

# Tech Talk

## Office 365

Office 365 is now ready to roll in SD58. This has opened a number of new learning opportunities for our students!

## Mystery Skype

Mystery Skype is an educational game, invented by teachers, played by two classrooms on Skype. The aim of the game is to guess the location of the other classroom by asking each other questions.

It's suitable for all age groups and can be used to teach subjects like geography, history, languages, mathematics and science



## Bring in an Expert

Search by subject and age group to arrange a time with a volunteer guest speaker best suited for your class. It's suitable for all age groups and can be used to teach subjects like geography, history, languages, mathematics and science.

## Take a Virtual Field Trip

Examples of upcoming opportunities:

- Jamie Buchanan-Dunlop will be at the UK Arctic Research Station on Svalbard for Arctic!
- Princess, like most Endangered African penguins take commitment very seriously because once they get married, they never get divorced! Invite your class to learn about why penguins mate for life and what makes their connection so special over the Valentines period with Princess.



## Feb. 19th Pro-D Opportunities

1. **Explore Office 365** with a specialized teacher trainer from Microsoft. This is a full day workshop with lots of hands-on activities.

Attend at MSS in Merritt or remotely in Princeton.



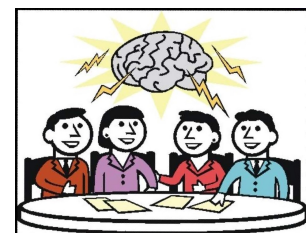
2. Ever wondered about the concept of a **Flipped Classroom**? Take this afternoon workshop with Kevin Amboe from ERAC and see if this may



be a way to enhance your ability to meet the needs of your students.

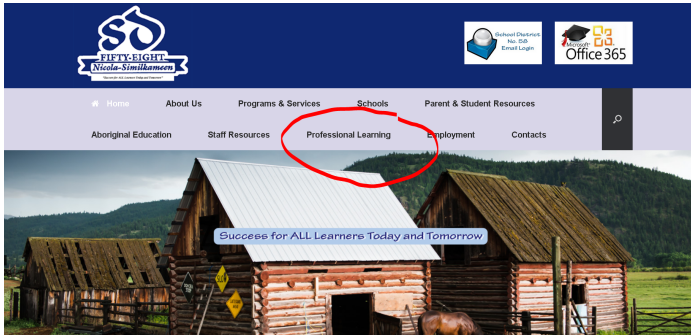
3. **Making Thinking Visible** is a workshop aimed at exploring the questions "What are students thinking about?" and "How are we assessing what we ask students to show?" Kevin Amboe from

ERAC will be presenting this morning only workshop.



# SD #58 Has A New Professional Learning Page

There is a new place to go if you want to know about and sign up for learning opportunities for school district employees. Go to the "Professional Learning" tab on the school district website:



**Right now, if you are a school district employee, you can win a Kindle Fire HD just for exploring our new Professional Learning page:**



1. Go to the "Professional Learning" page of the SD #58 website.
2. Find the "Win a Kindle Fire HD8" event listing.
3. Scroll down to RSVP.
4. Change the 0 to 1 and fill in your name and email.
5. Click "Confirm RSVP".
6. That's it! You are entered to win. Only one entry per staff member please. Last date to enter is May 31, 2016. Prize will be awarded by June 10th 2016.

## Tech Committee

A Tech Committee has been created to help develop a vision for technology in SD 58. Representatives from all schools are on the committee:

District Tech: Janet Hohner

NCE: Adrienne Mouland

MBE: Brad Denton

MCE: Gray Anscomb

DVE: Jana Heffernan

CVE: Carmen Anscomb, Line Vachon

JAE: Bill Lawrence

VFE: Barry Clark

PSS: Patrick Kaiser

MSS: Mo Ollek, Lia Larson, Val Kynoch

SCIDES: Garth Tilt, Colleen Mullin

Please connect with the representative at your school to share your ideas about technology in SD #58.

## Fresh Grade

Soon SD #58 will be providing Fresh Grade as an optional tool for teachers wanting to try using e-portfolios with their students. Using Fresh Grade, educators can capture, document & communicate meaningful examples of student learning through digital portfolios. While parents are provided on-going communication that matters, students are given the opportunity to have a voice in their learning.

