

# THE PRAIRIE PAGE



Prairie Centre for  
Christian Education

**Professional Leave:** From June 1-30, Gayle Monsma (PCCE's Executive Director) will be taking the remaining part of the professional leave that is part of her contract. She will be engaged in a variety of activities and experiences focused on learning, reflecting and growing. Part of her time will be spent volunteering with EduDeo Ministries (a PCCE partner) in Zambia and then she will be visiting several Christian schools and colleagues in Australia to learn from their rich and forward-thinking educational system. During the time Gayle is on leave, please send your requests or questions to Ruth ([office@pcce.ca](mailto:office@pcce.ca)), Jeremy ([jhorlings@pcce.ca](mailto:jhorlings@pcce.ca)) or Hugo ([hvanderhoek@pcce.ca](mailto:hvanderhoek@pcce.ca)). Gayle will be periodically checking her email, so if you need to contact her, please send an email but be aware that there may be a bit of delay in responding.

## LIVING

Over the next few weeks, this part of The Page will contain excerpts from the article, "What is Transformative Christian Education?" (from *Transformational Education: A Framework for Christian Teaching*) While we finish out the year, it can be important to draw us back to our big "WHY?"

**Part 1:** *Learning in this Christian school has a clear purpose: the transformation of students and teachers so that they might have the mind, heart and life of Christ and be his disciples. At the centre of our convictions about education is that schooling is for responsive discipleship. It is our hope and endeavour that students will follow Jesus Christ in obedience. Discipleship involves responsiveness. As students engage with God's world and word they are encouraged to respond with wisdom and knowledge, with discernment and creativity, with playfulness and perseverance, with love and compassion. Responsive discipleship in the educational setting of the school is characterised by unwrapping God's gifts, sharing each other's burdens and working for shalom.*

## LEARNING

**Interested in Leadership?:** If you are in Alberta and interested in moving into formal school leadership, you will need to hold a Leadership Quality Standards Certificate. The King's University offers this certification through a virtual 2-course program, with the first class being held this summer. More information [here](#). Application deadline is June 15.

**TfT Masterclasses:** CACE is offering TfT Masterclasses for experienced TfT teachers again this summer. There are a variety of options in these short course format classes-

Primary Classroom: Grades K-2  
Intermediate Classroom: Grades 3-5  
Middle School Classroom: Grades 6-8, 6-12 Mathematics  
Learning Targets: Grades K-12  
FLEx Design for Elementary: Grades K-5  
FLEx Design for Secondary: Grades 6-12  
Leading TfT

For more information and to register, go [HERE](#). The registration deadline is June 10.

**Levity for the Final Stretch:** Earlier this school year we shared some "hilarious" teacher jokes and recently we've had some requests to bring them back for the end of the year... okay, it was only 1 teacher, but adding some levity to the final stretch might be just what we all need. Here is a real student response to a 3rd grade 'Charlotte's Web' quiz:

**Quiz Question** - Give 2 pieces of evidence that support this statement: 'Charlotte was a good friend to Wilbur.'

**Student Answer** - She comforted him and she didn't let him become pork.

Help encourage your fellow teachers by sending your funniest student responses to [jhorlings@pcce.ca](mailto:jhorlings@pcce.ca).

## LEADING

### LAST CALL for Early Bird Rate

**Christian Schools Canada Conference:** Take advantage of the Early Bird Registration rate (ends May 31) for the Halifax gathering on September 25-27: [Journeying with Hope](#). Flights are a reasonable price right now and ATA members may want to apply for funds from their union local.

**LC Gathering Follow-Up:** Our last day at Etheos, Lynn asked us to complete the statement: We are \_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_. Here are a few of your responses:

- We are leaders, but not saviours.
- We are squeezed, but not juiced.
- We are here for you, but not only you.
- We are playing our part in the Story, but are not authors of the Story.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**September 25-27** Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference

**October 23** TfT 101: Session 1

**October 24-25** 2024 PCCE Teachers' Convention

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