



Learning Assistance Teachers' Association

a Provincial Specialist Association of the BCTF

Upcoming Events

Note: The following data are provided for information only.

LATA does not endorse or support any of the following:

** Hyperlinks active

Les Fondements du Langage Oral Essentiels Pour Accéder à L'écrit en Fonction de la Science de la Lecture

May 18, 2022 3:30 - 4:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636593213?pwd=SDRLckVaTXRSeUJjRW1GOSs0MnN6QT09>

Demystifying the Less Obvious Presentations of Autism May 6, 2022

<https://bcasp.ca/events/>

Joyful Stories of Structured Word Inquiry various dates

[Peter Bowers SWI](#)

Check the LATA PSA53 Facebook page

Educational Spring Fling > BCTF North Central Zone Conference

April 29, 2022 online

<http://www.edfling.ca/>

POPARD training sessions and series

<https://autismoutreach.ca/upcoming-training-dates/>

CANCHILD Webinars (McMaster University)

<https://canchild.ca/en/research-in-practice/f-words-in-childhood-disability/webinars>

International Dyslexia Association:

<https://dyslexiaida.org/webinars/>

ACT: Autism Community Training

<https://www.actcommunity.ca/>

Experience Dyslexia - IDA

<https://norcal.dyslexiaida.org/experience-dyslexia/>

Florida Center for Reading Research

<https://www.fcrr.org/>

Reading Simplified: How to Start with the Science of Reading

<https://readingsimplified.com/science-of-reading-foundational/>

Reading 101 (free):

<https://www.readingrockets.org/teaching/reading101-course/modules/course-modules>

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No Newsletters July or August



Presenter Profile:



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Presented by LATA to our membership!

A special workshop "Writing Based on the Science of Reading" from Michele Mino-Corriveau

Do you teach in French and are looking for resources? Que vous soyez orthopédagogue ou enseignant en salle de classe, voici des sites qui pourraient vous intéresser. International Dyslexia Association-Ontario a un site dans lequel il y a une section pour les ressources en français. Vous y trouverez de l'information à propos de la littérature structurée, des vidéos et des articles au sujet de comment soutenir les élèves en difficulté en immersion française ainsi que plusieurs liens vers des activités en salle de classe, pour travail individuel ou en petit groupe.

<https://www.idaontario.com/french-sl-resources/>

La faculté de Lexie & Graphie est un site qui offre des diners-conférences en ligne, des webinaires en rediffusions au coût de 15\$ en moyenne. On y offre aussi des formations de 4-5 jours. Lise L'Heureux, M.A., orthopédagogue, est la directrice-fondatrice. Elle est épaulée par 2 collaborateurs : Michèle Minor-Corriveau et Mathieu Labien-Daigneault. Si vous cherchez des formations pour soutenir vos élèves en difficulté ou pour améliorer votre pratique, allez voir ce qu'on y offre.

<https://www.lexiegraphie.com/>

Réserver la date du 18 mai (3h30-4h30 Pacific Daylight Savings Time, en ligne via Zoom) à votre calendrier!

LATA offrira un atelier avec Dr. Michèle Minor-Corriveau pendant lequel elle décrira les fondements du langage oral essentiels pour accéder à l'écrit en fonction de la science de la lecture. Michèle est orthophoniste depuis 1998 et est professeure agrégée à l'École d'orthophonie de l'Université Laurentienne. Elle a travaillé auprès des enfants d'âge scolaire ayant des difficultés reliées au langage et à la parole. Par sa formation et ses recherches, elle est passionnée du partage des connaissances qui portent sur l'apprentissage de la lecture et de l'orthographe en français, en milieu minoritaire. On peut consulter son site internet pour en apprendre davantage sur ses conférences, ses publications, ses blogues et des ressources. www.micheleminorcorriveau.com

Cet atelier sera gratuit pour les membres de LATA. Si vous n'êtes pas membre, veuillez cliquer le lien ci-dessous pour devenir membre de LATA. <https://bctf-store.myshopify.com/products/learning-assistance-teachers-association>

Session Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636593213?pwd=SDRLckVaTXRSeUJRW1GOSs0MnN6QT09>

Michele Minor-Corriveau



LATA is proud to present a workshop in French for learning assistance teachers or regular classroom teachers. Dr. Michèle Minor-Corriveau will present the essential foundations of oral language in order for students to access written language within the science of reading in French. Mark your calendar and tell your colleagues teaching in French to join us on May 18th, 3h30-4h30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636593213?pwd=SDRLckVaTXRSeUJJRW1GOSs0MnN6QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3659 3213

Passcode: 002375

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We are on the search for French letter tiles for phonics instruction!

Here's what we've found - please let us know your recommendations for take and play tiles!

1. **BOHS French Literacy Wiz Fun Game - Lower Case Sight Words - 60 Flash Cards - Preschool Language Learning Educational Toy**

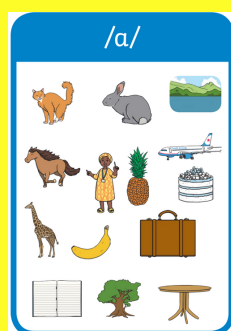
<https://tinyurl.com/y8zoomth>

2. **TWINKL French Phonics Flashcards**

<https://www.twinkl.ca/resource/french-phonics-flashcards-t-l-527556>

3. **Scholastic Poster Pals French Phonics**

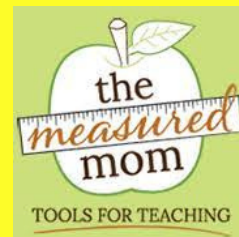
<https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/en/-french-phonics-fun-consonant-sounds-for-beginner-readers/3178573-cec-ca.html>





Where to get Free Decodables!

- Starfall
 - <https://teach.starfall.com/lv/projectables/PROJ009>
- Halfpint kids
 - <https://halfpintkids.com/>
- Flyleaf
 - <https://www.flyleafpublishing.com>
- Phonics books
 - <https://www.phonicbooks.com/>
- The Measured Mom
 - <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/free-decodable-books/>
- Phonics Play (comics)
 - <https://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/about.html>
- Core Knowledge (CKLA)
 - coreknowledge.org
- Tools for Reading
 - <https://www.tools4reading.com/>
- Sound City Reading
 - <https://www.soundcityreading.net/>
- SPELD
 - <https://www.speldsa.org.au/phonic-books>





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Dyslexia Resources

Over 800 sources on this Pinterest board!

- <https://www.pinterest.ca/focusandread/dyslexia-resources/>

Research, Webinars, Teacher Training, and Webinars here!

- <https://www.dys-add.com/>

The Best Site for resources, references, guidance, protocols!

- <https://dyslexiaida.org/dyslexia-at-a-glance/>

Focusing on Strengths for Success!

- <https://www.dyslexia.yale.edu/>

From the University of Michigan

- <http://dyslexiahelp.umich.edu/>

What is Dyslexia?

- <https://www.understood.org/en/articles/what-is-dyslexia>

LD Online Basics!!

- <https://www.ldonline.org/ld-topics/reading-dyslexia/dyslexia-basics>

Research-Based Resources and Info!

- <https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/dyslexia>



VESTIBULAR SENSE

THE SENSORY SYSTEM THAT ENABLES EQUILIBRIUM AND BALANCE AS A RESULT OF COORDINATION OF MOVEMENT WITH SPATIAL ORIENTATION.

TRY THIS:
CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE THAT REQUIRES MANY CHANGES IN DIRECTION AND POSITION, WITH RESISTANCE SUCH AS A WEIGHT OR BEAN BAG.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIPS

THE OT TOOLBOX.COM

NEAT PINCER GRASP

A PRECISION GRASP USING THE VERY TIPS OF THE THUMB AND THE POINTER FINGER TO PICK UP AND HOLD VERY SMALL ITEMS

TRY THIS:
PEEL MASKING TAPE AND STICK IT TO WALLS IN MAZES. THEN UNPEEL IT.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIPS

THE OT TOOLBOX.COM

DISTAL FINGER CONTROL

A FINE MOTOR SKILL EXERCISE IN DEXTERITY THAT IS NEEDED FOR MANIPULATING SMALL ITEMS LIKE COINS OR A PENCIL WITHIN THE FINGERS

TRY THIS:
CRUMBLE SMALL PIECES OF PAPER WITH ONLY THE FINGERS.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIPS

THE OT TOOLBOX.COM

KINESTHETIC LEARNING

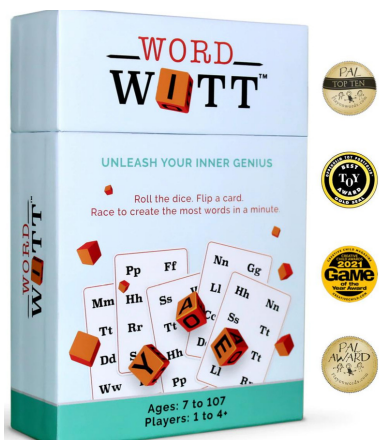
ALSO KNOWN AS TACTILE LEARNING; IS A LEARNING STYLE IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN LISTENING OR WATCHING TEACHERS.

TRY THIS:
PLAY SIMON SAYS WITH MATH FACTS OR SPELLING WORDS.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIPS

THE OT TOOLBOX.COM

Games to support Phonemic Awareness, one: one correspondence, phonics, visual tracking, and language development!



<https://www.wordwitt.com/products/word-witt-game>



<https://www.toysrus.ca/en/home>



<https://www.walmart.ca/en>

Woo Hoo! One of our members has secured a Canadian supplier of this handy tool!!! Great for in-class support, intervention, and adapting materials. The Legiliner™ comes in multiple sizes and is refillable.



<https://legiliner.ca/>



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Do you know a local supplier we should highlight? email psac53@bctf.ca



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BCTF

Explore resources on a variety of Social Issues available for both professional growth and classroom use on TEACHBC - BCTF. Exploring a variety of issues including a wide variety of time topics.

As educators, we accept our broad responsibility to build a better world for future generations

- Aboriginal Education
- Antiracism
- Disability Justice
- Economic Justice
- Environmental Justice
- Gender-Based Violence
- International Solidarity
- LGBTQ2S+
- Peace and Global Education
- Status of Women

<https://www.bctf.ca/advocacy-issues/social-issues#aboriginal-education>



Association links, Training & Post-Graduate programming

Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders:

<https://autismoutreach.ca/>



Autism Awareness Centre Inc.:

Check out the recorded webinars available through this Canadian site:

<https://autismawarenesscentre.com/product-category/past-webinars/>



Autism Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Awareness - Find resources through POPFASD:

<https://www.fasdoutreach.ca/resources/>



Get Involved with Special Olympics BC !!

<https://www.specialolympics.ca/british-columbia>



Vancouver Island University Graduate Diploma in Special Education:

<https://www.viu.ca/programs/education/inclusive-education-special-education-graduate-diploma>



University of Northern BC MEd. in Special Education:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/education>



University of British Columbia MED. in Special Education:

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/graduate-degree-programs/master-of-education-special-education>



Reading Teacher's Top Ten Tools:

<https://readingteacherstoptentools.com/>



Memorial University Graduate Diploma in Reading Development & Instruction:

<https://www.mun.ca/educ/programs/graduate/diploma/GradDipReadingDev.php>



April Question:

April is OT (occupational therapy) month! What are your go to tools, practices, games to support OT in your programming?

Please email psac53@bctf.ca

We are continuing to look for your recommendations for Level A and Level B assessment resources!

Please email psac53@bctf.ca

We are excited to begin building a resource bank as part of the LATA website!

Check out the following groups on Facebook and let us know who else to follow:

[LATA BC](#)

[Science of Reading - British Columbia](#)

[Canada's Science of Reading - What I Should have Learned in College](#)

[Special Education Resource Teachers](#)

[Special Education Teacher Leaders](#)

[Math Intervention Matters](#)

Members' Questions:

Please send your recommendations to psac53@bctf.ca

Do you have a question that we can put to members?

Send us an email: [**psac53@bctf.ca**](mailto:psac53@bctf.ca)

Join the Executive:

Volunteering as a member-at-large on the LATA Executive is a great way to build cross-district relationships, to share ideas for great resources, to support others in the field, and to bring speakers to your colleagues through invitation at our annual conference in October.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining the Executive.



FREE RESOURCES!

Visit these blog posts for information and free resources:

1. <https://sites.google.com/pattan.net/pattan-literacy/2020-pattan-literacy-symposium/language-comprehension-strand>
2. <https://www.idaontario.com/french-sl-resources/>
3. <https://sarahsnippets.com/>
4. <https://thisreadingmama.com/>
5. <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/>
6. <https://www.mrsdscorner.com/>
7. <https://www.oneroomschoolhouse.net/>
8. <http://www.breezyspecialled.com/>
9. <https://mrspspecialties.com/>
10. <https://www.earlywood.org/domain/159>
11. <https://sharemylesson.com/collections/special-education>
12. <https://learn2teachwithbrandie.com/resources-teachers/>
13. <https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/resource-library/>
14. <https://do2learn.com/>
15. <https://autismclassroomresources.com/free-special-education-webinars/>
16. <https://education.ufl.edu/ufl/virtual-teaching/main/>
17. <https://www.reallygreatreading.com/heart-word-magic>
18. <https://www.carlasiravo.com/music>
19. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJqkhSNKynPzgLj4Xuqp9g>

Do you know of free resources we should add to our list??
email psac53@bctf.ca



LATA Goals

The LATA Executive continues to work towards the goals identified below:

- 1. To increase engagement with LATA members by using effective communication strategies**
 - a. Website, Email, Newsletters
 - b. Social Media
 - i. Twitter and Facebook to support
- 2. To support and to provide mentorship for those moving in to the Special Education field**
 - a. Scholarship - application available on <http://www.latabc.com/>
 - b. Connecting with new-to-district and mentorship organizations within various school districts
 - c. presentation at New Teachers' Conferences (e.g., BCTF New Teachers' Conference, January 2021)
- 3. Continue offering Learning Support/Inclusive Education professional development opportunities for members (service to members)**
 - a. Collaborative Teacher Inquiry Project (TIP)
 - i. We are fortunate to work alongside Catherine Quanstrom and Jessica Willows, BCTF Facilitators, for five half-day meetings to discuss
 1. The goal of this project is to collect data from BCTF Learning Assistance Teacher members on
 - a. the challenges faced by them in this role
 - b. to identify areas/resources/supports for members
 - c. seek guidance on ways to improve and increase support for students with learning disabilities/challenges/exceptionalities.
 2. Thank you for supporting future surveys and for reaching out to us via email with any suggestions and supports on this topic. See the BCTF Inquiry cycle.
 - b. Seeking out new and diverse speakers for workshops and the annual LATA conference.
 - c. Engage with Ministry of Education staff, University departments, etc., as appropriate.
 - d. Network and Collaborate with other PSAs
 - e. PSA Council meeting update
 - i. Three times a year, the Presidents of the 32 Provincial Specialist Associations (PSA) meet to discuss issues of importance to the membership and to represent issues faced by members. The next PSA Council meeting is on March 4. Please send your Executive (psac53@bctf.ca) any issues of importance so that we can discuss possible ways for changes to be brought about in working and learning conditions.
 - f. Workshops offered through district-based conferences (e.g., Surrey Teachers' Association (May), Victoria Teachers' Association (Feb 12, 2021))

