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President's Address

Dear IHLA Member Schools and Friends,

Welcome back to 2013 - 2014 school year! It is my pleasure to announce that this school year is bringing to all of our members new and exciting opportunities to grow, prosper, and educate the young generation. IHLA will continue to provide its services, support, and counseling to all its members as well as promote the importance and development of all heritage languages in our multicultural society.

On behalf of IHLA's Board of Directors I wish you another productive, successful, and wonderful school year!

Respectfully,
Olga Prokhorova,

IHLA

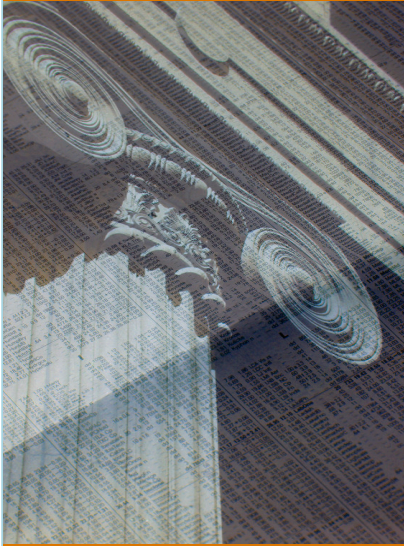
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Call for PD session facilitators!!

IHLA is currently looking for facilitators to prepare and deliver the following sessions in February 2014: "Best Teaching Practices" and "Technology Integration in the Classroom."

Please submit your CV and a 300-word proposal discussing the objectives of the session and the approach to the topic.

Please email the documents to edmontonihla@gmail.com by December 20, 2013

This opportunity is paid and is open for teachers of IHLA member schools only.

Please act fast!!

IHLA Member Schools 2013-2014

1. Gabriela Mistral Latin American School
2. St. George's Hellenic Language School
3. Headway School Society of Alberta
4. The Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies
5. Ramgarhia Khalsa School
6. Edmonton Korean Language School
7. St. Andrew's Ukrainian Language Classes for Adults
8. Russian Educational Centre
9. Jan Paweł II Polish-Bilingual Program at St. Basil School
10. Meyokumin School
11. Sikh Cultural and Spiritual Association
12. Gil Vicente Portuguese School
13. Ridna Shkola Ukrainian Heritage Language School of Edmonton
14. German Language School Society of Edmonton
15. Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School
16. Telugu School of Edmonton
17. Comitato Promotore Della Lingua Italiana
18. Armenian School
19. Filipino Language and Culture School of Edmonton

MLD Planning Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2013 @ 7:30pm.

Dear Current and Future IHLA Member Schools,

The International Mother Language Day planning meeting is scheduled for Dec 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Please bring your ideas and questions and we will do some planning together to successfully celebrate the 31st International Mother Language Day.

We are meeting at St. Barbara Complex, Bsmt-9566 101 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 0B4.

Feel free to email IHLA at edmontonihla@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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As mentioned during the Leadership Session in October that was delivered for Heritage Language School Principals, active teachers' participation in PD sessions and MLD will result in financial assistance from IHLA.

IHLA is pleased to announce that schools that participate in MLD and whose teachers attend at least 5 PD sessions throughout the year will be qualified to receive CAD 1,000.00 to be used for materials that enhance teaching in the classroom. (These materials will remain IHLA's property and will need to be returned if not in use.)

This financial assistance is available for member schools in good standing only!!



Scheduled PD sessions for Nov and Dec 2013

Register for the sessions and support your school.

November 30, 2013 (3-7pm)

Presenter: Michele Foley

(Additive) Literacy: From Theory to Practice will present information about the acquisition of language and the benefits of acquiring more than one language. The first part of the workshop will focus on the acquisition of literacy and how, even though literacy is considered a transferable skill, differences in structure and writing systems can pose potential difficulties to additive literacy, the transfer of first language literacy to second language literacy. The second part will look at some classroom activities that can promote the acquisition and transfer of literacy.

If you are not yet registered for this session and are interested in attending it, please send your request at edmontonihla@gmail.com

or register at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/additiveliteracy>

Location: St. Barbara Complex, Bsmt-9566 101 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 0B4

December 7, 2013 (4-6pm)

Presenter: Olenka Bilash

Global Citizenship Part 1: Learn about three perspectives of Global Citizenship (GC) and assess what you are already doing to help your students develop GC and how you might tweak your program to do more. By the end of the session you will be able to: define global citizenship, set three goals for GC in your HL classroom, and identify several tasks/ projects that match your goals. Participants will discuss how they are already integrating GC and what might be added. Sample projects will also be presented.

December 14, 2013 (3:30-5:30pm)

Presenter Olenka Bilash

Globa Citizenship Part 2: After a review of Part 1, participants will engage in additional GC activities. Learning a HL offers students an opportunity to enrich their lives, especially in a multicultural society in a globalized world. It is sometimes challenging to keep students in the HL program; yet many former HL students will state how they “envy their peers with language skills” or “wish that they had continued”. This workshop will explore how to continue to globalize your HL program to increase student interest and engagement. You will also learn multiple ways to guide students to recognize the value of their HL and be rewarded/acknowledged for that knowledge and skill.



If you are interested in attending these sessions, please send your request at edmontonihla@gmail.com

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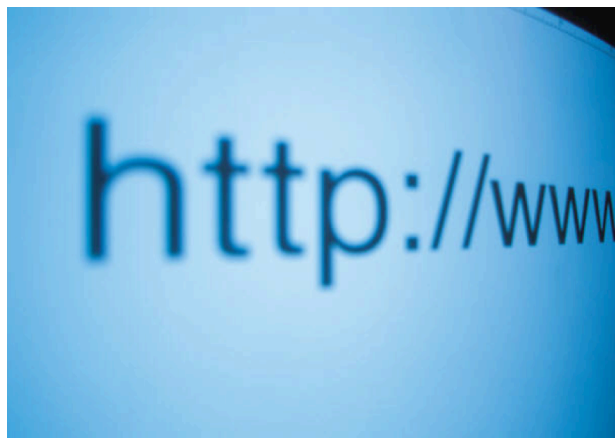
Part 1

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P9KG9KF>

Part 2

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P9LNHGQ>

Location: St. Barbara Complex, Bsmt-
9566 101 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 0B4



Become a Mentor or a Mentee and support your school financially.

About the Mentorship Program

The Mentorship Program is IHLA's new initiative this school year. It has never been offered by the association before. Please take advantage of this opportunity. It will allow you to not only mentor beginning teachers or serve as a mentee and work closely with an experienced heritage language instructor, who will be there for you to guide you, but it will also give you an opportunity to support your school financially at the end of the program.

Each Mentor School will receive CAD 1,200.00 and each Mentee School will receive CAD 600.00 at the end of the program. Below please review qualifications and responsibilities of both and sign up!!

To register for the Mentor Teacher or a Mentee Teacher role please email your CV and a brief Cover Letter explaining your interest in the program at edmontonihla@gmail.com by December 25, 2013. This opportunity is open for teacher of IHLA member schools in good standing only!!!

| Mentor Teacher Qualifications | Mentee Teacher Qualifications |
|---|---|
| - Over 5 years of experience in the heritage language school setting | - Under 3 years of experience in the heritage language school setting |
| - Related education/training | - Related education/training preferred |
| - Strong communication skills with an ability to develop and deliver sessions to small and large groups | - Ability to work in a team environment and showcase leadership skills when necessary |
| - Excellent organizational skills and flexibility in schedule | - Flexibility in schedule |

| Mentor Teacher Responsibilities | Mentee Teacher Responsibilities |
|---|--|
| - Prepare and deliver 3 informal sessions to a group of min 5 Mentee Teachers | - Attend 3 informal sessions organized by the Mentor |
| - Report to IHLA on the outcomes of each session | - Report to IHLA on the outcomes of each session |

Twitter Campaign to Support Bill 211

International Languages Education Act

Dear Language School Representatives, Volunteers, Principals, Teachers, Parents and Students,

SAHLA 's and IHLA's letter writing and petition campaign has expanded to social media! We are asking all of our community language schools representatives who use twitter to please join us as early as today and over the next few days by sending tweets to the Premier (@Premier_Redford), Deputy Premier (@LukaszukMLA), Education Minister (@JeffJohnsonMLA) Alberta Education (@AlbertaEd) and your own local MLA's, thanking them for supporting Motion 513, and asking them to support Bill 211- International Languages Education Act, which will be introduced in Legislature this Monday December 2, 2013.

Thank you for your support,
IHLA

Tweet On and Before December 2, 2013 to Support the International Heritage Language Education in Alberta!!



@Premier_Redford #Bill211 International #Languages Act will help Alberta students become multilingual global citizens #ableg #abed #yyc #yeg



@LukaszukMLA # Thanks for supporting Motion 513 International #Languages. Pls support #Bill211 to help Alberta students #ableg #abed



@JeffJohnsonMLA Thanks for supporting Motion 513 International #Languages. Pls support #Bill211 to help Alberta students #ableg #abed



-#Bill211 International #Languages Education will help Alberta students enhance brain development & academic potential #ableg #abed



-#Bill211 International #Languages Education will give Alberta students a competitive edge in career choices #ableg #abed



-#Bill211 International #Languages Education will help students become multilingual & multicultural leaders #ableg #abed



-#Bill211 International #Languages Education will enhance students travel experiences in other countries #ableg #abed

-#Bill211 International #Languages Education enhances self-awareness, respect for others & lifelong learning #ableg #abed