

GPATA #13 Fall PD Day

Registration Fee:

Free

Registration Deadline:

November 25, 2022

Course Code:

Date(s):

Nov 25, 2022

Session Location:

4412 - 50th Street, Grimshaw, AB

About the Session:

The Greater Peace ATA Local #13 Professional Development Committee welcomes all teachers and educational assistant from Holy Family Catholic Regional Division and Peace River School Division to register for the fall PD Day in Grimshaw, Nov 25, 2022.

This year's event is a face to face professional learning day, featuring Keynote Speaker Shelly Moore, and various presenters from across the province and teachers from your school divisions.

All teachers and educational assistants attending the Fall PD Day

need to pre-register in advance.

Registration will open on Nov. 1/22. The site will remain open until the Fall PD Day but sessions may already be at capacity (closed) due to room size. Guests are encouraged to pre-register as soon as possible.

Please view the program and review your session options for the day before pre-registering by clicking [here](#).

About the Presenter(s):

Amanda Bliska

Amanda Wilson - Explore Learning

For 18 years, Amanda Wilson has been an advocate for STEM education. She was a secondary STEM teacher, then transferred to a district STEM instructional and assessment specialist. Amanda has worked with multiple education grants at the collegiate level supporting new STEM teachers designed to increase teacher retention rates. Amanda has been with ExploreLearning for over 4 years supporting elementary and secondary teachers in the United States and Canada. She believes all students are naturally inquisitive and active learners.

Amy Soudek

Amy and Christine from ONE Nutrition, are the Peace River region's Food Animators. Both are Registered Natural Nutrition Clinical Practitioners operating out of the Better Living Center in Peace River. With much experience educating families and the younger generation in regards to food nourishment through their Healthy Happy Families Initiative, Amy and Christine know the value of what a farm to school program could bring to family's in the Peace region.

Andrew Bullen

Andrew Bullen teaches Division 4 science classes in PRSD out of Manning. He has been teaching via a blended model in some capacity for 4 years and is in his 6th year of teaching.

Angela DesBarres

Angela retired (June 2021) from Grande Prairie Public School Division after 32 years of service as a classroom teacher, academic support, teacher librarian, administrator, AISI coordinator and the last 10 years as Director of Teaching and Learning. She has a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and a Master of Science in Education with a focus in Elementary Literacy and Reading from Walden University. Her desire to obtain her Masters' degree stemmed from the desire to assist those students who were struggling to read and write. From there her passion for best practices in teaching began and continues to grow. Angela currently teaches for the Teacher Education North Program at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

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Audrey Senft

Christine Findlay

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Crystal Wolfe

???????? (Crystal Wolfe) is a Nehiyaw and Siksikaisitapi from the Blackfoot Confederacy. She deeply values her Cree and Blackfoot cultures, promoting them through Nehiyawi classes, Plain Indian sign language workshops, and ASL classes. Crystal Wolfe builds meaningful connections with Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island. Language revitalization is her passion, teaching PISL and Cree to preserve traditions and languages for future generations. As a proud nikawiy and kokum, she finds joy in her family. Guided by the wisdom of elders, she embraces kisemanito, okâwimâwaskiy, askiy, nipîy, and all relations.

Diana Boisvert

Diana Boisvert est la directrice du Centre de ressources de la langue française, la représentante de l’Alberta au Conseil national de l’ACPLS et une directrice pour Canadian Parents for French Alberta. Dans le cadre de son rôle, elle est également responsable du Centre d’examen DELF-DALF de Grande Prairie. Avec 13 ans d’expérience en enseignement dans des classes d’immersion française et français de base et 5 ans en tant que directrice du Centre. Diana est passionnée par l’acquisition d’une langue seconde à travers l’approche actionnelle utilisant le Cadre européen commun de référence pour les langues (CECRL). De plus, elle a été l’une des premières enseignantes de français de base à piloter les examens DELF PRIM au Canada.

Hayley White

I have been teaching for eight years, six of those have been in Grimshaw, Alberta. My first teaching assignment was on a remote reserve on the side of James Bay in Northern Ontario. At this teaching job I was very fortunate to learn the art of beading and moccasin/ mukluk making from an elder and knowledge keeper. I have been practicing the skills passed on to me from them for the last seven years and really enjoy sharing them with my students.

Jen Duperron- Trydal

As an FASD Instructional Coach for the region, Jen Duperron-Trydal brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. She has been employed with the Northwest Peace FASD Network since 2014 and has held the roles of FASD Community Resource Advocate as well as FASD Diagnostic Clinic Coordinator. During this time, Jen has presented about FASD at numerous Educational Conferences/Conventions over the years. In the past, Jen was also employed for over a decade within various school systems (including High Schools, Elementary Schools, an Alternate School, and a College).

Joanna Szymczyk - ASEBP

Over the last two years, ASEBP, like many organizations, had to transition to virtual presentations. While the world returns to a more pre-pandemic environment, after much review and consideration, ASEBP has decided to continue providing primarily virtual presentations. The presentations are done live, enabling attendees to see and listen to the presentations no differently than if they were hosted in-person, including the ability to ask questions.

Jon Pittman

Jon Pittman has been in the educational field for 15yrs. During that time he's spent many of those years shaping the minds of young science enthusiasts and dragging the reluctant minds into the depths of the wonders of science. Recently completing a M.Ed and focusing much of his research on indigenous ways of learning and land-based learning he is eager to share his ideas of merging indigenous ways of learning with the field of science.

Julie Gummesen

Julie Gummesen is a Grade 6 teacher at Rosary School. She teaches mindfulness classes to students throughout the school and offers PD sessions to fellow staff members. She recently became a certified instructor with Mindful Schools.

Katherine Gauthier

Kathryn Gauthier is a 200hrs yoga instructor. She has been teaching yoga for almost 2 years and loves sharing the joy that yoga has brought to her life with others.

Katherine Holtz

Katherine has 5 years teaching experience on a Hutterite Colony and I am currently at a new Colony after a 12ish year hiatus.

led her to her current journeys with infusing Indigenous knowledge into new curriculum, as well as doing a deeper exploration into decolonization and anti-racism work.

Melody McGrath

Melody McGrath-Taylor (B.Mus., B.Ed., M.Ed) has performed with symphonies in New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ireland. She has worked as a music teacher, classroom teacher, and inclusion coach for the past 18 years in Northern Alberta. Her published works include the book "Music in the Inclusive Classroom," which can be purchased from Musicplay Online or on Amazon.

Memorese Walter

A classroom teacher of 19 years, turned Educational Technologist, for Peace Wapiti School Division. Memorese loves seeing teachers and students excited about using technology in an authentic way! With technology always around us, Memorese loves continually learning and exploring new tools.

Nick Radujko

Nick recently retired after 29 years in education. The last 15 in central office senior leadership positions with Buffalo Trail Public Schools and the Grande Prairie Public School Division. He spent the last 8 years as Assistant Superintendent in either Human Resources or Curriculum. The experience in both rural and urban settings have provided the ability to address questions that impact either area. Nick taught a variety of courses over his years in the classroom, however his main focus was secondary English and Social Studies. He received his Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Calgary. He also spent many years as a Professional Development representative for the local with the ATA, 5+ years on the Central East Alberta Teachers' Convention as Program Chair. His belief in professional development that addresses the needs of the teacher and the learner was formed in these roles along with time as a Professional Development Facilitator with the Association. He is excited to be able to assist teachers, school staff and Divisions with their professional learning needs.

Sarah McKay

Sarah is the Manager of the Safe Schools Department in Surrey School District, BC's largest, most diverse and most progressive school district. Sarah is a regular presenter to education assistants, teachers and administrators in the district and also serves as a resource person/presenter at Safer Schools Together conferences and professional development sessions.

Scott Randall

Scott is a senior high English teacher at Glenmary School and a member of the English Language Arts Council. He has taught in the Peace Country at a variety of levels for over 25 years. He enjoys music, athletic pursuits, reading, travelling and watching film! An avid reader, Scott is also a multi-instrumentalist musician and songwriter.

Shelley Moore

Based in Bowen Island, British Columbia Canada, Shelley is an inclusive education researcher, collaborator, consultant and storyteller who has worked with school districts and community organizations throughout Canada and the United States. Her interactive presentations integrate theory and effective practices of inclusion, special education, curriculum and technology. She completed an undergraduate degree in Special Education at the University of Alberta, her masters at Simon Fraser University, and is currently a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funded PhD scholar at the University of British Columbia. Shelley is the author of the best-selling book One Without the Other: Stories of unity through diversity and inclusion, and an award winning SSHRC research storyteller and a TEDx speaker highlighting her work in presuming competence.

Sonya Fox

Sonya Fox is the Director of the Education sector of Enriched Academy for the Alberta Region. Sonya lives in Okotoks and supports the company philosophy that everyone deserves financial awareness.

Toni Craig

Toni Craig has 17 years of experience working as an elementary school teacher and as an educational assistant in the public school system. Toni has taught a variety of students with challenging behaviour and individual needs in inclusive classroom settings. She is currently working as an Inclusive Education Coach while pursuing her Masters of Education in Teaching, Learning and Neuroscience through the University of Lethbridge.

Travis Mitten

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