



## LOVING

Have you noticed that you are way more tired after a day on-line than you were when you met with others in-person? There are several reasons for that:

About 85-90% of what we communicate is non-verbal so when we are not together, our bodies are working much harder to both communicate our message and understand other people.

Our bodies were made for movement and our lives have become much more sedentary.

So there are real reasons for the increased tiredness and irritability we notice in ourselves and see in others. With both of these realities in play, showing and receiving a bit more love (and grace) are good things. Have a look at this [ARTICLE](#) by Christian psychologist Curt Thompson for more information and practical suggestions.

## LEARNING

As many of you are now connecting with your students online, it's important to remember to maintain safety and teacher professionalism. Edvance Christian Schools Association (our partner organization in Eastern Canada) has a [THOROUGH DOCUMENT](#) that provides helpful tips to maintain proper professional boundaries with students. First and foremost, you should use online tools in ways that are consistent with the mission and vision of your school. Here are some of the top reminders:

- Whenever working one-on-one, a second adult must be included in the supervision of the interaction (i.e., child's parent/guardian, another teacher/staff).
- Personal digital communication tools and accounts (such as texting, personal Instagram and Facebook accounts) are not appropriate professional communication tools.
- Do not record synchronous learning events with students without express written consent (including from parents/guardians for minors).
- As a digital citizen, you should model the behaviour you expect from your students. Here are some guiding questions as you navigate the use of electronic communication and social media:
- What are my reasons for sharing this information with a student? Personal or professional?
- Is this interaction something I would be comfortable with my students, their parents, my admin or the media seeing?
- How does my online presence - that which I control and that which is posted

by others - reflect my professionalism? How does it reflect on the teaching profession?

## LEADING

Join us on **April 30 (11:00-12:00 MDT)** for a PCCE zoom webinar with Jim McKenzie where he will present innovative enrollment procedures for these times when traditional school visits and open houses are not feasible. He will deal with 4 topics:

- Promoter Receptions (proactive word of mouth)
- Virtual Open Houses
- Educational Consultations (rather than school visits)
- Digital Marketing.

This Zoom will be relevant to School Leaders, Exec Directors, PR Directors (paid or volunteer). The Zoom link will be sent out next week, so pass the word around your community. Jim is a leader in innovative practices in Christian education. He is the principal at The Rock School in Florida and you can watch a fascinating [TEDTalk](#) he recently presented.

A couple of other learning opportunities:

Patrick Lencioni is offering a free one hour webinar on “Overcoming the Five Dysfunctions of Virtual Teams” on Wednesday April 22. ZOOM LINK: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ob5txEciRDO-zU\\_gXbUFwg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ob5txEciRDO-zU_gXbUFwg)  
Last week we mentioned The [Q 2020 VIRTUAL SUMMIT](#) for Christian leaders. I've heard that a couple of you are attending as well. Let Gayle know if you'll be there - I'd like to hear your thoughts.

