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# What's Happening?



Dear TESL NB members:

Welcome to our spring newsletter. In it you'll find information pertinent to you, our members. TESL NB strives to provide up-to-date, relevant information and resources to teachers of English as a Second Language in all sectors whether it is to adults or children, in the public-school system, private organizations, settlement agencies or the self-employed. As the focus is delivering high quality online classes at this point in time, the newsletter also reflects this perspective.

Along these lines of online teaching I'd like to share a resource developed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD), that is available to all. The Anglophone Sector Family Resource Page, designed for families and students, contains a specific section for English language learning which is updated weekly with new calendars for home learning for A1/A2 learners. Other home learning options on this website have been scaffolded so they should be accessible for B1 learners. The Family Resource Page can be accessed via the following link (scroll down to find the section focused on **English Language Learning**):

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/learning\\_at\\_home.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/learning_at_home.html).

On a personal note, did you check out my new picture and hair accessory? Perhaps you, like me, have been finding mornings challenging with ever-lengthening hair? I'm taking advantage of this opportunity to check out what I think of longer hair. What are you doing? Please feel free to reach out at any time. I'd love to hear from you and the positives you're finding during this new period in our lives. I hope all is all with you and your family.

Take care,  
Donna

*Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be. ~ Anon.*



TESLNB President,  
Donna Hoffman, with  
ever-lengthening hair  
during COVID-19.

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TESL NB exists because of, and for, its members. To get involved, email [teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.teslnb.ca](http://www.teslnb.ca).

## The Enduring Power of Hope

At times like these, the work we do as English language educators, no matter the age of our students, can seem daunting. English language educators, all over the globe, are working through inequities of technology, connection and the differing realities of the home. While we flex our empathy and advocacy muscles to ensure that students who are willing and able right now to continue learning *can* do so, it is helpful to remember and reflect on the **hope(s)** of so many of our students and their families. As long as there is hope, we must work to clear the way for the learning to occur.

Emily Francis, an acclaimed ESL teacher in the United States, shared her story back in 2018 as a way to highlight 'hope' and inspire others to do the same. Read it here if you are in need of some inspiration during this uncertain time:

<http://features.uncc.edu/the-language-of-hope>



Emily Francis

@emilyfranESL  
on Twitter

"The Language of  
Hope"

## LEARNING – AND SHARING - OPPORTUNITIES FOR TESLNB MEMBERS

Did you know that your national organization, TESL Canada (which you are a member of, as a member of TESLNB), has a charitable arm called the TESL Canada Educational Foundation (TCEF)? The TCEF is offering **professional learning bursaries** to be used for short courses offered through online technologies or a webinar series that has costs attached. The deadline for submissions for these **\$250 bursaries** is June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Apply here:** <https://www.tesl.ca/images/TCEF/TCEF-Bursary-2020-Online.pdf>

TESL Canada is launching a story-writing initiative to document the experiences of **students and teachers in settlement language programs** who have been learning and working at home. **Teachers, please consider entering a series of individual learner stories or a collaborative shared story** that will be published. Some entries will be randomly selected for a small cash prize that can be used to support the learning of your students. More details will be shared soon!

ATESL, the Alberta TESL chapter, is excited to announce their fully online fall conference (Oct. 16-17). The Call for Presentations is out, and you can find out more on the Program page: <https://www.atesl.ca/conference/program/>

Your TESLNB Board will be organizing a learning opportunity for members in the coming months. Stay tuned!

## Resource Spotlight:

### Film English

<http://film-english.com/>



Films with accompanying lesson plans. (Teacher tube has clean versions of videos).

Aminah's World <http://www.aminahsworld.org/> is also fun for creative pursuits in English language!

### Learning with Netflix

<https://languagelearningwithnetflix.com/>



Netflix add-on for Google Chrome. Two language subtitles on at the same time.

If students find creative inspiration, they can create their own books for free on <https://www.writereader.com/en>

*Nine tenths of education is encouragement. ~ Anatole France*