

# The *Ideas* Conference



**February 23-24, 2012**

Ambassador Conference Resort  
Kingston, ON

*For Teachers of Grades 7-10*



**The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner:  
“Inspiring Inquiry and Innovation”**

## Thursday, February 23rd Evening Schedule

6:00-7:00	<b>Registration</b> .....Light Dinner (Tapas Style)..... <i>Cash Bar</i> .....Visit with the Exhibitors <i>Note: The Registration Desk will be open at 5:30 for early arrivals.</i>	Ballroom
7:00-8:00	<b>Keynote Presentation:</b> featuring <i>Caroline Pignat</i> - <b><u>The Power of Voice</u></b> <b><i>Bullying in the 21st Century: Its effect on adolescent learners and the impact of technology on the issue.</i></b>	Ballroom



**Caroline Pignat** is a teacher and the award-winning author of four young adult novels. Her first novel, EGGHEAD, is a 2009 Red Maple Honour Book shortlisted for the 2009 CLA Book of the Year. Recommended as a bullying awareness resource by Kids Help Phone and Barbara Coloroso, EGGHEAD continues to be a popular novel study in schools across Canada. Her second novel, GREENER GRASS, won the Governor General's Award in 2009. As a classroom teacher, Caroline has worked with children for over fifteen years in roles such as teacher, seminar facilitator, mentor, and coach. Given her teaching experience and her comfort in front of a class, Caroline is a confident presenter. She is a passionate writer and speaker who aims to inform and inspire.

Workshop Times	Friday, February 24th	Room & Grade
8:50-9:35 & 9:45-10:30	<b>Engaging Readers with Eric Walters Novels</b> .....Amanda Yarascavitch, Renfrew County Catholic DSB This workshop will use action packed, suspenseful novels to engage students in the classroom by incorporating critical literacy, differentiated instruction, media literacy and much more. Students will be eager to come to your class. Handouts and resource lists will be available to all participants.	Ontario West Grades 7-10
	<b>Engagement and Inclusion in Second Language Classrooms Through Cooperative Learning</b> .....Catherine Brunet & Lauren Wilson, Renfrew County DSB This workshop will model and discuss structures and strategies that were successful in Grade 9 Core French that could apply to any second language classroom (and beyond). Team-building and class-building created community. Simple oral communication structures allowed the unselfconscious use and practice of vocabulary. The addition of details such as think-time and write-time allowed all students to have something to share in their second language. Character development and the growth of an inclusive, accepting classroom culture were unanticipated bonuses. All teachers of intermediate students will add to their repertoire of pedagogy they can use "tomorrow."	Regal Room Grades 7-10
	<b>Accessing Free Tools from the Internet and Using Them on the Interactive Whiteboard</b> .....William Lundy, Hastings & Prince Edward DSB (retired) "Bump up" learning experiences by accessing a myriad of free tools from the Internet. These tools range from simple timers, sources of images and audio files, to robust collaborative tools. Advantages of applying them with an interactive whiteboard will be demonstrated and discussed; however, their use is not limited to whiteboards but to any compatible technology.	Lisbon Room Grades 7 & 8
	<b>Outdoor Experiential Learning: Meeting the Needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners</b> .....Clint Monaghan, Ottawa Catholic School Board This session will offer a balanced approach to teaching that emphasizes students' need for outdoor experiential learning while integrating technology to help meet the goals of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learner. We combine the understanding of 21 <sup>st</sup> Century technology with the view that we are stewards of the environment and that the natural world is of utmost importance for our health and our learning. Turning the tables on Nature Deficit Disorder within our students can bring forth surprising benefits that help us meet many of the goals of 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learning.	Kingston Room Grades 7-10
	<b>Building Instructional Capacity: Using Learning Goals, Success Criteria and Descriptive Feedback to Improve Skills Across all Content Areas</b> .....Lisa Smith & Michael Glofcheskie, Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario By engaging in various hands on activities that appeal to the visual, auditory and kinaesthetic learner, participants will improve their understanding and skill in using formative assessment practices that will improve student learning. Participants will practice giving effective feedback using real student work samples from a variety of grade levels and content areas. Opportunity will be given to explore effective ways of using student data for instructional planning (planning to meet the needs of individual learners).	Ontario East Grades 7-10
	<b>Teaching for Justice in an Unjust World</b> .....Maureen Bourke, Ottawa Catholic School Board How do we help cultivate students who are compassionate, empathetic and care about others in both their local and global community? This session will provide teachers with examples of dynamic, content rich activities and games on topics such as globalization, poverty, hunger and racism that encourage students to think critically about the world they live in and the type of world that they would like a hand in creating.	Rideau Room Grades 7-10
	<b>"Unpacking" Literacy Data: A Collaborative Approach to Making Data Meaningful</b> .....Teri Cook & Laura Maclellan, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB This workshop will be a "how to" discussion about the importance of analyzing data (perceptual, demographic, program and student achievement data) in a collaborative manner (as a school, department, between divisions, as a system) in order to create an inquiry-based learning approach that aligns goals with the needs of the learning community. This session will focus on the sharing of ideas, specifically in the areas of literacy with a crossover to numeracy.	Toronto Room Grades 7-10
	<b>Think Global, Teach Local: Technology and English Language Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> .....Nira Dookeran, Rosemary Kimberley & Vivian Petrie, Ottawa-Carleton DSB This workshop will highlight key components of our Board's project to promote higher order and critical thinking through the use of Mobile Language Labs and online resources for English language learners. The integration of this technology into the ESL and ELD classroom accelerates learning, facilitates differentiation, provides for continuous feedback, and promotes genuine collaborative inquiry for second language learners who often face unique challenges in English language classrooms.	Windsor Grades 9 & 10
11:00-11:45 & 11:55-12:40	<b>Managing Severe Behaviour in the Classroom</b> .....Pete Johnson, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Teachers can support diversity in their school by working effectively with students who have both developmental diagnoses and mental health issues. Severe behaviour, when combined with Autism/Communication or other developmental issues, can present unique challenges to teachers. This workshop will focus on the critical transition of students into new classroom environments using careful management of space, new augmentative communication technology and pre-planning for success. Useful strategies for managing aggressive behaviour in non-verbal students, students with sensory integration concerns, students with severe developmental delay, and others will be shared.	Regal Room Grades 8-10
	<b>Technology Meets Mathematics...Again</b> .....Kristy Tait-Angel & Crystal Lake, Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario Technology is a huge part of our society, so why can't your Math classroom be full of technology too? This workshop will look at some new and old forms of technology and how they can be incorporated into our math classes. With the use of clickers to start the presentation, we will venture in, looking at portable devices, the use of blogs and websites, virtual manipulatives, and even take a look at good old Super Source© and Gizmos©. The plan is to show grades 7 and 8 teachers a variety of easy ways to bring technology into the math classroom.	Ottawa Room Grades 7 & 8

	<p><b>Go Girls – Empowering At-Risk Females</b>.....Anna Daber &amp; Colleen Sadler, Renfrew County DSB Over recent years, parents, teachers, and administrators have brought to our attention that there is a need to explore the challenges and struggles associated with adolescent females. Some female students remain silent about very important issues that affect their lives. It is important to break the silence and give female students an opportunity to discuss the obstacles that they face. Go Girls is a bi-weekly program that facilitates an open and honest dialogue and explores topics such as self-esteem, healthy sexuality, relational aggression, negative social influences, addictions, and mental health issues. The workshop provides strategies to empower girls so that they can be better self-advocated, positive leaders, and empathetic citizens.</p>	London Room Grades 9 & 10
	<p><b>Helping Students Uncover Big Ideas in Mathematics and Technology</b>.....William Lundy, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB (retired) Interactive whiteboards can be a powerful tool in helping students discover, reinforce and review their understandings about some of the Big Ideas of mathematics. A number of topics, particularly in the data management and geometry strands, will be demonstrated on an interactive whiteboard and their applicability will be discussed.</p>	Lisbon Room Grades 7 & 8
	<p><b>Explore 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning</b>.....Dave Lanovaz, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Learn how to leverage the devices that students are carrying to get at the 4Cs (Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking) of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. This session will explore various apps for mobile devices and will also look at a number of web-based applications that may be used on computers and/or mobile devices. These applications will help students explore and develop their skills. Bring your personal electronic devices and your imaginations!</p>	Kingston Room Grades 7-10
	<p><b>Level Up: Increase Engagement, Motivation, and Student Success by Incorporating the Experience Points Aspect of Gaming into the Classroom</b>.....Brett Manlow &amp; Paul Clair, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Increase student engagement! This session will focus on the principles of Games-Based Learning, a growing trend in education. Gaming consoles like the Playstation 3™ reward players with experience (XP) points for completing levels and achievements inside the game. This session will demonstrate how teachers can transfer that into the classroom experience. Students can earn XP points for completing class work, attending, handing in assignments on time, and completing readings. As students reach a certain point, they “level up” in the class and receive benefits that make class more rewarding. The points are tracked through Moodle™.</p>	Ontario East Grades 7-10
	<p><b>It’s Time for Problems in Math</b>.....Kathy Pilon &amp; Karen Tobin, Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario Come, join us and turn your <i>minds-on</i> to problem-solving in math. Be part of the <i>action</i> as we explore student work to develop a stronger sense of where each student is and discuss ways to address the range of student thinking. <i>Consolidate</i> your understanding by sharing ideas to move students forward as they deepen their conceptual development. Take home activities and resources to support lesson planning.</p>	Ontario West Grades 7-10
	<p><b>Using Social Media to Promote and Support Learning in the Classroom</b> .....Julie Gant &amp; Kay Stephen, Ottawa Catholic School Board In this session, participants will learn to how to incorporate the social media of Facebook™, Twitter™ and YouTube™ into classroom curriculum delivery. Creating secure social media sites that include groups, documents, discussion, virtual field trips and differential instruction strategies to enhance the classroom learning experience, will be demonstrated. The assimilation of assessment strategies and constructive feedback are embedded in the process.</p>	Toronto Room Grades 7-10
1:30-2:15 & 2:25-3:10	<p><b>UDL (Universal Design for Learning): Making Education Accessible Through Web-Quests</b>.....Dianne LaFortune &amp; Nathan McCready, Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB A Learning Community (UDL) of teachers at ALCDSB continues to develop the skills and knowledge required to integrate IT/AT into instruction, student activities, and assessment. Data is collected to develop student and class profiles to inform practice. The selection and use of technology for learning is informed by profiles, School and Board Improvement Plans, and teachers’ need for professional development. Participants will learn how to integrate technology to create Web-Quests that are informed by their own PD, knowledge of their students, the curriculum, and School and Board Improvement Plans.</p>	Toronto Room Grades 7 & 8
	<p><b>Using Google™ Docs in the Classroom</b>.....Paul Pickard, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Learn how to integrate “the cloud” into your classroom with Google™Docs and how its use will help to increase student engagement and achievement. Participants will learn to upload, create, edit and share documents, forms, spreadsheets and presentations. This powerful Web 2.0 tool will help you to collect assessment data and provide feedback and collaborative tools for you and your students. Examples and lesson plans will be shared. Bring your laptop.</p>	Windsor Room Grades 7-10
	<p><b>Teach, Learn and Live with Passion</b>.....Jennifer Groulx &amp; Stephanie Pearson, Ottawa Catholic School Board Teachers will leave this session with a wealth of knowledge and practical teaching strategies to help motivate their students to make a difference, to inspire change, and to live with passion in the technological age.</p>	Regal Room Grades 7-10
	<p><b>Developing Inquiry Activities (Investigations)</b>.....Eric Betteridge, Ottawa-Carleton DSB You have nothing to fear! Take part in the development of an inquiry-based activity in a collaborative and safe environment. Skills you learn or refine in this session are applicable to other subject areas, but our focus will be on science. Bring your favourite lab activity.</p>	Lisbon Room Grades 9-10
	<p><b>“Le festival Théâtral” in Schools</b>.....Marie Touma, Ottawa Catholic School Board Learn how students can adapt and create their own piece of theatre based on a fairy tale or legend. Adapting a piece of theatre allows students to become better 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners by incorporating technology (e.g., downloading music to write their own lyrics, using educational software like Powerpoint™ for background scenes). Students improve their ability to collaborate in writing and overcome the fear of public speaking while improving their French language knowledge and skills.</p>	Ontario West Grades 7-10
	<p><b>Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Ideas Science Activities: Building Instructional Capacity Through Hands-on Practical Tools and Found Materials</b>.....Don Buck, Tamara Sayers-Pringle &amp; Randy Votary, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB This workshop includes hands-on practical activities that will engage students in inquiry-based learning and will build instructional capacity amongst teachers. The activities align with the Understanding Structures and Mechanisms strand of the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. Participants will take away a comprehensive package that includes the Big Ideas for guiding differentiated instruction and three activities (formative and summative) that build student capacity for collaboration, communication and problem-solving. You will enjoy this hands-on problem-solving approach to design and engineering from a student’s perspective, while using real-life tools and technology.</p>	Ontario East Grades 7 & 8
	<p><b>Making Connections: Creating Curiosity and Motivation for Enduring Understanding</b>.....Kim Acres Scott, Renfrew County DSB This presentation will model classrooms that support the development of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner. While examples will be taken from the Grade 9 and 10 English classrooms, general techniques (e.g., using guiding questions, reflective journal writing, engaging in the editing process, and critical thinking) are relevant to all disciplines.</p>	London Room Grades 7-10
	<p><b>Differentiated Instruction and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner</b>.....Marc Paradis and Megan Valois, Ottawa Catholic School Board Web 2.0 tools offer a wide variety of opportunities for teachers to introduce online learning environments to their students. Google™ Apps will be used as a focus in developing strategies which use both technology and differentiated instruction. Teachers are highly encouraged to bring a laptop in order to follow along with the activities. This session is geared towards a beginner audience.</p>	Rideau Room Grades 7-10



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

6:00 – 7:00...Registration – Light Supper (Tapas-Style) Visit with Exhibitors - *Cash Bar*.....Ambassador Ballroom East & Centre  
7:00 – 8:00.....Keynote Address with **Caroline Pignat**.....Ambassador Ballroom.....West



**Friday, February 24, 2012**

7:30-8:45 .....Breakfast and Visit with the Exhibitors.....Ambassador Ballroom Centre  
8:50-9:35 .....A Sessions  
9:45-10:30.....B Sessions  
10:30-11:00.....Break and Visit with the Exhibitors.....Ambassador Ballroom East  
11:00-11:45.....C Sessions  
11:55-12:40.....D Sessions  
12:40-1:30.....Lunch and Prize Draws.....Ambassador Ballroom  
1:30-2:15.....E Sessions  
2:25-3:10.....F Sessions

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Member\* rate: Total: **\$197.95**

Non-member rate: Total: \$251.97

Your fee includes Thursday evening tapas-style dinner, Friday breakfast, refreshments, lunch, and your program materials. All fees are due before the event. A \$10 administration fee will be applied to all cancellations. In all cases, cancellations are due 48 hours before the start of the event to qualify for a refund. Refunds are issued by EOSDN

**Deadline to Register: January 27, 2012.** Go to [www.eosdn.on.ca](http://www.eosdn.on.ca) and click on the *Ideas* Conference page. **Register for event # 1063.**

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