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Exclusive Podcast on the Power of Gaming & Learning with Professor Jennifer Jenson

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Dear Thought Leader,

I'm thrilled to share our February "Power of Gaming on Learning," Cross Canada spotlight on the eastern provinces edition. The growth and popularity of game-based learning cannot be ignored as I learned from my fascinating deep dive into the gaming world beginning with an engaging [podcast interview](#) with gaming expert, **Dr. Jennifer Jenson**, York University, Faculty of Education.

While this issue is packed with great resources, I would be remiss if I didn't also highlight my [exclusive podcast interview](#) with the impressive **Hon. Alan McIsaac**, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, PEI. His vision for 21st century learning and leadership is inspiring. Be sure to tune in!

Issue highlights:

1. The MSL 21st Century Canadian Digital Learning Video Wraps Up with a number of fantastic videos. Watch for Winners to be announced in the March issue.
2. ["New pedagogy" activated by technology transforms classrooms report](#) released at **BETT** in London, England by **Dr. Michael Fullan** to keynote at Connect 2014 May 8, Niagara Falls.
3. Checkout an [exclusive podcast](#) with **Jane Tallim**, Co-director [Media Smarts](#) on their newly released student survey-- [Canadian Students are highly Connected](#).
4. Be sure to checkout **Tim Gard's Hardware Review: Leap Motion 3D Controller as a Powerful Learning Tool**.
5. Distance learning Pioneer **Dr. Abraham Fischler**, President Emeritus of Nova Southeastern University reflects on the evolution of



distance learning in an [exclusive podcast](#) from the **FETC14** conference last week in Florida.

6. Show your spirit and participate in Digital Learning Day February 5! Share your activities with us via twitter [#DLDCanada](#).

7. Speaking of Gaming in education, one cannot ignore the upcoming Winter Olympics in Sochi and the great educational resources available by the Sochi Olympic Committee and the [Canadian Olympic Association](#). It brings back great memories from my previous career as a sport administrator working as a Celebration '88 community consultant leading up to the Calgary Olympic games. Be sure to celebrate the spirit of Olympism with your students and children at home!

It's a fascinating start to 2014 in the Canadian education space as you will discover in this issue of the MSL Report.

I feel extremely fortunate to be immersed in so many incredible learning opportunities and adventures that we're able to share amongst a fast growing loyal community across Canada and beyond. Be sure to keep us in the loop with your success stories, research and events! And don't forget to checkout our valued partners products and services in this issue!

Until next time, keep the digital learning curve steep!

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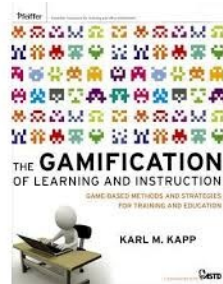
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Quotes of the Month



Technology is only a tool, it's not the end. If we can use it to its fullest, it will be a benefit to students, teachers and the whole educational system."

-- **Honourable Alan McIsaac**, Minister Education and Early Childhood, P.E.I

"Game players regularly exhibit persistence, risk-taking, attention to detail, and problem-solving, all behaviors that ideally would be regularly demonstrated in school."

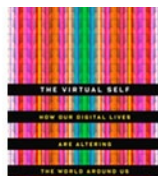
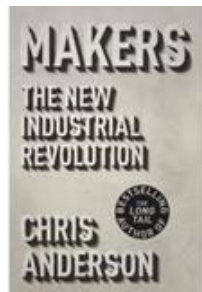
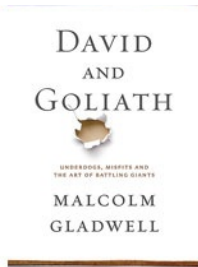
-- **The Education Arcade at MIT**

Tweets of the Month

Do you wake up every morning and ask 'How can I make this the best 7 hours of a kid's life?' [@garystager](#) via [@fryed](#)

TED Launched TED-Ed Clubs for Schools ~ Educational Technology and Mobile Learning shar.es/U1E3a [#edtech](#) [#edchat](#) via [@sjgorman](#)





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Check the March MSL Report to see all the winners!

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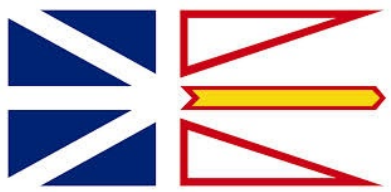
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Cross Canada Spotlight on the Eastern Provinces

Canada's **East Coast** is made up of four provinces: **New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia** and **Prince Edward Island**. The region is a natural wonderland with forests, farms, fresh water rivers, numerous national and provincial parks and ocean vistas.



New Brunswick

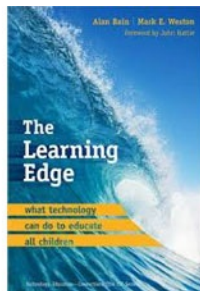
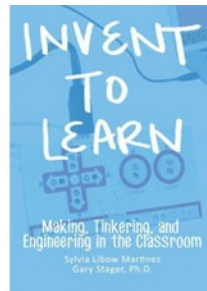
Capital City: Fredericton
Population: 751,171

Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
Hon. Marie-Claude Blais

Newfoundland and Labrador

Capital City: St. John's
Population: 514,536

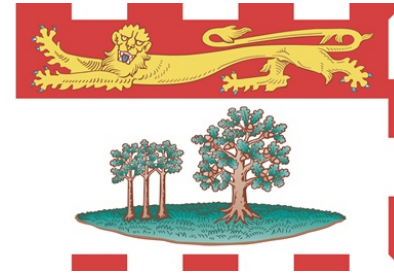
Minister of Education
Hon. Clyde Jackman



Nova Scotia

Capital City: Halifax
Population: 921,727

Minister of Education and
Early Childhood Development
Hon. Karen Lynn Casey



Prince Edward Island

Capital City: Charlottetown
Population: 145,237

Minister of Education and
Early Childhood Development
Hon. Alan McIsaac



Exclusive Podcast Featuring the Hon. Alan McIsaac on PEI's 21st Century Learning Strategy

Mr. McIsaac also served as a member of the Standing Committee on Fisheries, Transportation and Rural Development and the Standing Committee on Education and Innovation.

[LISTEN HERE](#)

K-12 News from the Eastern Provinces

Educators Richard Baker and Sandra Dennis receive Prime Minister's Awards



Ministry of Education Prince Edward Island 01.16.14

What Can Youth Do To Tackle Cyberbullying Before It Goes Too Far?

The Guardian 01.23.14



Minister Job-Shadows Classroom Teachers

Ministry of Education New Brunswick 01.27.14

Post-Secondary News from the Eastern Provinces

Hibernia to Bolster Geophysics Program at Memorial

Memorial University 01.31.14

"Dr. Snow" on Why No Two Snowflakes Are Alike

Dalhousie University 01.24.14

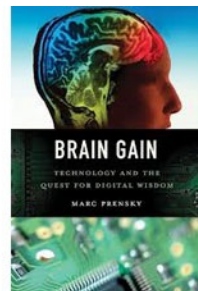


Honourable Gail Shea Announces Renewal of Two Canada Research Chairs

Prince Edward Island University 01.23.14

Ministers of Education and Training to Promote Career Development, Strengthen Co-operation in Post-Secondary Education

Ministry of Education New Brunswick 01.31.14

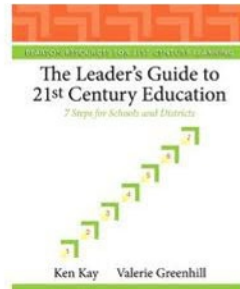


A Dell advertisement for the Dell Venue 11 Pro tablet. It features the Dell logo, the text "Meet the Dell Venue 11 Pro tablet. Featuring Windows 8.1.", an image of the tablet, and the price "Starting at \$649.99*". There is a "Learn More" button and a small note "*Roll Over For Legal".

21st Century Spotlight--The Power of Gaming & Learning



I'm not a gamer. However, I decided to try my hand at GTA (Grand Theft Auto) which is one of the top games on the market today. After a quick lesson from my son, off I went out of control crashing into



multiple vehicles. I immediately appreciated the fine motor skills and the need to have a steering wheel in my hand as opposed to a joystick controller. I could check off a few boxes in the in the 7C's courtesy of C21 Canada. I do also see the value in learning and escapism, however, I do also see diminishing returns with excessive time spent on gaming.

While my son had a good laugh at dad as he coached me through the game. I believe there's great value in connecting with your kids by trying your hand at gaming with them. After my short stint as a game, it was back to reality!

Cheers,

R.M.

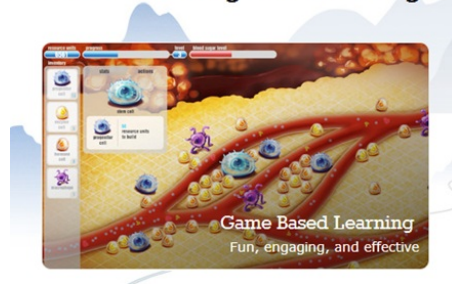
In case you're wondering about [Game-Based Learning: What it is, Why it Works, and Where it's Going](#). Here's a great [article](#)!

Checkout the resources below that we've assembled for you.

Canadian Gaming Company Spotlight



The best in digital learning.



One of Canada's top EdTech companies in our estimation focused on gaming is SpongELab led by **Dr. Jeremy Friedberg**, who's been featured by MSL in a podcast while at **ISTE** this past year. Checkout their awesome **FREE science based resources**!

ISTE Special Interest Group- Games and Simulations

SIGGS is dedicated to understanding and advancing the use, integration, design, development and evaluation of games, simulations and virtual environments for learning and teaching.

[GameDesk Opens New Game-Based School](#)

MindShift

[How This University is Using Video Games to Help Teenage Girls Find Careers in Science, Math Fields](#)

Geekwire 01.20.14

[GAMIFICATION INFOGRAPHIC](#)

KNEWTON

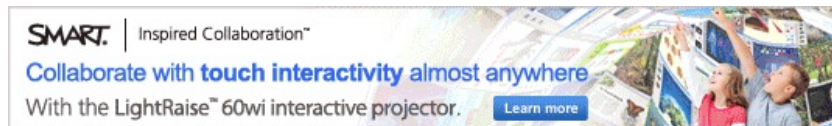


[Hardware Review: Leap Motion 3D Controller as a Powerful Learning Tool](#)

By Tim Gard, TDSB Educator & MSL Report Contributing Writer

I got excited about this product about a year ago when I was flipping through some start-up news. The product in question was a [Leap Motion 3D controller](#). And the reason I got excited was because I could see HUGE possibilities in teaching and learning using this device, especially with autistic and developmentally delayed students.

[Read more here.](#)



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Conference Corner



Edsby Goes BIG at FETC14



in Orlando.

(L-R) **Scott Welch**, VP; **Dino Miele**, CIO, DSBN; **John Myers**, President

It was great teaming up with **Discovery Education** and **FETC 2014** organizers in hosting the O'Canada tweetup. With over 40 countries represented, Canada led with the largest number of delegates, just over 300 from across Canada. We were fortunate to have over 100 tweeps attend our gathering.

It was fantastic meeting twitter followers face-to-face for an amazing two hours of "mindsharing." Sun West School Division from Sask gets the award for best representation at our tweetup. I gave out an award to the attendee who hailed from the coldest spot in Canada, -47C! My partners from team **Connect 2014** were there in full force as well (**Dino Miele**, CIO, Chair Connect and **Dr. Camille Rutherford**).

I was so impressed meeting **Dr. Barbara Nemko**, superintendent from Napa County office of education, who joined us courtesy of Discovery's Evangelist and fellow Pepperdine alum, **Hall Davidson**...yes, he was wearing his very cool Google Glasses. Speaking of Pepperdine, it was great to see **Dr. Paul Sparks** and **Cadre 16** join us and share their learning with Dr. Camille Rutherford's **Brock U EdTech** cohort. Special thanks to **Tom Metuzals**, Discovery Education Canada and **Patrick Gallagher/Mike Eason**, FETC for our valued partnership. I sense that well be making this event an annual affair!

Speaking of conferences, very high on our agenda is **Connect 2014, Canada's K20 Learning & Technology Conference, May 8-9** in iconic Niagara Falls, Canada. We are once again proud presenting partners of this 2nd Annual conference. Take advantage of 3 Ways to Connect: Attend | Present | Exhibit/Sponsor. For more information, click [here](#).

Hope to see you there!

R.M.

P.S. Take note that we now have the most comprehensive listing of EdTech events in Canada. Ping me if you have an event you'd like included!



Team Connect2014 Enjoying the O'Canada Tweetup after a hard day of working the exhibit floor at FETC14!

Educators praise FETC's 2014 annual conference

eSchool News 01.30.14

The Leadership Council for Digital Infrastructure is Seeking Your Input



Exclusive Podcast with Distance Learning Pioneer, Dr. Abraham Fischler

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K-12 News

"New Pedagogy" Activated by Technology Transforms Classrooms Report Released at BETT in London, England by Dr. Michael Fullan

Canada Newswire 01.24.14

Interesting New StatsCan Study: Wages, Youth Employment and School Enrollment, 2001 to 2008

StatsCan 01.08.14

Victoria and Vancouver, BC Computer Recycling Organization to Fight Poverty

Canada Newswire 01.06.14

CMEC Responds to Federal Government's International Education Announcement

CMEC 01.15.14

The Learning Partnership Canadian Principals Awards

TLP 01.10.14



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EB Partners With Canadian University On Urban Vehicle Project

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Critics Complain of Qualification Inflation as More Canadians Hold University Degrees — and Low-Paying Jobs

National Post 01.03.14

Students Support Announcement of \$42M Centre of Excellence for Online Learning

Canada Newswire 01.13.14

New Research Sees Two Species of Bees Choosing Plastic to Build Their Hives

York University 01.27.14

Much Wow: How Online Courses are Potential Game-Changers for Higher Education

University of Toronto 01.23.14

Research, Funding, Innovation+ Start-ups

CoreFour Announces Investment Round to Accelerate Growth of the Edsby Social Learning Platform

CoreFour 01.21.14

From disconnected to connected: Insights into the Future of Distance Education and Web 2.0 Tools in Higher Education

Special Issue showcasing Concordia Faculty of Education associate professors and PhD students

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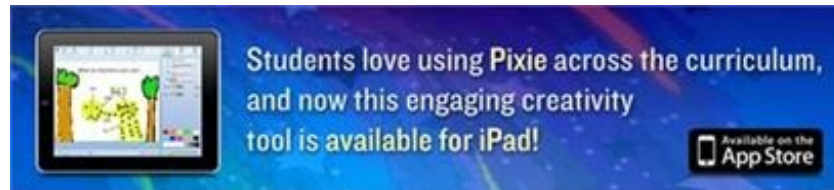
First Robotics Canada

VINCI Strengthens Its Leadership in Education Technology for Young Children with ClubVINCI

Canada Newswire 01.07.14

**Canada's International Education Strategy-
Harnessing Our Knowledge Advantage to Drive Innovation
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Sharing of Canada's education models with foreign countries and the online delivery of Canadian education around the world.



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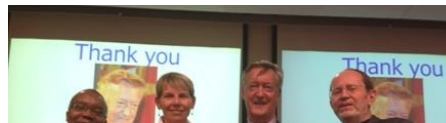
New Dell Venue Tablets -- Meet Our Family of Over-Achievers
Dell Canada

Latest Intel® Education Tablet and Intel® Classmate PC Help Transform Learning and Teaching
Intel UK 01.22.14

Epson Named 2014 CES Innovations Awards Honoree in Wearable Tech for Moverio BT-200 Smart Glasses
PR Newswire 01.06.14

SMART Software to Empower Student Creativity and Collaboration Through 3D Printing
Smart Technologies 01.22.14

MindShare Musings



Sir John Daniel Makes his Mark at Schulich School of Business.



*Pictured (L-R) **Maxim Jean-Louis**,
Contact North; **Dr. Sue Vail**, York
University; **Sir John Daniel**; **Dr. Ron
Owston**, York University*

As you may gather, I have the good fortune of attending a multitude of conferences and professional learning events — One of the most interesting ones of late happened in our very own backyard, hosted at the Schulich School of Business, York University. Our fine advisory board member, **Maxim Jean-Louis**, CEO, ContactNorth arranged for **Sir John Daniel** to present to a small gathering of professors, administrators and students. Coincidentally, **Sir John Daniel** was recently appointed to the Order of Canada, and is the past CEO and president of the Commonwealth of Learning.

[Read more here.](#)

Professional Learning Events

[Educational Technology: The Globalization of Learning|
February 12| Montreal, Canada](#)

[2014 ABEL Leadership Summit: I-Think| February 26|
Toronto, Ontario](#)

[Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention| February 27-28|
Edmonton, Alberta](#)

[Education Technology Strategies| March 4-5| Toronto,
Ontario](#)

[SxSWedu 2014| March 3-6| Austin, Texas](#)

[TED's 30th anniversary| March 17-21| Vancouver, Canada](#)

[ERDI Spring 2014| April 1-5| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan](#)

Google Apps for Education Summit| April 5-6| Kitchener, Ontario

AQUOPS| April 14-17| Quebec City, Quebec

Leading Learning Through Technology - Mini Annual Summit| April 25| Toronto, Ontario

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