



Manitoba Elementary Teachers' Association

Joseph Teres School, 131 Sanford Fleming Drive

PROGRAM

9:00–10:20 a.m.

Keynote Speaker
Marc Kuly: Storytelling

10:20–10:30 a.m.

Nutrition Break

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Sessions META 01–11

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Lunch: on your own

1:00–1:45 p.m.

Keynote speakers
Alvin Gross and Deb Russell

1:50–3:30 p.m.

Sessions META 12–20

9:00am - 10:20am Morning Keynote Speaker

Storytelling

Marc Kuly

Marc Kuly is a support teacher in the Professional Learning Centre of Winnipeg School Division's Inner City District. His experience with bringing together diverse learners is based on his time working at Gordon Bell High School and his training as a storyteller. The work that he and his students did at Gordon Bell earned his students the 2008 YM-YWCA youth peacemaker award and him the 2008 Manitoba Arts Council Award for Arts Education. It is profiled in the 2009 documentary, *The Storytelling Class*.

10:30–11:30 a.m. Morning Sessions

META 01 Storytelling in the Classroom

Marc Kuly

Join Marc in this breakout session to further explore the lessons and experiences he has to offer.

Code: META 01

META 02 Make and Take Art K–3

Lynne Lasuik

This workshop will be based on the new arts curriculum. Some of the ideas that will be presented will show how to use various watercolour techniques as backgrounds for work, working with foam sheets to create fantasy creatures, and using tyvek paper to create class collages.

Code: META 02

META 03 Cake Decorating

Terry Willerton

The class will include how to make a piping bag from parchment paper, how to hole and pipe icing with a piping bag as well as how to flat ice an 8" round layer cake. This session will also include how to trim the cake and how to make roses and leaves out of icing. Each participant will complete a cake and take it home with them.

Code: META 03

META 04 YogaKids

Cathy Spack

Cathy teaches yoga to babies, tots, children, and families in schools, child care centres, and various venues in the Winnipeg, Manitoba area. She is certified with

YogaKids, Itsy Bitsy Yoga, and mini yogis—yoga for kids, and is also a licensed Speech–Language Pathologist working in the schools and in private practice. YogaKids is a program integrating reading, storytelling, music, art, yoga, and movement to educate the ‘whole child’ with comprehensive learning. Children learn to stretch, breathe, relax, and enjoy in playful ways. This program sets a lifelong foundation for wellbeing and builds self-esteem. Other benefits include building strong, limber, and healthy bodies, improved social interactiveness and contemplativeness, and development of focus, concentration, and attention span. This workshop is an introduction to YogaKids poses, breathing activities, and cooperative games that help children become aware of themselves, others, and the world around them. Please bring your own yoga mat, towel or blanket for this session.

Code: META 04

META 05 Work, Play, Life... Healthy Eating for Busy People

Anna Pohorecky

This session is all about you! Is your work-life balance out-of-whack? Does feeling stressed or rushed often lead to sacrificing plans for healthier food choices? Join Registered Dietitian Anna Pohorecky for a lively look at ways to make healthy eating simpler for busy people.

Code: META 05

META 06 Digital Photography

Sandie Zinn and Eric Sagenes

This photojournalism workshop will be devoted to using digital photography to

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advance students' learning and understanding. This creative medium will explore various ways of integrating photography into the curriculum. The workshop will also explore Photoscape for editing and adding effects to digital photography. Images will be provided to allow experimentation, if you would like to edit your own photo(s), please bring several images on a USB thumbdrive to the session.
Code: META 06

META 07 Card Making

Tracey Reimer

Enjoy an hour of card making with a Christmas theme. We will be teaching you how to construct a Christmas Gift Card Holder as well as a few designer Christmas cards. If you have stamps, punches, colored markers, ribbon, two sided tape, embellishments and paper that you particularly like bring it along. There will be some pre-cut/prestamped paper but the more you bring the more personalized and special your end result will be. (Max. 30 people)
Code: META 07

META 08 Folk Dancing

Dave Markham

Come join Dave for a session in Folk Dancing that can be used in the gym or the classroom!
Code: META 08

META 09 Kindergarten Sharing Session

Vicky Ahow and Felicia Kriegel

This session is an opportunity to share ideas with other kindergarten teachers. Participants are asked to bring ideas to share. Ideas can be related to any of the kindergarten curriculum as well as classroom organization and assessment. Please bring samples if possible. Each teacher sharing an idea is eligible for a door prize.
Code: META 09

META 10 TRCM: Treaty Education Initiative K–4 Development Presenter TBA

This presentation will provide an overview of the development of K to 4 Treaty

education teacher guides, lesson plans and resources which are being designed to support and enhance the current Manitoba Social Studies Curriculum outcomes. This initiative is an extension of the TRCM's public education mandate to bring K to 12 Treaty education to all students in classrooms across Manitoba.
Code: META 10

META 11 Using the Smartboard (K to Grade 3)

Alvin Gross and Deb Russell

Learn about and explore new ways to use your Smartboard in your early years classroom! Activities, ideas and websites will be shared, as well as examples of activities created using the Teacher Activity Toolkit. Learn where to find the best pre-created lessons, and how a Smartboard can be used as a powerful learning tool in your classroom.
Code: META 11

1:00–1:45 p.m. Afternoon Keynote Speakers

Engaging Students with ICT **Alvin Gross and Deb Russell**

Literacy and numeracy are at the forefront of everything we do as teachers. How can we engage today's students and enrich their learning with current educational technologies? Alvin Gross and Deb Russell will be exploring ways of incorporating technology naturally and effectively into your classroom. You will be introduced to technologies such as interactive whiteboards and mobile devices that can be used to improve student learning, motivation, as well as efficiency for the teacher.

Alvin Gross and Deb Russell are educators currently employed by the Prairie Rose School Division, with a combined 35 years of teaching experience, and have taught in both single and multi-grade classroom settings from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Alvin and Deb both have roles as leaders in the area of educational technology in their school division. They were part of a divisional team that presented a session on assessment at the 2007 National Middle Schools

Conference in Houston, Texas. They have also partnered numerous times in the last few years to present in-services on technology related topics to teachers from around the province.

1:50–3:30 p.m. Afternoon Sessions

META 12 Scrapbooking **Shelley Watkins**

Everyone has pictures to capture memorable moments, but not always the time to display them in a special way. Look through samples, practice your scrapbooking skills and create a practice page with pictures provided. Then, create a page of your own to take home, to begin your own scrapbook! Bring in 6–8 personal photos of similar theme to use. Paper, materials, and craft supplies will be provided. (Max. 25 participants)
Code: META 12

META 13 Make and Take Art Gr. 4–6 **Lynne Lasuik**

This workshop will be based on the new arts curriculum. Some of the ideas that will be presented will be scratch art, black and white optical art, pastel and watercolour work.
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**META 16
Blogs, Blabs and Inquiry
Deb Russell**

Technology ideas for Middle Years projects that don't take three weeks to complete! ELA, Science and Social Studies focused, this hands-on session will provide STT (sustained tinkering time) with free source programs such as, Blabberize, ANIMOTO, Classroom accounts on a WIKI, as well as examples of classroom projects using these tools to take away on a flash drive.

Code: META 16

**META 17 Bellyfit Exercise
Brenda Kulik-Macaulay**

Bellyfit is a woman's only fusion workout that blends easy-to-follow moves from Belly dance, Bhangra, Bollywood and African dance to get your heart pumping with pilates inspired core training and yoga inspired deep-relaxing stretches and meditation. An opening meditation and closing visualization make this class a truly unique exercise experience.

Code: META 17

**META 18 ePEARL
Rosalind Robb and
Michelle Larose-Kuzenko**

ePEARL is an Electronic Portfolio that Encourages Active Reflective Learning. What is active reflective learning? What does it have to do with portfolios? How does this connect with Literacy with ICT? Come and learn about ePEARL and how you might use it with your students in this demonstration.

Code: META 18

**META 19 Sport ‘n’ Math
Claude Molgat and Dave Markham**

This program develops mental math strategies which enhance basic math facts. Students engage in physical

activities, cooperative and semi-cooperative games to target the numeracy strand of the mathematics curriculum.

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**META 20 Using the
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REGISTRATION

**Conference and
Membership Information**

Conference fee includes refreshments before the morning keynote, mid-morning, and mid- afternoon.

Membership Fees

Full.....\$20.00
Student.....\$20.00

*Please note: Membership fees are in addition to the Conference fees.

**Full Day Conference Fee
for Members**

Full.....\$20.00
Half-Day.....\$10.00
Student.....No fee

- Full day conference for members, including membership, is \$40.00. Half-day conference, including membership, is \$30.00. The full day conference for students, including membership fee, is \$20.00. Your membership also includes two journals during the year.

**Full-Day Conference Fee
for non-members**

Full.....\$39.00
Student.....\$20.00
Half-Day.....Not Available

Lunch

Lunch will be on your own. Lots of great restaurants within five minutes of the conference.

Registrations will not be accepted after October 1, 2011. Cancellations will be charged \$5.00 after October 1, 2011. No fees will be returned the day of or after the day of SAGE.

Please complete the registration form and return with a cheque or money order payable to META (Manitoba Elementary Teachers' Association) together with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope and e-mail address to receive confirmation of your session registration to:

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c/o Stefanie Phillips
210 Rosehill Way
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Conference information

Contact Amber via e-mail metagr.p.ca@gmail.com

Please include your name, phone number, email address, questions and preferred way of being contacted.