m.

Sessions 10:30 -12:00

Hearty lunch 12:00-12:45

Sessions 1:00 - 3:30

Thu. August 26

Sessions 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hearty lunch 11:00-11:45

Sessions 12:00 - 2:30

Fri. August 27

Sessions 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hearty lunch 11:00-11:45

Sessions 12:00 - 2:30

This will be a **scent-free** event.

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Registration Fees (HST included)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In-district	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early bird by July 15th (out-of-district)	400
<input type="checkbox"/>	After July 15th (out-of-district)	475
<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Rate (4+ registered with 1 cheque)	350
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Teachers, Student Teachers, TOCs	300

INSTITUTE REGISTRATION

District _____ School/Institution _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Position _____ Grade Level _____ Discipline _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Home Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Food Allergies _____

CHOOSE ONE:

I am new to *SmartLearning*

I am working to fully implement the *SmartLearning* approach

I am supporting others:

Teaching side-by-side; leading *SmartLearning* Rounds; developing *SmartLearning* sequences with others.

CHOOSE ONE GRADE GROUP FOR THE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

() **Kindergarten *SmartLearning*: The Heart of Full-Day Kindergarten**

A three-day session working with some of our province's leading Early Years educators – they will show how to use *SmartLearning* to develop rich oral language and cognitive play and in full-day K.

() ***SmartLearning* in Grades 1 & 2**

() ***SmartLearning* in Grades 3-7**

() ***SmartLearning* in Grades 8-12**

Trainers in each grade group will show how to develop powerful interactive learning environments, how to use sequences of learning strategies to develop important skills and lasting learning. These sequences will be easily adapted to different resources, and to the needs of all learners. They will also show how to teach learners to apply their skills to texts, read independently, and ways to develop rich vocabulary skills and word knowledge.

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You will come away with ideas on how to build your classroom program using a simple framework and sets of strategies -- *SmartThinking* Tools -- that promote powerful thinking in *ALL* learners.

As a participant, you will have the opportunity to work with resources you plan to use during the first few weeks of school. **Please bring a core resource you intend to use, and something you are currently reading – a book, a periodical, an article, the newspaper...**

Trainers for the grades 1-12 groups will be modeling how to implement **M·A·S·T (Mindful Application of Strategies and Tools) for *just-right* reading** across the grades. More power in reading comes when learners have opportunities to apply newly found skills, tools and tasks to texts they can read and understand, at the speed-of-speech. Trainers in the grade 1-12 groups modelling practices in English, will feature this version of guided independent *SmartLearning*.

Additional Registration Details

Please mail your registration and cheque payable to SD27 to:

(Indicate August 2010 *SmartLearning* Summer Institute on the cheque)

**School District No. 27
Attention: Darlene Halfnights
350 N. 2nd Avenue
Williams Lake, BC V2G 1Z9**

Conference enquiries

Content of the institute: Please contact susan@susanclose.ca or call (604) 803-4174

Registration enquiries: Please email elaine.elliott@sd27.bc.ca or darlene.halfnights@sd27.bc.ca

Cancellation Policy

\$42.00 will be charged for all NSF cheques. No refunds after **August 1st**

Conference Venue

Williams Lake Secondary School
640 Carson Drive
Williams Lake, BC

Accommodation

Coast Fraser Inn 285 Donald Road, Williams Lake, B.C. 1-800-716-6199

- **When booking your room(s)**, please identify "SD 27 *SmartLearning* Summer Institute"
- **Rates:** \$85 (queen or king or double) \$95 (king + sofa bed). Taxes additional.
- **Hotel deadline:** 58 rooms are held at the above rates until **July 26**.
Following this date, rooms are subject to availability.
Minutes from the Williams Lake Secondary School venue

Super 8 Hotel 1712 Broadway Avenue South, Hwy 97, Williams Lake, B.C. 1-866-398-8884

- **When booking your room(s)**, please identify "SD 27 *SmartLearning* Summer Institute."
- **Super 8 rates:** \$95 (queen). Taxes additional.
- **Hotel deadline** 20 rooms are held at the above rate until **August 5**
Following this date, rooms are subject to availability
Approximately 10 minutes from the Williams Lake Secondary School venue

Campgrounds – Camping is available close to downtown Williams Lake.

For information, visit www.williamslakestampede.com.

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Note: Institute agenda will be posted by August 1: www.smartlearning.ca