

Updates from Lisa--Moving tales, and iPad opportunities

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Hello everyone! I hope your first week back has been a gentle, rewarding return from the Break. And of course, we all know how this part of the year just seems to go faster- so buckle up!

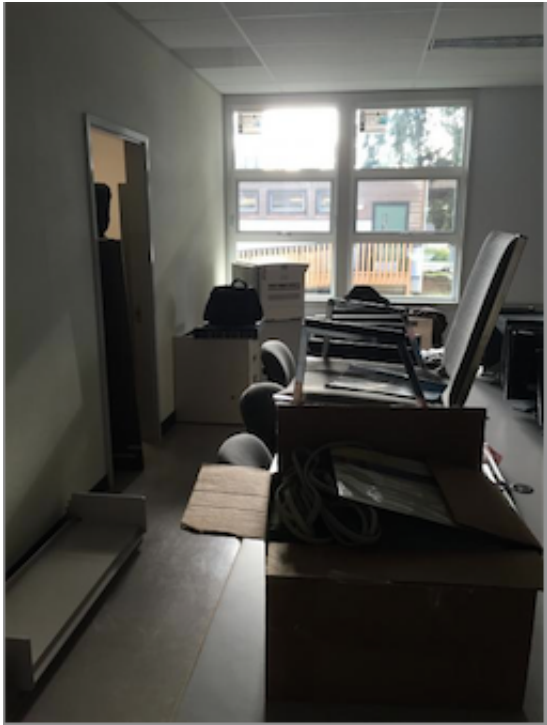
I want to start this update by sharing a few images from a move you might not have known about. I suppose this one was especially interesting to me, because of the 2 sites involved. Cowichan Adult Ed, which is under the same administrative umbrella as CVOLC, Alt Ed, Open Learning and DL had been operating out of the Charles Hoey site for the past decade or so. Their operation was moved over the past few weeks to the Duncan Elementary site. The reason I mention the sites are of personal interest to me is because I actually attended Kindergarten at Charles Hoey (with the lovely Mrs. Russell) and my very first job in the district was at Duncan El. Just like any time there is change, there are positives and negatives, but it seems to have been a theme for all of us the past few years-- if you haven't had to pack up and move your classroom recently, you may be in the minority! Here are a few images of our role in getting just the technology packed up and re-installed, and few other interesting bits as well. Keep reading for some more updates and information after the photos.

Moving out:



Arriving to start packing... Labels and boxes..... Plaques, pride, memories.... cables that I packed..... a server cupbc

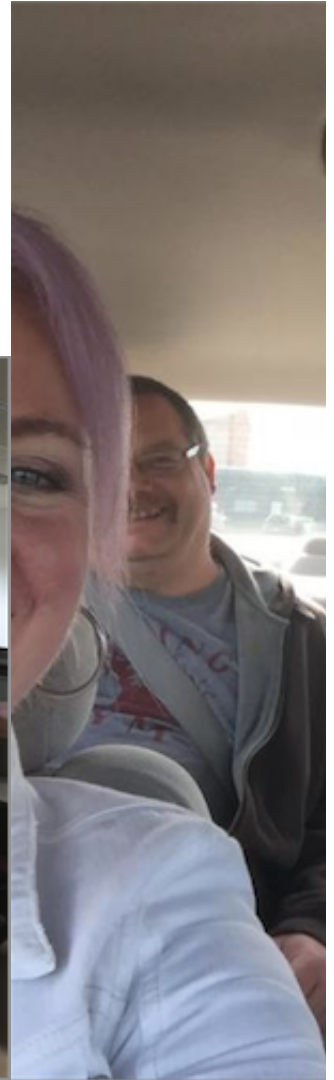
And then during the break, we moved in!



New site taking shape.....



Neatly lined up, just waiting for some power.....



ROAD TRIP

Earlier this week I sent out information on IpLitAbInq Intake #2. I hope you will consider applying-- the first round was full of learning, for all of us, and some fantastic resources resulted. Take a look at the poster, and let me know if you'd like more information--or the application form!

IpLitAbInq

**YOU ARE TO INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INQUIRY PROJECT
THAT BRINGS TOGETHER:
TECHNOLOGY, LITERACY AND ABORIGINAL EDUCATION.**

Fill out the Application and send it in by **12:00 noon on April 03, 2015**. Please email to: diltc@sd79.bc.ca or send (attention Lisa) to the Technology Department by FAX: (250) 748 3497. First session is April 13, 2015, so reserve your space soon!!!

**What does
IpLitAbInq
even mean?**

Ip: iPad
Lit: Literacy
Ab: Aboriginal Ed
Inq: Inquiry

Inquiry

Wikipedia definition:

"An inquiry is any process that has the aim of augmenting knowledge, resolving doubt, or solving a problem."

Why should you apply?

Participants will receive:

- A collaborative environment, working with colleagues in small groups throughout the program
- Coaching and support in following a structured Inquiry process
- An iPad mini to use throughout the process, and to keep and use in your classroom!*

*FOR AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH SD 79

Classroom visits: I've kept pretty busy this year visiting classrooms and sharing student learning opportunities with teachers-- but my calendar still has some spots-- let me know if you'd like a visit, a lesson, a little bit of side-by-side co-teaching? Drop me a line....

Finally, a little light reading.... Even though I am new in this role, I have had a keen interest in Educational Technology for some years-- and served on the District Technology Advisory Committee when the new technology plan was being revised and updated. I'm attaching a link to it here, and encourage you to take a look. Our vision is based on a meaningful and integrated framework, pulled from different bodies of research and our own collective experience. Later this spring, Glen and I are presenting our district's vision to others in the EdTech field, and are excited to share successes..... and learning. Take a look, and as always, be in touch with comments, queries and input. [The Tech Plan.](#)

Until next time, friends, Happy Spring.

Virtually yours,

Lisa

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