



Happy New Year

As your SCWEA presidents, we would like to welcome you to the new year, hopefully filled with great achievements, innovative experiences and fresh ideas. 2016 is the year of the Monkey according to the Chinese zodiac. It is a year of both wisdom and danger. Wisdom, as in possessing the financial savvy needed to survive in today's tumultuous times and danger, as in making smart decisions when it comes to investments – financial, personal and employment. You have to outsmart the Monkey by thinking twice before leaping in and making changes pertaining to your career, relationships and finance. The ability to analyze the labour market, search for ways to improve 'production' and then find a 'fit,' while infusing your own spin and 'big ideas', will bode well. It is impossible to know exactly what the future holds, but by preparing students for some of the surprises, joyous moments and hardships they may encounter, they will be well on their way to finding personal happiness and success.

In this month's issue, you will find resources, which support financial literacy, teacher professional development and the trades.

We also welcome our new executive members to the team, who come from all parts of the province. Like monkeys, they are lively, flexible, quick-witted and versatile. (Please note the omission of furry and mischievous). We are looking forward to working with them and hope to spread the importance of career education in the province together.

Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

SCWEA Presidents,

Leanne Merkowsky and Gordon Heidel

"Monkeys play by their sizes. Smaller tasks mostly come with smaller challenges. If you are willing to take step-by-step methods to solve bigger tasks, you will easily overcome challenges that attempt to stop you! Go, give it a try!"

- Israelmore Ayivor



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Cool Websites

Decision Making Guide

This ready-to-use activity book helps students in grade eight make wise choices when it comes to their life, employment and future.

Curiosity

This is a great site to engage and motivate learners in grades 8 – 12 while exploring the relevance of science. Check it out to discover if the turkey you just ate during the holidays is making you sleepy! Chock full of projects, career profiles, case studies and videos that support the Saskatchewan curriculum, Curiosity is a one-stop shop!

Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course

Tragically, on average, THREE young people die on the job in Saskatchewan each year. Don't let your students be one of these statistics. Visit Work Safe Sask for online courses, videos, contests, guides, information on rights and responsibilities, and teacher resources. [WorksafeBC](#) also has excellent class supports.

Get your students ready for the 'wonderful world of work' by walking them through the NEW interactive online course. It presents information about employment standards and workplace health and safety. It is required if aged 14 or 15 and working in the province.

Careers In Trades

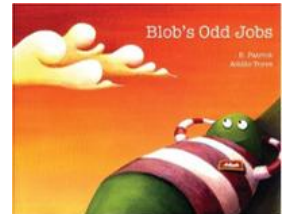
If your students are considering a career in the trades, check out the resources on this site. The accompanying [video](#) is excellent for parent presentations or as an introduction to the trades.

Looking for Resources?

Looking to enhance your elementary resource collection?
Check these out . . .

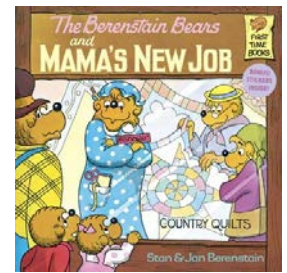
Blob's Odd Jobs (*B. Patrick and Attilio Torre*)

A beautifully illustrated story book about Mr. Robertson, a man who quits his job as a fire hydrant cleaner and ventures out to seek other possibilities. Will he find what he is looking for?



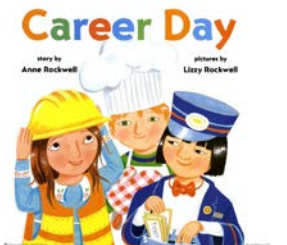
The Berenstain Bears and Mama's New Job (*Stan & Jan Berenstain*)

A Mama's work is never done. Not only does she tend to the children and keep an immaculate house, but she has a creative hobby too. Will she turn this hobby into something more?



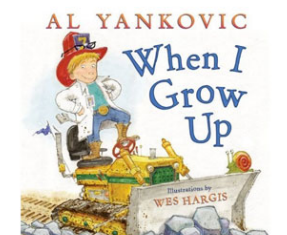
Career Day (*Anne Rockwell*)

What kinds of work do people YOU know do? On Career Day at school, the class meets many different people, with different jobs. It gets them thinking about what they want to do when they grow up.



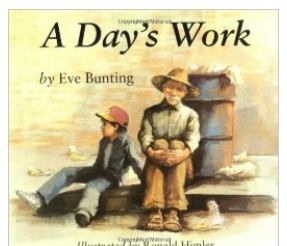
When I Grow Up (*Al Yankovic*)

It's Weird Al's virtuoso wordplay, irresistible rhythm and laugh-out-loud humor that makes this book irresistible. Chock full of creative possibilities from snail training to sumo wrestling - you just may find yourself exploring a new job yourself!



A Day's Work (*Eve Bunting*)

A touching story about the reversal of roles between an immigrant child and adult as they make their way through daily life. The book explores work and responsibility from a whole new perspective. It is a great discussion starter.





The Future Is Yours

Saskatoon (February 8)

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

Contact Conference

Saskatoon (April 12 - 13)

An opportunity to network with peers and interact with experts as you learn about the growing and evolving field of Career Development

Cannexus

Ottawa (January 25 - 27)

With a plethora of sessions to choose from, the learning and networking opportunities abound at this conference.

Encounters with

Ottawa (year round)

A unique opportunity for students to explore career options, but an even more unique opportunity for teachers to join in the learning, supervise and have



Financial Literacy

Great sites to explore money management

Practical Money Skills

CFEE

Money and Youth

Make It Count

Inspire Financial Learning



Junior Achievement

A non-profit youth organization that delivers experiential programs on financial management, work readiness and entrepreneurship

With a variety of programs (Diversity in Action, Dollars with Sense, Economics for Success, Our Business World and more)targeting specific grades, JA brings financial literacy to life with activities, discussions, games and debate. If you are interested in having them visit your students, please visit



Learning Beyond Classroom Walls - Trading

Hands-On, Authentic Learning at Living Sky School Division in North Battleford

Learnings

Armed with a hammer, measuring tape and assortment of other nifty tools and gadgets neatly tucked into their carpenter belts, North Battleford

Comprehensive High School students venture out on a unique opportunity. For four and a half hours a day, they break free from the four-walled classroom and head to the great outdoors to construct

their very first home. "It's a lot more fun than I was expecting" commented one future carpenter, "and we get to learn how to build a house right from the bottom." After completing their first framed wall, one student stood back, admired his work and proudly exclaimed, "Hey, I built that!"

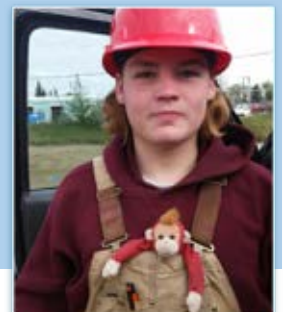


Trading Up provides students with the confidence, knowledge and experience needed to reflect on their abilities and interests in order to determine if they would be a good 'fit' for the trades. When asked about their future goals, all reported that they were interested in formal schooling and pursuing a career in some aspect of construction.

Dave Peterson, one of the foremen supervising the boys at our partner's location, Home Hardware North Battleford, speaks highly of the opportunity and strives to ensure students are knowledgeable in both the 'how' and 'why' aspects of building. "He doesn't just say 'go do this', he always tells us the reason and he explains it really well." The supervisors focus on quality, productivity and safety.

Students will also assist in building a Habitat for Humanity home, leaving them with not only additional practice, but with the warm feeling of 'helping others in the community'.

With 50 hours of theory under their belt, comprised of a WHMIS 2015 certificate, YWRCC, carpentry math skills, a career portfolio, resume and interview skills, supported by the hands-on portion of the program, students are well on their way to a successful future in the trades. A special thank you to our partner, Home Hardware North Battleford, for their support and dedication to this project.



Try-A-Trade

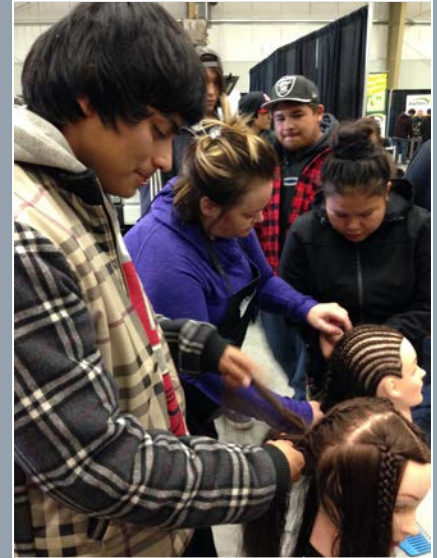
An opportunity to see trades in action . . . and try them for yourself!



Try-A-Trade Career Expos are held throughout the province during various times of the year. It is an excellent time to expose your students to the vast array of career possibilities in the trades, chat with trades people and learn about the skills and education required to enter the industry.

If you haven't attended one, you are not too late! Lloydminster Try-A-Trade is coming up on May 4th.

For more information, visit the [Lloydminster Construction Association](http://www.lloydminsterconstructionassociation.com).



Video of the Month



What is your dream job?

This inspirational video highlights the ideal job for one man as he found a way 'to do what he loves' every day. It is a great discussion starter for exploring your students' dreams. Click [HERE](#) to view the video, Alma.

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

Visit our SCWEA website at:
<http://ssc.stf.sk.ca/scwea/index.html>

Question of the Month

This issue made reference to working in the 'trades'. Bruce Springsteen's 1984 hit "Working on the Highway" is about a man who works on a construction crew. Where does he find himself at the end of the song?