



Life Long Learners

AISI - Alberta Initiative for School Improvement

We are in the second year of our AISI project. Our project focuses on assessment for learning. The goal of assessment for learning is to improve student learning. It is not used to evaluate learning, but rather to help learners learn better. It does so by helping ***both students and teachers*** to see: learning goals and criteria, where each learner is in relation to the goals, where they need to go next and how to get there.

To kick off year 2 of our project, our teachers have been increasing their own knowledge of assessment for learning through various conferences.

Here are a few of the professional development opportunities our teachers attended so far:

- ✓ **Lesley Smith** attended a weeklong conference this summer working on differentiation and assessment for learning in mathematics.
- ✓ **Korilee Marks** attended a weeklong conference this summer working on assessment for learning.
- ✓ **Jane Smith, Laurie Cassidy and Korilee Marks** attended the first session of a series of professional development in Literacy through the new First Steps program. Their next session is in October. **Megan Mason** will be joining for the next session.
- ✓ Our **Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 teachers** attended a session on using backward design to create inquiry projects for our students based on curricular goals

Professional development coming up . . .

- ✓ **Laurie Cassidy, Monica Samuel, Ashley Neefe, Megan Mason and Lesley Smith** are going to the Alberta Assessment Consortium conference on Nov 5th and 6th entitled Assessment Is . . . Knowing How We Know.