Judith Kimel takes an online course on Anxiety through Neufeld Institute.

Christel Durand attends the Academy of Mindfulness Teaching International Training in the Netherlands and receives a Mindfulness Trainer Certification for children and adolescents (ages 4 to 19) and Mindfulness Trainer Certification for Teachers and Parents. This evidence-based program designed by Eline Snel is based on the mindfulness training for adults by Jon Kabat Zinn and adapted for children aged between 4 and 19.

Nick Song completes the Special Ed Specialist (part 3 of 3 courses) Additional Qualification Course for teachers. This course focuses on enhancement of professional knowledge, ethical practice, leadership, and ongoing learning.

Nadia Dharsee is in the process of becoming a Certified Yoga Instructor with Cosmic Yoga for kids, a story-based approach to teaching kidôs yoga.

Suzanne Schwenger takes Celebrating Canadaôs Indigenous Cultures with Royal Conservatory and Native Canadian Centre, a 5-day course taught by Indigenous music educator, Sherryl Sewepagaham from Alberta.

September 2019

MA-CSE:

Raadiyah Nazeem and Robin Shaw speak to the new MA-CSE students about the practicum experience.

All JICS teachers are introduced to the new Year 1 MA-CSE students, and then take them in small groups for a tour through the lab school, answering questions and letting them know a little about the philosophy of the school.

1st year MA-CSE students placed at the lab school for their first practicum attend an orientation with Chriss Bogert.

Natural Curiosity:

Kate Barrett and Adia Mojsiak present for 25 participants at the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario (COEO) Fall Conference: *The Power of Connection*.

Kate Barrett and Adia Mojsiak present at George Brownôs Early Childhood

The full staff attend the APHD Colloquium featuring Dr. Kang Lee presenting his research: *Transdermal optical imaging and its application in psychology research and practice*.

Visitors:

6 visitors from Central Ed Tech House/Centre of China, meet with Richard.
Prof Doug McDougall + 9 guests from China.

October 2019

Awards:

Richard Messina and Chriss Bogert attend the

Ben Peebles and Krista Spence attend National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) annual conference *Because Wisdom Begins with Wonder* in Baltimore, Maryland (Nov. 20-24).

All full-time teachers attend Laidlaw Research Seminar

Robertson Mini-Math Conference at JICS

Krista Spence begins University of Alberta 12-week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) *Indigenous Canada* offered by the Faculty of Native Studies.

- From an Indigenous perspective, this course explores key issues facing Indigenous peoples today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. Topics for the 12 lessons include the fur trade and other exchange relationships, land claims and environmental impacts, legal systems and rights, political conflicts and alliances, Indigenous political activism, and contemporary Indigenous life, art and its expressions.

Visitors:

Richard Messina, Rhonda

The Robertson team organizes a visit from Mariela Carranza, Kindergarten teacher from Alexander Muir Gladstone to the Lab School. This is a partnership to better understand student perspective for the Robertson kindergarten-

list of tasks. Over time, our hope is to create opportunities for families to get together at the school in enjoyable ways, to form a community around what our kids are learning. Doug Anderson, Indigenous scholar and co-author of Natural Curiosity, has offered his time to support this core group with organizing and communicating with school staff and families on the possibilities and challenges, with a focus on how JICS leads in these areas as a lab school, and with how events involving the wider school community are shared.

Professional Development:

Laidlaw Research Seminar

- *A Novel Methodology for Assessing Children's Heart Rate and Stress*
- *Motivation and Engagement: Sorting out the confusion among affective factors and how they contribute to early reading achievement*

April 2020

Dissemination:

Carol Stephenson is featured through the Robertson Program for the ñRobertson Math and Science: At Home Monday Math Challengesò, Thursday ñStructures Challengesò weekly from April 2020 until June 2020.

Marcia Bumbury is regularly featured on the Robertson Programôs Instagram account.

Richard Messina attends weekly zoom meetings April to June 2020 with over 100 heads of Canadian independent day schools through CAIS (Canadian Accredited Independent Schools) to share best practices, build knowledge about distance education, and best prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

Natural Curiosity:

Kate Barrett facilitates a webinar for #OISEStayatHome series:

- Kate from JICSôs Natural Curiosity Program will walk you through a simple activity that can help the children in your lives access a different kind of connection ï one with the natural world. Learn how simple outdoor activities like "hug a tree" can help children discover a sense of connection and relief during these challenging times.

Professional Development:

Chriss Bogert and Richard Messina attend: IALS Leadership Collaboration Forum

- Topic 1: We Must Continueé but how?
- Topic 2: Supporting you families, supporting your staff.
- Topic 3: Compromise and flexibility in learning. What progressive EARLY CHILDHOOD schools are doing to ensure that students have authentic, engaging experiences.

May 2020

Dissemination:

Chriss Bogert is featured in Natural Curiosityôs newsletter, Making the Shift, to inspire children and their families on Earth Day to feel a sense of connection to their second home: https://mailchi.mp/naturalcuriosity/maynewsletter2020

Carol Stephenson, Raadiyah Nazeem, and David Osorio are featured in Natural Curiosityôs newsletter, *Making the Shift*, and are highlighted sharing their experiences with shifting their environmental inquiry practice to a distance learning model. The edition was designed in response to the current COVID-19 crisis by Natural Curiosity Program leaders

In the News (MA CSE):