

“One should ask whose knowledge is best not who knows the most.” – Montaigne

Elsewhere in the news

Westside Miniversity

<http://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/opinion-miniversity-follows-different-path-in-education>

Westside School in Vancouver is breaking new ground with its “miniversity”, a senior high school for Grades 10, 11 and 12 within a regular school. In each block of 20 days, each student studies and each teacher teaches one block only. The Miniversity uses a tutorial method similar to the one used at Oxford University and provides a personal advisor who meets students at the beginning of each new day.

Customers of public schools

http://www.school-for-champions.com/education/public_education_vie_wed_as_business.htm

There is certainly no agreement as to whether schools are or should be businesses, although most people seem to think they are, but not for profit. Although it is difficult to do because of the way public schools are funded, they should still be ran as businesses, and consider the desires of the parents as important.

Oberländer School

[https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jul/01/no-grades-no-timetable-berlin-school-turns-teaching-upside-down,](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jul/01/no-grades-no-timetable-berlin-school-turns-teaching-upside-down)

At Oberländer School, “there are no grades until students have reached the age of 15, no timetables and no lecture-style instructions. The pupils decide which subjects they want to study for each lesson and when they want to take an exam.”

Coming Soon

Beyond Measure

Watch for a film based on a book of the same name by Margaret Heffernan; the film addresses the issue of an “overscheduled, over-tested and underestimated generation”.

Literacy for the 21st Century

Reserve Wednesday, September 14, 2016, to attend a morning session on literacy and where PEI adults stand compared to the rest of Canada, and, in particular, compared to the other Atlantic Provinces. The presentation will include a discussion about availability of literacy training, what more needs to be done, and, generally, why literacy is important to the future success of PEI; the session will be held in the Southport Room of the Stratford Town Hall by Barbara MacNutt, Manager, Literacy/Essential Skills Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning.

Social and Emotional Learning

Watch for a panel presentation in October on the importance of social & emotional learning, and its links to well-being.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bill Whelan on his recent award of a Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General for his work with the Canadian Cancer Society, the PEI Science Fair and the PEI Home and School Federation.

Directors’ meeting at 4:00 p.m. – Sept. 14, 2016, 2nd floor of the Haviland Club.

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