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Keynotes



Marc Brackett
Director, Yale Center of
Emotional Intelligence



Kate Griggs
Founder, Made by
Dyslexia



Mark Sparvell
Education Leader,
Microsoft

Permission To Feel: The Power of Emotional Intelligence to Transform Lives

11:00 am – 11:30 am | **Marc Brackett**, Ph.D. Director, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence

Emotions influence learning, decision making, relationships, physical and mental health, creativity, and performance. But it's our wise use of emotion that's especially important. In this presentation, Marc will describe recent large-scale studies on the emotional lives of children and adults, share the Center's model of emotional intelligence, present their evidence-based approach to developing emotional intelligence in schools and workplaces which have reached over 1.5 million children and adults, and teach participants tools to develop emotional intelligence to enhance personal and professional success.

New Future Ready Skills and the Staff of 2030: Possibilities and Perils

11:30 am – 12:00 pm | **Mark Sparvell**, Education Lead, Microsoft

Join award winning education leader Mark Sparvell as he explores the skills required to navigate ambiguity, complexity and change and succeed in learning, life and work. Examine the implications for teachers through the lens of pre-service and early-career teachers from the new Staff of 2030 research undertaken by The Economist.

Educating the Workforce of the Future

11:30 am – 12:00 pm | **Kate Griggs**, Founder & CEO, Made by Dyslexia

The world of work is changing fast, with AI replacing many jobs and creating an urgent need for new skills. EY's Value of Dyslexia report found that dyslexics have exactly the skills needed for this new world of work. Intelligence Agencies have long embraced dyslexic thinking, and businesses globally are now recognising dyslexia as a valuable skill set. Education urgently needs to change because the traditional focus on measurement and conformity is disadvantaging dyslexic students. In this talk Kate explains Dyslexic Thinking and tells us how we can ALL become agents of this urgent change.



Track 1: Leading through change

Time	Session	Speaker
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	Leading through change with Surrey Schools	Surrey Schools Leadership Team
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Looking to the future from the Directors Chair	Martha Jez, Jeff Hainbuch & Rob Gorbert
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Transitioning Education in the Face of a Pandemic	Clarke Hagan & Greg Kiesman
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Ensuring Aligned Priorities in our New Normal	Catherine Zeisner

Leading through change with Surrey Schools

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Looking to the future from the Directors Chair

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Martha Jez**, Co-founder/ CEO, Fair Chance Learning, **Jeff Hainbuch**, Sr Director Impact & Learning, Fair Chance Learning & **Rob Gorbert**, Co-Chair, University of Waterloo

Education Onward has a mission to bring Canadian leaders together for a cross-sectoral dialog focused on the current shift to remote learning in education, considering the past, present, and future. Dedicating energy and rigour to offering leadership to Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the new reality for public education. Join us as we share research and learnings presented from our collaboration with Higher Ed, K-12, community and education technology leaders.



Transitioning Education in the Face of a Pandemic

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT | **Clarke Hagan**, Director of Info Systems, Louis Riel School Division & **Greg Kiesman**, ICT Coordinator, Loui Riel School Division

In March 2020, Louis Riel School Division - as did many other school districts around the world - successfully shifted to remote learning for all 15,500 students and all it took was a pandemic. This session will lay out the foundation of how we successfully transitioned from teaching and learning in face to face classroom environments to remote learning environments via Microsoft Teams. This session will also focus on the professional development that was needed to successfully utilize Teams and many other Office 365 applications.

Ensuring Aligned Priorities in our New Normal

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT | **Catherine Zeisner**, Ed.D, Assistant Professor, Principal

This session will discuss the current reality of today's educators through a consolidation of experiences from Canadian and US principals, superintendents, and teachers who have experienced 2020 in education. This could be our watershed moment in education and let's think about what we need to carry forward, stop doing, and start in order to prepare our students for a possible very different looking world and educational experience.





Track 2: Transforming Student Engagement

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12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	Fostering Student Engagement with Flipgrid: Making Connections, Building Relationships, and Empowering All Learners!	Christine McKee
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	Code Breaker: Increase Creativity, Remix Assessment and Develop a Class of Coder Ninjas	Brian Aspinall
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Engage, Empower, Amplify, and Connect Every Scholar with Flipgrid	Flipgrid Engagement Team
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Making learning #Onederful with Microsoft Education	Stephen Eustace
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Gaming Worth Framing – Engaging and Empowering Students with Minecraft Education Edition	Benjamin Kelly
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Keep Calm & Flip On: Create Content to Support Remote Learning & Student Engagement Using Flipgrid	Zélia Capitão-Tavares & Mahfuza Rahman
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Make a Podcast and Teach Your Class	Victoria Woleders
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Interactive E-Learning: Constructing > Consuming	Derek Tangredi
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Using 3D models to Better Represent, Understand, and Explore our World	Jim Pedrech

Fostering Student Engagement with Flipgrid: Making Connections, Building Relationships, and Empowering All Learners!

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Christine McKee**, Emerging Technology Consultant

Flipgrid provides teachers and students with a learning environment that is social and empowers all learners to express themselves, share their voices, and demonstrate their learning in multimodal ways! Join me as we explore best practices beyond the grid for creating engaging mini-lessons, building relationships with our students, and supporting the development of connections from local to global in an effort to foster empathy!

Code Breaker: Increase Creativity, Remix Assessment & Develop a Class of Coder Ninjas

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Brian Aspinall**, Educator, TedX Speaker, & Author

Breaking code isn't just about programming, it's about disrupting the status quo. It is about challenging social norms. It is about having critical conversations. It is about challenging systematic beliefs. It is about educating the whole child – mind, body and soul. Brian is on a mission to expose as many kids as he can to coding and computer science. In this passionate talk, he makes a case for the importance of exposing youth to the principles of coding and computational thinking to prepare them for a rapidly changing future.

Engage, Empower, Amplify, and Connect Every Scholar with Flipgrid

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Flipgrid Engagement Team**

Flipgrid is Microsoft's free social learning video discussion platform. Enabling you to engage every individual, Flipgrid enhances student-centered learning, transforms classroom time, and fosters social-emotional growth. Millions of educators, students, and families around the world use Flipgrid to create, share, and collaborate. During this session, you'll learn everything you need to know to create your free Flipgrid account, bring your students onboard, and find inspiration from fellow educators.

Making learning #Onderful with Microsoft Education

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Stephen Eustace**, Educator, Customer Success Manager, Microsoft Ireland

This session will include lots of practical examples of how to use Microsoft educational tools such as OneNote, Teams, Forms..... to enhance communication and collaboration, create immersive learning experiences, cater for all students and amplify student voice. Its a high energy session that you are sure to enjoy.

Gaming Worth Framing – Engaging and Empowering Students with Minecraft: Education Edition

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **Ben Kelly**, STEM Educator & Lead of Innovative Design

This session will highlight some of the educational reasons that teachers choose to use Minecraft Education Edition with their students. It will showcase practical applications of the game's strengths, highlight example projects and share few success stories. Attendees will reinforce WHY they would use this engaging and empowering learning tool with their students and, ignite their own ideas involving World's most popular game. Join this session for inspiration and tips to increase engagement when using Minecraft Education Edition.



Keep Calm & Flip On: Create Content to Support Remote Learning & Student Engagement Using Flipgrid

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **Zélia Capitão-Tavares** (she/her), Hybrid Teacher-Digital Lead Learner, Elementary Teacher & **Mahfuza Rahman**, Hybrid Teacher-Digital Lead Learner, Secondary Teacher

Create meaningful opportunities for students to share their experiences, support social/emotional learning within an asynchronous space where students continue to build a sense of community. Change the direction of synchronous learning to support student needs as they access information, devices and their learning at varying times. In this session, educators will be introduced to the basics and explore ways to build content to support students in sharing learning activities and demonstrating concepts through Flipgrid

Make a Podcast and Teach Your Class

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Victoria Woelders**, Educator, Mindful Educational Storyteller

Podcasting is the latest powerful communication platform. Learn how Victoria built her own podcast, and used it to teach her Grade 4 class remotely and online during the global pandemic. Whether you are pre-planning for your class next year or you are interested in building your own podcast, this is the session for you! Learn more about Victoria at mykidslocker.com.

Interactive E-Learning: Constructing > Consuming

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Derek Tangredi**, Western University Mathematics & Science/Technology Instructor & TVDSB Math TOSA

Do you want to make your e-learning experience more tactile, engaging, hands on? Please join this session and learn how to create Interactive Slides for a variety of subject disciplines. This session will provide resources for creating interactive content and self assessment. Walk away with resources that students will enjoy and with the necessary tools required to create your own virtual oasis.

Using 3D models to Better Represent, Understand, and Explore our World

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Jim Pedrech**, Educator, Speaker

Our world has three dimensions, but it is often represented in two. Why? In this session, you will learn how teachers can provide students with access to interactive, three dimensional models from museums and similar sources that can be embedded into Word, OneNote, Windows Mixed Reality, Brightspace, and other tools, thus providing opportunities for new insights in subjects like History, Math, Science, and Geography. You will also learn how students can use 3D technologies such as 360 cameras to tell immersive stories that place the viewer in the middle of a narrative. Finally, you will see how students in History classes at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and Standing Stone Elementary of the Oneida Nation have used photogrammetry and similar approaches to create 3D models of historically significant artifacts.



Track 3: Reaching Every Learner

Time	Session	Speaker
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	Global Perspectives: Supporting Dyslexics in the Remote Learning Era	Rachel Berger, Lauren Pittman, Elka Walsh & Arran Smith
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	Getting ConnectEd to Every Learner with the 7 Cs	Becky Keene & Kathi Kersznowski
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Increasing Accessibility and Fostering Inclusive Classrooms	Mike Tholfsen
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Reaching and Teaching in Remote Environments	Warren Hart & Thaddeus Bourassa
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	5 Ways A Microsoft Infused Classroom Can Help Us Connect with Our Learners	Holly Clark & Felisa Ford
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Class Notebook in Primary: Yes We Can!	Melissa Schroeder-Hribal & Shannon Wood
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Special Education and Accessibility Resources for Remote Learning	Joe Brazier & Robyn Lowell
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Honouring Every Child's Right to Read: Science Informed Solutions	Dr. Jamie Metsala

Global Perspectives: Supporting Dyslexics in the Remote Learning Era

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Rachel Berger**, Dyslexia/Learning Disabilities Community AT Specialist, Microsoft, **Lauren Pittman**, Special Educator/Dyslexia Specialist, Vanderbilt University, **Elka Walsh**, Future Ready Skills Leader, Microsoft Canada & **Arran Smith**, UK Sylexia and SEND Consultant, Microsoft UK

Getting ConnectEd to Every Learner with the 7 Cs

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Becky Keene**, Director, i2eEDU; Author of Sail the 7 Cs with Microsoft Education & **Kathi Kersznowski**, Technology Integration Specialist, Author of Sail The 7 Cs With Microsoft Education

Are you ready to set sail with us?  This session will celebrate the people and products transforming education for all ages around the world by connecting to every learner in fresh new ways. Becky & Kathi will showcase and highlight success stories, educator tales, and examples of great projects and ideas.



Increasing Accessibility and Fostering Inclusive Classrooms

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Mike Tholfsen**, Principal Product Manager, Microsoft Education



This session will discuss what inclusive classrooms and employing accessibility look like from the standpoint of reading, writing, math and communication. The presenters will be sharing examples from Microsoft Education's free accessibility suite of tools and including the examples of teachers who have worked with students of all abilities in an inclusive classroom setting.

5 Ways A Microsoft Infused Classroom Can Help Us Connect with Our Learners

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **Warren Hart**, Educator, EdTech Mentor, MIE Fellow & **Thaddeus Bourrassa**, Instructional Support Teacher, EdTech Mentor, MIE Expert

As school communities shifted quickly to remote learning, supporting all families became an urgent focus for The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD). Through responsive learning webinars, virtual professional development and continuous teacher support, dedicated educators across the LRSD stayed connected to support the diverse needs of all learners. By utilizing a variety of tools and strategies, safe spaces were provided to ensure each, and every child was included in thoughtful plans of educational continuance.

5 Ways A Microsoft Infused Classroom Can Help Us Connect with Our Learners

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **Holly Clark**, Creator of The Infused Classroom Series, Speaker, Blogger, Author & **Felisa Ford**, Digital Learning Specialist with Atlanta Public Schools

Based on ideas in The Microsoft Infused Classroom book, this session will look at how Microsoft tools allow educators to connect with and better understand our learners. In this session, we will examine how Flipgrid, PearDeck, Forms, PowerPoint and Microsoft Learning Tools can empower educators to create more meaningful teaching and learning experiences. We will show how instruction can be supported through metacognitive thinking, SEL, and enhance relationships by building strong teacher to student connections.

Class Notebook in Primary: Yes We Can!

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **Melissa Schroeder-Hribal**, Grade 2 Teacher, GEDSB, MIE Expert 2019 & **Shannon Wood**, D.E.C.E

Educators will hear the benefits of introducing Class Notebook to our primary students. All participants will set up their own Class Notebooks in just a few easy steps. While using OneNote, we will showcase Immersive Reader from the lens of both an educator and a student. Finally, we will explore the role of providing feedback through inking. This session will provide hands-on learning for educators who wish to include a blend of technology into their programming for next year. Microsoft's Class Notebook teaches students responsibility, organization, and accountability for learning tasks while providing educators with an easy to use workflow. Explore how Class Notebook can fit into your K-3 classroom!

Special Education and Accessibility Resources for Remote Learning

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Joe Brazier**, Sr Industry Solutions Manager, Microsoft Education & **Robyn Lowell**, Senior Manager of Accessibility, insight2execution

Walking through the New Microsoft Educator Center resource page, with examples of the tools in action. Attendees will learn how the built-in tools of M365 have been leveraged to create inclusive and accessible experiences for students at multiple ability levels. Join to connect with knowledgeable practitioners in the field to get questions answered and learn together.

Honouring Every Child's Right to Read: Science Informed Solutions

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Dr. Jamie Metsala**, Professor of Education, Mount Saint Vincent University

Learning to read is a human right. Educational science addressing children's reading acquisition and early reading instruction has been a research success story. Instructional studies demonstrating positive outcomes from applying science-derived principles in classrooms will be highlighted, as will the efficacy for teaching children with dyslexia or external factors that place students at-risk in this domain. Systemic changes that will support all children's right to read are discussed.



Track 4: Social-Emotional Learning & Future Ready Skills



Time	Session	Speaker
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	Service Learning: A Catalyst for Social and Emotional Learning	Craig Kielburger
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	STRIVE for Happiness in Education	Rob Dunlop
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	What's New from Minecraft: Education Edition	Susie Tinker & Maria Olekheyko
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Social Emotional Learning in a 21st Century Classroom: The Power of Microsoft Tools	eTwinz, Mario and Alberto Herraes-Velazquez
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	I'm All Ears: Empathy, Awareness and Reflection through Story	Lynn Thomas

Service Learning: A Catalyst for Social and Emotional Learning

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Craig Kielburger**, Co-Founder, WE & **Dr. Molly Lawlor**

Join Social Entrepreneur and WE Co-Founder, Craig Kielburger, and Dr. Molly Lawlor as they discuss the importance of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in the development of essential life skills that are vital for the future readiness of young people. Together, they will share how service learning is a catalyst for the development of SEL and well-being, and provide resources that can help get you and your students get started.

STRIVE for Happiness in Education

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Rob Dunlop**, Educator and Author of STRIVE for Happiness in Education

The goal of this session is to inspire you to make your happiness a priority. We will focus on key elements of finding more happiness, not only at work but in life. Through reflecting on our own journey in education, we will be able to better identify key aspects that make us happier. We will learn about the importance of owning our own perspectives and developing a mindset that will allow us to experience more joy and focus on the positive aspects of our jobs. Using research from the field of positive psychology, we will see that making happiness a priority not only greatly benefits us, but also our students and peers. Lastly, this session will focus on job embedded ideas on how to find more happiness each work day. By the end of the session, you will leave informed, inspired and empowered to make changes that will greatly impact your love of education.

What's New from Minecraft: Education Edition

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Susie Tinker**, Customer Engagement Manager & **Maria Olekheyko**, Content Program Manager

Join the Minecraft: Education Edition team as they present an overview of how Minecraft can be used for distance learning, and new features and content on topics such as Social Emotional Learning, Digital Citizenship, and Computer Science.

Social Emotional Learning in a 21st Century Classroom: The Power of Microsoft Tools

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **eTwinz**, Mario and Alberto Herraes-Velazquez, Global Educators

In this session attendees will learn the importance of Social Emotional Learning in a 21st century learning environment and how to use different Microsoft Tools to enhance this approach.

I'm All Ears: Empathy, Awareness and Reflection through Story

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Lynn Thomas**, Secondary Teacher, MIE Fellow, HP Teaching Fellow

This session will discuss how story, based on neuro-scientific research, implicitly builds empathy, awareness – both self and social – and reflection skills thus bolstering important future-ready skills like communication, emotional intelligence, and creativity. Examples and tips of how to weave story into your program using various tools and techniques like Flipgrid, Skype, blogs, podcasts, and more will be integrated throughout.





Track 5: Empowering IT Leaders & Professionals

Time	Session	Speaker
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT	The amplified role of IT in Education	Greg Milligan
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Safe and Inclusive Virtual Spaces	Greg Milligan
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	Leadership & Lessons from the Global Remote Learning Response	Madeline Bertch
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Security & Privacy in Education	David Kozera & John Hewie
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm EDT	Azure Customer Highlights	Karen McGregor
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Making the Shift to Modern Device Management	David Kozera
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Power Apps & Power BI in Education	Karen McGregor

The amplified role of IT in Education

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | **Greg Milligan**, National Office 365 Lead, Microsoft Education

Safe and Inclusive Virtual Spaces

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Greg Milligan**, National Office 365 Lead, Microsoft Education

Leadership and lessons from the global remote learning response

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm | **Madeline Bertch**, Windows Education Marketing

In the global response with remote learning, enabling students' continued progress has been priority #1. Through exemplary leadership and harnessing the power of secure, affordable, comprehensive education technology, education institutions worldwide have made the pivot, many in record time. Join this session to hear about the lessons learned and successes we've seen from schools that have stood up digital learning environments with Windows devices and Microsoft education solutions. Attendees will also get the latest information about education device and technology resources and programs available now from Microsoft.

Security & Privacy in Education

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **David Kozera**, National Technology Strategist & **John Hewie**, National Security Officer, Microsoft Education

Join us for a conversation with John Hewie discussing the threat landscape educational institutions face. We will discuss the increased attack surface that comes with remote learning, ransomware targeting schools and how to protect yourself, shifting to an assumed breach security posture, the future of authentication and passwordless technologies, we look into the future and discuss potential upcoming security challenges, and more.

Azure Customer Highlights

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | **Karen McGregor**, National Azure Solutions Expert, Microsoft Education

Making the Shift to Modern Device Management

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **David Kozera**, National Technology Strategist, Microsoft Education

In this session we will start by having a conversation with the Educational Computing Network of Ontario's Shared Technical Services Team discussing their member boards move towards cloud based endpoint management tools, how they have containerized applications for distribution across the province to multiple school boards, the STS Community of boards that has helped each other through this transformation, and their work with virtualized desktops/apps running in Azure. The second half of the presentation will include members from Microsoft's Intune for Education Product Group discussing scalability, feature enhancements, customer feedback, and more.

Power Apps & Power BI in Education

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | **Karen McGregor**, National Azure Solutions Expert, Microsoft Education

