



Happy New Year

2017 has arrived, and with it comes wishes of health, happiness and prosperity. As your SCWEA presidents, we would like to welcome you to the new year, hopefully filled with great achievements, innovative experiences and fresh ideas.

In this month's issue, you will find resources, both in print and online, an update of our successful SCWEA 2016 conference, teaching ideas, upcoming events and hopefully a laugh or two. We invite you to share your ideas with us, by sending them to Leanne.merkowsky@lskysd.ca.

We would especially like to welcome our new executive members to the team, who come from all parts of the province. They are eager to contribute their knowledge and talent to SCWEA and we are just as eager to receive the fresh and innovative ideas. We are looking forward to working with Paul Blenkestijn, Amanda Ross, Amy McFarlen, and Juli Nyiri and hope they will help to spread the importance of career education in the province together.

Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

SCWEA Presidents,

Leanne Merkowsky and Gordon Heidel



To the world, you may be just a teacher, but to your students, you are the world!

"We teach in a remarkable time. Each day you walk into your school, whether it be a classroom, office, or somewhere else, remember that you help to shape the future and what you do can change the world!"



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Cool Websites

Inside Education

Chock full of learning resources and teacher professional development supports, this site has tons of information about the environment and natural resources - perfect for students looking for a career in helping 'the great outdoors'. It is Alberta based, but also very accommodating to us cold-weather Saskatchewanites! There are also summer professional development programs available FREE OF CHARGE to teachers – I attended one on the oil sands and found it invaluable, a great way to network, incredibly informative and fun!!!

Manitoba Career Development

A one stop shop for career educators, this site, developed by the Manitoba Government, has a wealth of resources and activities, including a resume and cover letter builder. There are great links to supplementary videos, job prospects, quizzes and portfolios.

Time to Choose

This ALIS post-secondary guide highlights to programs available in Alberta and the institutions that provide such programming. A one-stop shop to find all your post-secondary needs.

Monkey Man

Looking for the perfect job? Why not try scaring monkeys off for a living? humorous, yet real video about a rather unusual job. May be a great conversation piece with students about 'living the dream'!

Looking for Resources?

Looking to enhance your elementary resource collection?

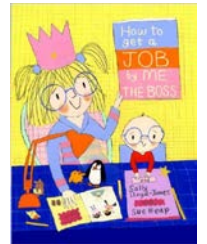
Sale: A Consumer Math Game (*Weibe-Carlson Associates*)

Money is tight! Shop for bargains! It's a great way to teach students about the value of saving and keeping accurate financial records. If you save the most – you win!



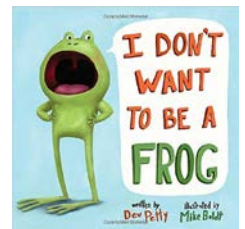
How to Get a Job . . . by Me (*Sally Lloyd-Jones*)

From deciding what you want to be all the way to acing the interview, this book has it all. Presented in an incredibly humorous way, it's a great introduction to the world of work!



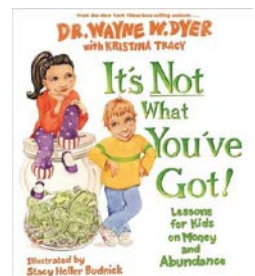
I Don't Want to Be a Frog (*Dev Petty*)

This beautifully illustrated story spreads the message about self-acceptance and friendship. It leads easily into a discussion about unique talents and skills. After all, what's wrong with just being YOU?



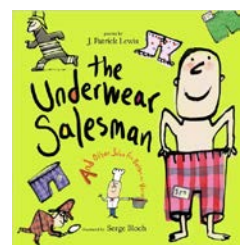
It's Not What You've Got! (*Dr. Wayne W. Dyer*)

An inspirational book about money and abundance. Short chapters cover ideas about living within your means, every job being an important job and following your dreams!



Underwear Salesman (*J. Patrick Lewis*)

Through poetry, this guide addresses some of the more esoteric professions. Puns are everywhere and visuals are hilarious. A wide range of occupations is presented in a creative format you are sure to enjoy!





The Future Is Yours

Saskatoon (February 7)

Youth leadership and career development

Contact Conference

Saskatoon (April 25 - 26)

An opportunity to network with peers and interact with experts as

Cannexus

Ottawa (January 23 - 25)

With a plethora of sessions to choose from, the learning and networking Encounters with Ottawa (year round)

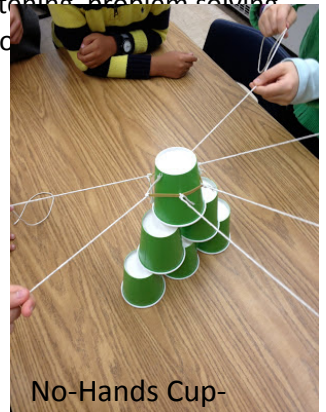
A unique opportunity for students to explore career options, but an even more unique



Soft Skills

Hard skills are learned . . . but what about soft skills?

In this article, [9 Awesome Classroom Activities that Teach Job Readiness Skills](#), a variety of engaging lessons for middle and high school students are shared. They focus on creativity, communication, critical thinking, flexibility, listening, problem solving, and teamwork. Thank you Andrew Sneddon for



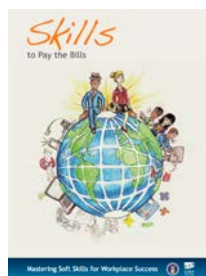
No-Hands Cup-Stacking Challenge

Engineering

What do Engineers do?

Each discipline, civil, mechanical, chemical, and geological engineering has a special focus and training. From [Queen's University](#) comes graphic novels that introduce each type in a creative style. Perfect for younger students, they've included interactive games and activities. Student resources are FREE – so you can get a class set and work through them together! The 'I'm a . . .' series can be ordered from [Aboriginal Access to Engineering](#).

Skills Pay the Bills



This downloadable ready-to-use guide, although US based, contains lots of great activities and discussion points about soft skills, including communication, enthusiasm, attitude, teamwork, networking, problem-solving and critical thinking.

SCWEA Student Awards

As a SCWEA member, you get to nominate ONE student who you believe is deserving of the award.

Click on the photo and you'll be taken to the nomination form.



eJournalism

A group of students from Living Sky School Division left their desks and books behind to become reporters, camera people, videographers, and social media experts. Students from Macklin, Cando, Spiritwood and Kerrobert reported our annual SCWEA conference live, covering everything from keynote speakers, to delegates, sessions, and related events. They worked creatively in teams to learn and practice almost all aspects of e-journalism. There was a live internet radio broadcast alongside a running blog of writing, photography, and video. Students learned the full cycle of skills required to do this. If you missed the conference and would like access to the audio clips, video segments, interviews, articles, delegates' points of view, music, and live broadcasting, please visit their [website](#).

[Twitter Presentation Powerpoint](#)



[Labour Market Trends](#)



DEPOT YOUTH CAMP

The Depot Youth Camp is a week-long summer camp for students in Grades 11 and 12 (ages 16-19).

Students selected for the RCMP Youth Camp form a co-ed group that is reflective of a typical RCMP cadet troop. By the end of the week-long camp, the group will develop a good understanding of the career possibilities offered by the RCMP. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Depot prior to submitting an RCMP application.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to interact with police officers from many different units within the RCMP, which will allow you to obtain a better understanding of what life would be like as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police!

PROGRAM OFFERS

Participation and observation of activities such as:

- > drill
- > driver simulator training
- > firearms
- > police officer scenarios
- > fitness training (PARE)
- > troop graduation
- > a tour of RCMP Heritage Centre and much more!

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

For more information and how you can apply, please contact:

1 Division RCMP ProActive Recruiting at FDIV-ProActive-Recruiting@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Student selection will be based on academic achievement, fitness and interest in a career in policing. While at camp, students will be issued parts of the RCMP uniform to wear and will be expected to act as a troop in training. They will be required to wake up early, keep dorms clean, and behave as a professional representative of the RCMP.

August 7 - 11, 2017 Open to Everyone
August 14 - 18, 2017 Aboriginal Focus

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 SESSIONS!
Deadline for application: March 1, 2017

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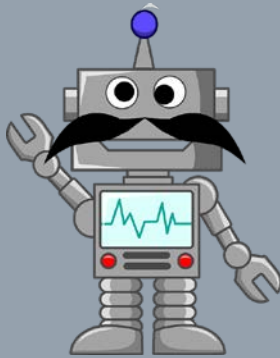
Watch for it! The new **Relevance Magazine** is coming your way now! If you didn't receive it – please visit [saskcareers](#) where it will be posted. Thank you SIEC!

What is the recipe for successful achievement? To my mind there are just four essential ingredients: Choose a career you love, give it the best there is in you, seize your opportunities, and be a member of the team.

Benjamin Franklin Fairless

QuoteAddicts

My Robot Rumble



I Are you ready for a robotic challenge?

If you are looking for a creative way for students to show innovation and ingenuity, why not register for the annual myRobot Rumble? Kits are provided by Sask Polytechnic. All you have left to do is build, test and have fun! You just might win some cool prizes or a tuition credit! Visit [my Robot Rumble 2017](#) for more information.

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Video of the

Lost Generation

by Jonathan Reed

I am a part of a lost generation
and I refuse to believe that
I can change the world

What is your dream job?

This palindrome poem addresses the misconceptions our generations encounter. It is presented in a unique and captivating fashion that will lead to deep conversations, debates and critical thinking. Click [HERE](#) to view the video, Lost Generation.

Contact Leanne.merkowsky@lskysd.ca with your response – second one in wins a Timmy's gift certificate!

Question of the Month
SKCDA is a new provincial organization that is finding its roots here in Saskatchewan. What does this acronym stand for?

Visit our SCWEA website at:
www.scwea.com