

Teacher Weekly Nov. 15: Additional Resources and Opportunities

Check Out New Dashboard and Assessment Features in Schoology

Are you using Schoology in your classroom yet? If so, Schoology has a new assessment feature that allows your students to take and practice assessments with tech-enhanced items. For more information about this new assessment feature in Schoology, [click here](#).

Please note: Schoology assessments are an option for you to use for informal, formative assessments to check for understanding. Illuminate DnA is still the recommended platform for interim and summative district assessments.

Additionally, Schoology now offers a course dashboard for you and your students to access and view courses more easily. This is especially helpful for elementary teachers! For information on the new course dashboard, [click here](#). For more information about academic tools to support daily instruction, [click here](#).

Elementary Teachers: Access New Resources for Elementary Literacy

New literacy resources designed to support instruction, differentiation, planning and more are now available to teachers and leaders now. Resources include CMAS/CSLA-style questions aligned to Expeditionary Learning/Paired Literacy, guided reading lesson plans, Interactive Read Aloud lessons, as well as many others. [Watch this short screencast](#) to learn about the resources and professional learning opportunities available for elementary literacy teachers and leaders, or directly access these resources below:

- [Elementary Literacy Resources](#)
- [Elementary Literacy Professional Learning Opportunities](#)

If you have questions, contact [Sara Wortinger](#).

New Standards Based Report Card Guidance for Dedicated ELD Now Available

The Dedicated English Language Development (ELD) Standards Based Report Card (SBRC) guidance and format has been updated for grades K-8. During the first grading period in the 2017-18 school year, teachers have the option to use this new guidance (which is strongly recommended) or choose to enter ELD grades in accordance with previous grading procedures. However, beginning with the second grading period in the 2017-18 school year and thereafter, all dedicated ELD teachers must use the new ELD grading guidance. [Click here](#) to access the new Dedicated ELD SBRC resources, and contact your ELA partner if you have any questions.

Access Instructional Best Practices for the PSAT and SAT

High school teachers who would like to learn more about instructional best practices to prepare students for success on the PSAT and SAT suite of assessments can [access a new one-pager](#). This document provides teachers with concrete strategies and content-specific resources in literacy, math, science and social studies to support students in succeeding on standardized tests. For more information, contact [Scott Jones](#).

Explore Mechanics of How Humans Learn at DMNS Teacher Program

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science's professional development for teachers program offers an opportunity to learn about the brain and learning in the highly rated course Mission Cognition: A Hybrid Course on the Brain.

This course is designed to further your understanding of current research about the mechanics of how humans learn and process information, including aspects of memory, emotions and movement, and how these studies can make a difference in the way students are taught. Guest speakers, activities to build critical thinking and inquiry, and ways to make the practice of thinking like a scientist more overt for students with the goal of helping make cognitive learning more meaningful in your daily teaching practice.

For more information, including how to register, [click here](#).

Join IBARMS Fall Symposia "Inspiring Communities"

Educators are invited to join the IBARMS Fall Symposia "Inspiring Communities," featuring Cathy Berger Kaye, service learning and student action motivational speaker, along with several outstanding professional learning opportunities for all educators and school leaders. The symposium will be held Dec. 2 at Gateway High School in Aurora. Registration is open to both IB and non-IB schools. Fees range from \$50-\$75 prior to Nov. 20. See the [attached flyer](#) for registration and session details. If you have questions, contact [Gary Cooper](#).