

# Saskatchewan Career Work Education ENEWS

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## Happy New Year

2017 was an eventful year with Trump taking on his new role as president, Britain's exit from the EU, bitcoin's value skyrocketing, Prince Harry's engagement, the Roughriders almost making it to the Grey Cup, and of course, SCWEA's successful conference. What 2018 will bring is unknown, but it is sure to be a year of change and innovation.

The past few months were a blur with the hustle and bustle of post-secondary applications, credit checks and post-sec counsellor visits. In the new year, we will soon be rolling into the heavy scholarship period and of course, graduation preparation. Be sure to take time for yourself during this hectic season . . . enjoy the time you have visiting with students and knowing that you have made a difference in their lives.

SCWEA is very proud to welcome three new members to the team this year - Jon Kemp, Jody Bender and Clarence Neault. They are sure to bring fresh ideas and new perspectives to the group. We have representation from across the province, and we would love to have you too! If you would like to learn more, email us!

In this month's issue, you will find resources, both in print and online, teaching ideas, upcoming events and hopefully a few chuckles. We invite you to share your ideas and resources with us, by sending them to

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Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.

- Malcolm X

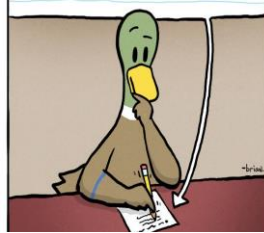
### Did You Know?

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission now has [lesson plans](#) available for middle years students. Check them out!



MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

1. GAIN WEIGHT.
2. SAVE LESS MONEY.
3. SET REALISTIC GOALS.



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your  
DREAMS

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# Travel Abroad



## Cool Websites

### Outward Bound

A rather unique summer program that cultivates resilience, leadership, connections and compassion through inspiring and challenging journeys of self-discovery in the natural world. With a variety of courses to choose from, you're sure to find something that will peak your students' interest. Bursaries are also available to help fund the adventure. Bonus .... you can apply for special subject credits too! Great for students looking to get some outdoor experience and acquire credits!

### Encounters with Canada

With 14 themes to choose from, students can spend a week in the nation's capital learning and exploring. Don't take my word for it, visit the site and listen to student testimonials! For the price of just 293 large coffees (\$675), you won't find a better deal!

### Katimavik

Helping to develop diverse youth as engaged, caring citizens and capable contributors and leaders for a better Canada is what Katimavik is all about. If you want to gain life skills and work experience while volunteering, then this just may be the program for you!

### Experiences Canada

Formerly known as SEVEC, this program is completely free! Explore another community, strengthen another language and develop cultural awareness.

Resources and your fingertips – free for the taking . . .

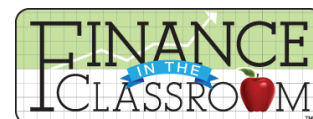
### Biz Kid\$

Lesson plans accompanied by video clips – a teacher's dream! Teach your students about money management, entrepreneurship, the economy and the hottest jobs on the market through games, videos and discussion. Get quick tips about budgeting, saving, credit, taxes and more. The videos are upbeat and sure to keep you're your students' attention.



### Finance in the Classroom

Although US based, this site offers wonderful resources for financial literacy for students in grades 4 – 12. You will find videos, pintables, lessons, book suggestions and more! You can even learn how to play the stock market! It's a one stop shop for all your financial literacy needs!



### Worksafe BC

A bit graphic, but the videos are sure to scare anyone into 'working safe'. A great starting point for discussion about workplace accidents. You'll find the videos under 'health & safety – resources'. Works better in Chrome (as opposed to firefox).



### University Study

Explore Canadian Universities and all the programs they have to offer. 97 databases are offered across the country with tips on applying for scholarship, indigenous programs, videos and application procedures.



### Xello

Warning: This is not a FREE site – but it is worth checking out if you've been a Career Cruising fan in the past. This 'new' version is more user friendly. It helps students discover the pathway that's right for them. It explores colleges, provides assessments and outlines various jobs.





### The Future is Yours *Saskatoon (February 6)*

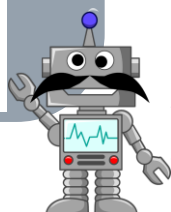
Youth leadership and career development workshops, trade shows and entertainment that targets Aboriginal youth.

### Contact Conference *Saskatoon (April 17 – 18)*

Join a group of like-minded people to network and learn about new and upcoming trends in Career Development

### Robot Rumble *SK Polytech (March 22)*

Interested in robotics? Why not be creative and create one of your own to 'fight' with students of other schools. Kits are provided – all you have to do is build, test and have fun!



## ChatterHigh

FREE, simple and engaging edu-game!



Chalk full of interesting and relevant labour market information as well as post-secondary institute information presented in a fun and engaging way. Students can sign up and compete with others to win prizes! It is a great site to build enthusiasm and have students start thinking about their futures. Why not sign your students up and have them do a bit of research at the beginning of class? They will be skimming for information, learning about different careers and helping them hone in on their personal interests and dreams.



## Early Safety Training

Saskatchewan Safety Council



Safety is important in both the workplace and the home. Why not give your student a 'jump start' by providing them with completely free safety training? The Saskatchewan Safety Council offers a variety of certificates that will assist students in getting a job, prepare them for careers in numerous fields, or fill requirements needed to enter certain post-secondary institutes. Three mandatory certificates include YWRC (Young Worker Readiness Certificate), WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System), and Standard First Aid and CPR. There are also many electives to choose

# Videos of the

## Happiness - Rat Race



This video is quite unique in its ability to portray the hum drum of everyday life and the importance of breaking out in the world. It can work as a conversation starter for students as they come to the realization that happiness CAN be found in a career that they enjoy. Finding their passion and what really drives them will, in the long run, lead them to a more fulfilling life where chasing the almighty dollar and being 'stuck' in monotonous activity isn't the only way to live. Be sure to preview the video – it may not be appropriate for all audiences. Click [HERE](#) to view the video, Rat Race.

## Don't Buy Stuff You Cannot Afford

A great Saturday Night Live skit about spending beyond your limits. Leads nicely into budgeting and financial management.

Click [HERE](#) to view the video, Rat Race.



## Money on My Mind



A catchy tune about budgeting by Microphone Jones. Maybe your students can come up with a budgeting rap???

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the song, Money on My Mind.



Contact [Leanne.merkowsky@lskysd.ca](mailto:Leanne.merkowsky@lskysd.ca) with your response – second one in wins a Timmy's gift certificate!

Question of the Month  
In the video 'Happiness – Rat Race' – what did the rat buy at the Black Friday sale?

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