

PROVINCIAL INTERMEDIATE AND MIDDLE YEARS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

mypita FALL CONFERENCE

2026 OCTOBER 23 SFU HARBOUR CENTRE VANCOUVER & ONLINE



HANNAH BEACH

SEL AND RESILIENCE



ANDREW BUCKLEY

WRITING



GRAEME MITCHELL

HUMANITIES



CAROLE FULLERTON

MATH

Over 35 in-person and 70 online workshops for Grade 4–9 teachers!



Register at

mypita.ca

Early bird benefits until noon Sept. 30

SUBJECT AREA	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTER
IN-PERSON	8:45-11:35 AM FRIDAY	SESSION A-B
Math	Assessment to Instruction in Intermediate and Middle School Math	Carole Fullerton
IN-PERSON	8:45-10:00 AM FRIDAY	SESSION A
ADST	ADST in Motion: Lighting Up and Powering Electromagnetism	Nicole Cruz
Arts - Visual	Sketching Nature at Night: It's Fun and Easy	Beverley Ellis
Cross-Curricular	Dungeons and Deskmates	D. English/A. Campbell
Cross-Curricular	The Human Curriculum: Learning That Can't Be Automated	Graeme Mitchell
Indigenous Perspectives	A Path for Reconciliation and Classroom Learning	Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack
Language Arts	It's All Part of the Plan: Story Structure Workshop	Andrew Buckley
Physical Health Ed	Teaching Nutrition Education and Food Literacy	BC Dairy
Social Studies	Engaging Middle Schoolers in Social Studies Through Picture Books	S. Bailey/S. Vachon
Socio-Emotional	Resilience Lives Here: The Transformative Power of Relationship and Play	Hannah Beach
IN-PERSON	10:20-11:35 AM	SESSION B
ADST	Fast Fails, Big Wins: ADST and Design Thinking in Action	Nicole Cruz
Arts - Visual	Watercolour Window to Your World	Beverley Ellis
Core Competency	Core Competencies: Self-Assessment Made Easy	Ashley Bodnar
Critical Thinking	Critical Thinkers, Confident Decision-Makers: Enhancing Student Agency	Joanne Calder
Cross-Curricular	From Apathy to Impact: Building Something That Matters	Graeme Mitchell
Indigenous Perspectives	Witness Blanket: Voices of Residential School Survivors	Museum for Human Rights
Language Arts	Getting into Character(s): Character Development for Writers	Andrew Buckley
Social Studies	Developing Civilizations: Gamifying Social Studies	Elaine Jaltema
Socio-Emotional	The Hidden Roots of Anxiety and Aggression—and How to Grow Resilient Kids	Hannah Beach
IN-PERSON	12:45-3:30 PM	SESSION C-D
Math	Multiplicative Thinking in Intermediate and Middle School Math Classrooms	Carole Fullerton
IN-PERSON	12:45-2:00 PM	SESSION C
ADST	Budget-Friendly STEAM Buffet: Creative Challenges Without Breaking the Bank	Nicole Cruz
Anti-Racism	Pass the Mic: Let's Talk About Racism	Museum for Human Rights
Arts - Visual	Forest Fruits: Watercolour Painting Trees and Their Fungal Partners	Beverley Ellis
Cross-Curricular	Harnessing Hope: Empowering Tweens and Teens with Facts, Not Fear	Graeme Mitchell
Language Arts	Write Out Loud: A Writing Workout Session	Andrew Buckley
Language Arts	Unlocking Academic Vocabulary: Vocabulary Routines for the Middle Years	Nicole Harris
Outdoor Ed	Value Added: Enrich Learning by Connecting to Nature	Elaine Jaltema
Science	Force and Motion: Newton's Laws Using Magnetism and Static Electricity	Jennifer Kirkey
Socio-Emotional	Understanding Adolescents from the Inside-Out	Hannah Beach
IN-PERSON	2:15-3:30 PM	SESSION D
Arts - Visual	Stop-Motion Animation	The Cinematheque
Assessment	Assessment: How Do I Mark This?	Scott Belshaw
Indigenous Perspectives	Métis Medicine Dot Art	Kelly Poitras
Language Arts	Writing Modern Monsters: Creatures, Mythology, and Folklore Workshop	Andrew Buckley
Language Arts	Literature Circles That Make Kids Want to Read	Elaine Jaltema
Language Arts	They Still Can't Read - Yet	Nicole Harris
Math	Where's the Math? Mathematical Habits of Mind in Puzzles and Games	Susan Oesterle
Science	Electromagnetism for Elementary School - Shockingly Fun Physics	Jennifer Kirkey
Teacher Wellness	Making Sense of Your Pension, CPP, OAS, and Group Benefits	BC Retired Teachers
myPITA	myPITA AGM and Demo Slam	myPITA

In-person registrants will enjoy:

- The SFU Harbour Centre, a beautiful and convenient location across from Waterfront SkyTrain Station.
- A fabulous goody bag.
- Hot beverages, baked goods, and a delicious lunch.
- Flexible registration policies. Terms and conditions apply.



SUBJECT AREA	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTER
ONLINE	8:45-11:35 AM FRIDAY	SESSION A-B
Math	Assessment to Instruction in Intermediate and Middle School Math*	Carole Fullerton
ONLINE	8:45-10:00 AM FRIDAY	SESSION A
ADST	From Product to Process: Transforming Assessment in ADST	UBC Geering Up
ADST	Digital Literacy and AI	Science World
Arts - Visual	Art, Music, Identity	McMaster Museum of Art
Cross-Curricular	The Human Curriculum: Learning That Can't Be Automated*	Graeme Mitchell
Français Langue	L'écriture créative : des activités ludiques pour développer le vocabulaire	Miranda Krogstad
Indigenous Perspectives	Indigenous Worldviews Through Film	Carmen Rodriguez
Indigenous Perspectives	Witness Blanket: Voices of Residential School Survivors	Museum for Human Rights
Language Arts	It's All Part of the Plan: Story Structure Workshop*	Andrew Buckley
Language Arts	They Still Can't Read - Yet	Nicole Harris
Physical Health Ed	Evidence Informed Strategies for Teaching Food and Nutrition	BC Interior Health
Physical Health Ed	Sports-Themed Dances to Develop Physical Literacy	PL3Y Education BC
Science	Force and Motion: Newton's Laws Using Magnetism and Static Electricity	Jennifer Kirkey
Science	Coast to the Classroom: Relevant and Practical Conservation Learning	Ocean Wise
Science	Ocean Science Sampler	Ocean Networks
Socio-Emotional	Resilience Lives Here: The Transformative Power of Relationship and Play*	Hannah Beach
Social Studies	PoliTalks: Building Habits of Constructive Discussion	CIVIX
Social Studies	Fragments in Focus: Teaching the Holocaust with Local Primary Sources	VHEC
ONLINE	10:20-11:35 AM	SESSION B
ADST	Inquiry Based Coding	UBC Geering Up
ADST	Pine Cones and Pixels	Science World
Arts - Visual	the cut, the tear & the remix: contemporary collage and Black futures	McMaster Museum of Art
Cross-Curricular	Graphic Novels in the Classroom	Brittany Leonard
Cross-Curricular	From Apathy to Impact: Building Something That Matters*	Graeme Mitchell
Français Langue	Donner vie au français : des activités pour la communication orale	Miranda Krogstad
Indigenous Perspectives	What Makes Coast Salish People Unique?	Janine Bradley
Indigenous Perspectives	Holistic Model for Educators	I-SPARC
Language Arts	Getting into Character(s): Character Development for Writers*	Andrew Buckley
Language Arts	Unlocking Academic Vocabulary: Vocabulary Routines for the Middle Years	Nicole Harris
Outdoor Ed	Outdoor Education on a Shoestring	Laura Setrakov
Science	Electromagnetism for Elementary School: Shockingly Phun Physics	Jennifer Kirkey
Science	Interwoven: Teaching Science Through Creativity, Connection, and the Land	Ocean Wise
Socio-Emotional	The Hidden Roots of Anxiety and Aggression—and How to Grow Resilient Kids*	Hannah Beach
Social Studies	Engaging Middle Schoolers in Social Studies Through Picture Books	Sarah Bailey/Susana Vachon
Teacher Wellness	From Burnout to Balance: Navigating Fatigue and Fostering a Positive Culture	Michelle Meier
Teacher Wellness	Voice Care for Educators	Nancy Washeim

* In-person session streamed online.

Hannah Beach is an award-winning BC-Based educator, author, emotional health consultant, and speaker. She is the co-author of the best-selling book *Reclaiming Our Students: Why Children Are More Anxious, Aggressive, and Shut-Down than Ever—and What We Can Do About It*, a trauma-informed resource for teachers and parents rooted in the relationship-based approach. She is presenting:

- Resilience Lives Here: The Transformative Power of Relationship and Play in Session A.
- The Hidden Roots of Anxiety and Aggression –and How to Grow Resilient Kids in B.
- Understanding Adolescents From the Inside-Out in C.

Graeme Mitchell is a teacher, researcher, and speaker from Victoria, BC. He cares deeply about helping young people and the adults who support them navigate an increasingly noisy and complex world with clarity, agency, and hope. His sessions are practical, evidence-based, and grounded in real classrooms. He has a Doctorate of Social Sciences in Environmental Education. He's presenting:

- The Human Curriculum: Learning That Can't Be Automated in Session A.
- From Apathy to Impact: Building Something That Matters in B.
- Harnessing Hope: Empowering Tweens and Teens with Facts, Not Fear in C.

ONLINE	12:45-3:30 PM	SESSION C-D
Math	Multiplicative Thinking in Intermediate and Middle School Math Classrooms*	Carole Fullerton

ONLINE	12:45-2:00 PM	SESSION C
ADST	A Mind-blowing Adventure with Google Slides	Emma Cottier
ADST	Fun with Book Creator!	Michelle Mactavish
Arts - Visual	Learning to Look: Art Museum Strategies for the Classroom	National Gallery of Canada
Core Competency	Core Competencies: Self-Assessment Made Easy	Ashley Bodnar
Critical Thinking	Online Search Skills for Reliable Information	CIVIX
Cross-Curricular	Harnessing Hope: Empowering Tweens and Teens with Facts, Not Fear*	Graeme Mitchell
Indigenous Perspectives	A Path for Reconciliation and Classroom Learning	Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack
Language Arts	Write Out Loud: A Writing Workout Session*	Andrew Buckley
Math	Visual Math: Building Algebraic Thinking Without Letters	Nikki Lineham
Physical Health Ed	Yoga and Mindfulness for the Classroom	Brittany Leonard
Science	De la côte à la salle de classe : rendre l'apprentissage de la conservation	Ocean Wise
Science	Science is Everywhere!	Science World
Social Studies	Landscapes of Injustice: Japanese Canadian Internment to Teach Socials	Japanese Canadian Leg
Social Studies	Role Play in the Social Studies Classroom	Laura Setrakov
Socio-Emotional	Understanding Adolescents From the Inside-Out*	Hannah Beach
Socio-Emotional	Breaking the Stigma: Equipping Educators to Empower Student Mental Health	Stigma-Free

ONLINE	2:15-3:30 PM	SESSION D
myPITA	myPITA AGM and Demo Slam*	myPITA
ADST	Discover Indigenous Role Models and Teach AI Ethics Through Music	Michelle Armstrong
Anti-Racism	Pass the Mic: Let's Talk About Racism	Museum for Human Rights
Assessment	Assessment: How Do I Mark This?*	Scott Belshaw
Cross-Curricular	BC SPCA in the Classroom: Incorporating Cross-Curricular Animal-themed Lessons	BC SPCA
Indigenous Perspectives	An Indigenous Approach to Getting Started with Physical Literacy	Savanna Smith
Language Arts	Writing Modern Monsters: Creatures, Mythology, and Folklore Workshop*	Andrew Buckley
Language Arts	The Joy of Reading	Kara Frey
Language Arts	The Picture Book Project	Stephanie Halldorson
Math	Beyond Worksheets: Routines and Open Questions for Deeper Math Thinking	Nikki Lineham
Physical Health Ed	Being Me, Being Us: Creating a School Community Where Every Body Belongs	UHN
Physical Health Ed	Move, Laugh, Repeat: Line Dancing for Well-Being	Shelly Hanson
Science	Entrelacés : une tapisserie de jeu et de perspective	Ocean Wise
Science	Health in Orbit: A Journey Through the Human Body	Science World
Socio-Emotional	Understanding, Expressing, and Maintaining Boundaries	Laurel Aasen
Teacher Wellness	Yoga for Teachers: Relaxation and Integration	Brittany Leonard
Teacher Wellness	Making Sense of Your Pension, CPP, OAS, and Group Benefits	BC Retired Teachers

Carole Fullerton is a K-12 BC mathematics teacher-leader and presenter who supports the development of quality numeracy instruction. She has authored and co-authored more than 28 teacher resources, all of which are grounded in addressing students' diverse abilities using a teaching-through-problem-solving approach and focused on mathematical thinking and reasoning. She's presenting:

- Assessment to Instruction in Intermediate and Middle School Math Classrooms: Strategies for Moving all Students Forward in Session A-B.
- Multiplicative Thinking in Intermediate and Middle School Math Classrooms: Building a Firm Foundation and Promoting Conceptual Understanding in Session C-D.

Andrew Buckley is an accomplished BC author, storyteller, educator, and speaker known for his dynamic, interactive presentations. He inspires and energizes teachers with his engaging style, deep expertise in storytelling mechanics, and practical, classroom-ready writing resources that support both creativity and skill development. He's presenting:

- It's All Part of the Plan: Story Structure Workshop in Session A.
- Getting into Character(s): Character Development in B.
- Write Out Loud: A Writing Workout in C.
- Writing Modern Monsters: Creatures, Mythology, and Folklore Workshop in D.

Teacher-registrants receive a myPITA membership with:

- Access to recordings from this and past conferences.
- Digital and mailed newsletters.
- Access to members-only teaching resources.

Info and registration at



Early bird benefits until noon Sept. 30