

FROM LIBRARY TO  
  
LEARNING COMMONS

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# WHO AM I?

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# THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Where did we come from?

What step came first?



# OUR ORIGINAL LIBRARY

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TALL  
SHELVING IN  
ROWS





# STORY/LESSON AREA WITH SMARTBOARD





CIRCULATION  
DESK JUST  
INSIDE DOOR.



TRADITIONAL  
LAB –  
COMPUTERS  
FACING WALLS





## THE PROCESS WE FOLLOWED

first  
PEDAGOGY  
&  
PLANNING



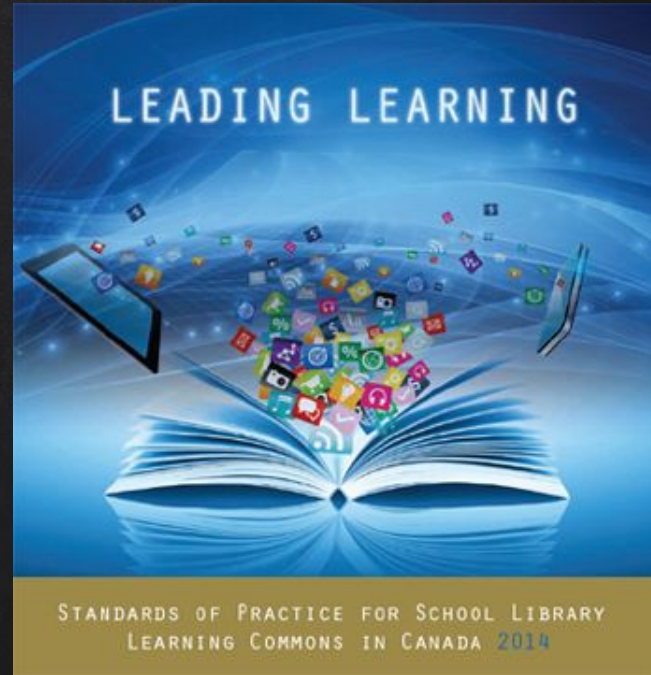
second  
PHYSICAL  
CHANGES



last  
REFLECTION,  
PEDAGOGY &  
PLANNING



# PROFESSIONAL READING







Creating strong partnerships, working with  
Instructional Coaches, creating school focus group



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**You can choose comfort or you can  
choose courage, but you can't choose both.**

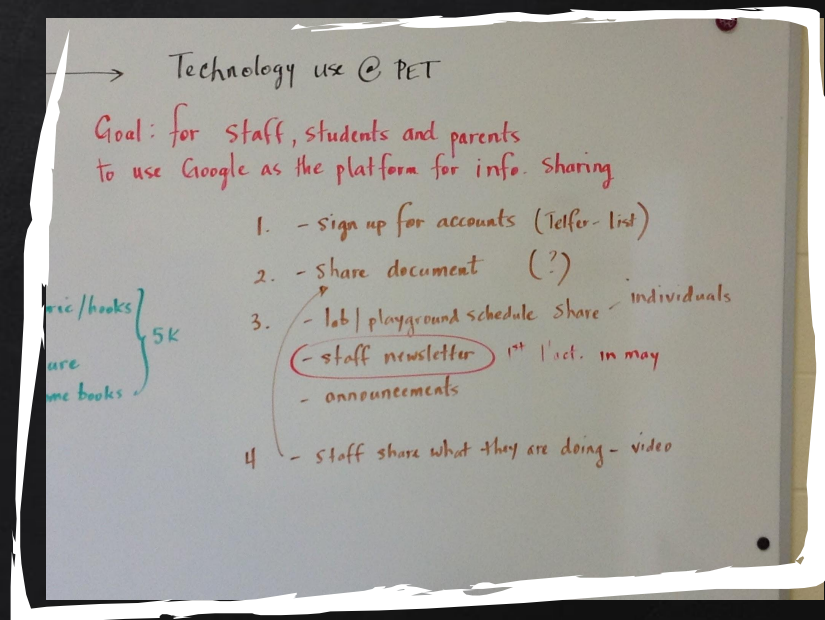
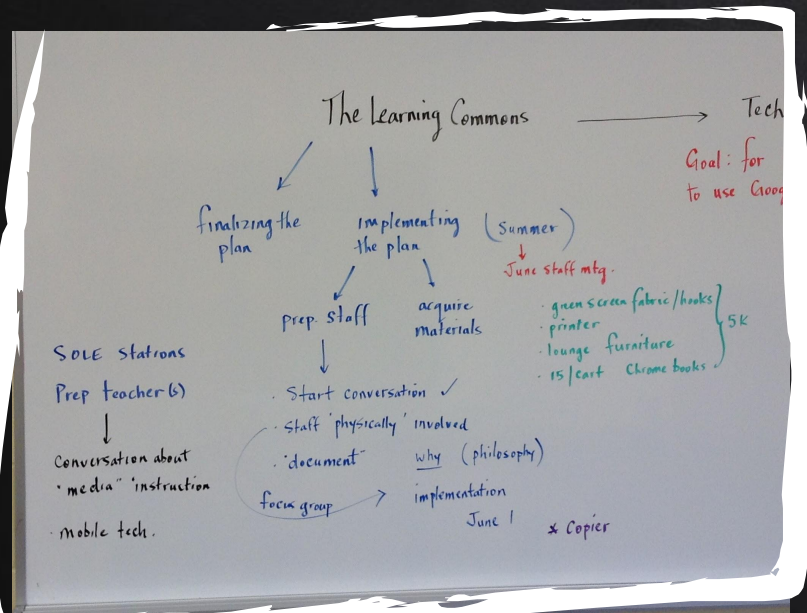
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# MEETING THAT SPARKED THE MOVEMENT

\*similar to a product pitch meeting, with our principal

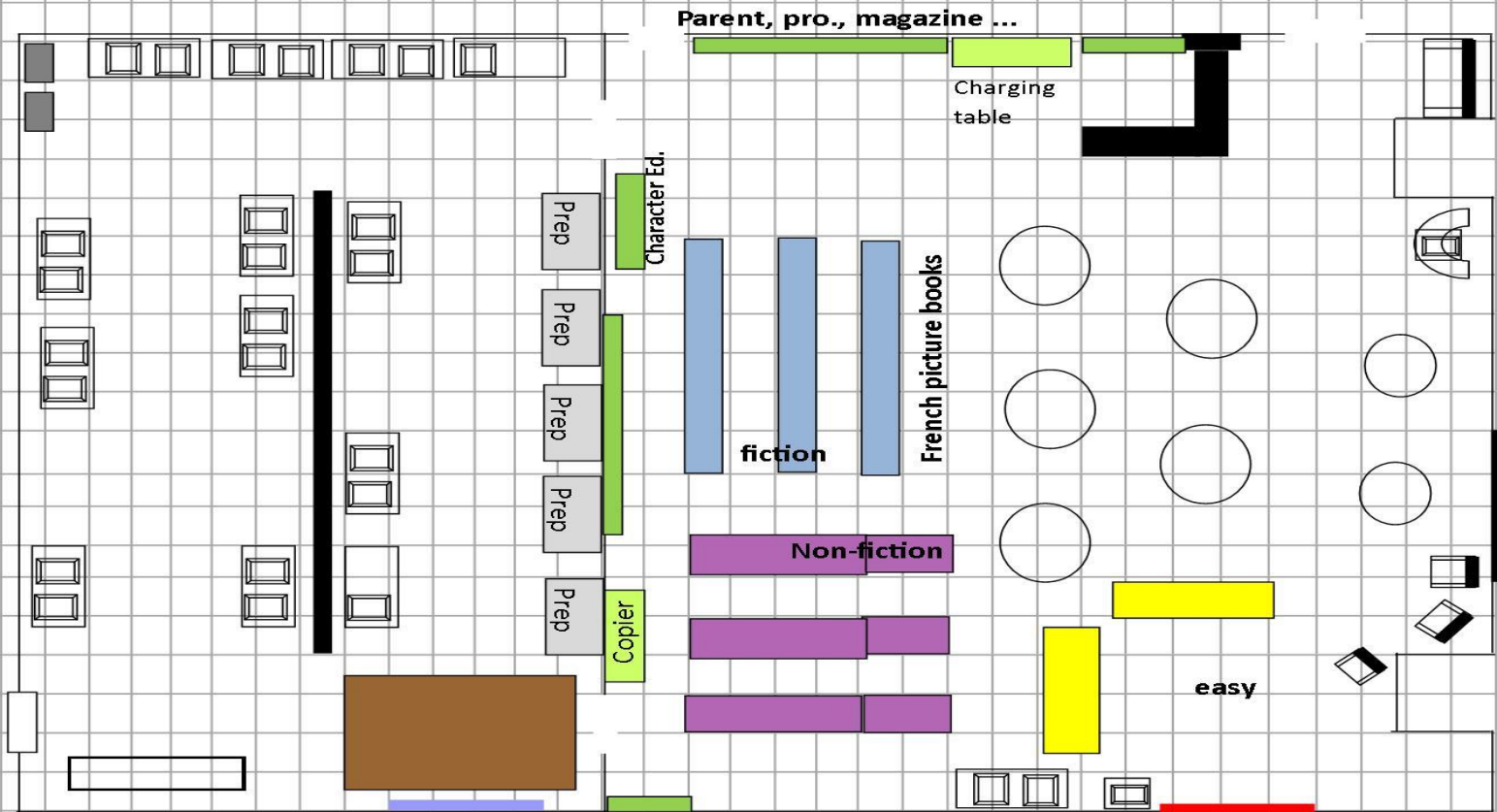


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# PLANS FOR THE PHYSICAL CHANGES

How? Who?

# Trudeau's Current Library/Lab

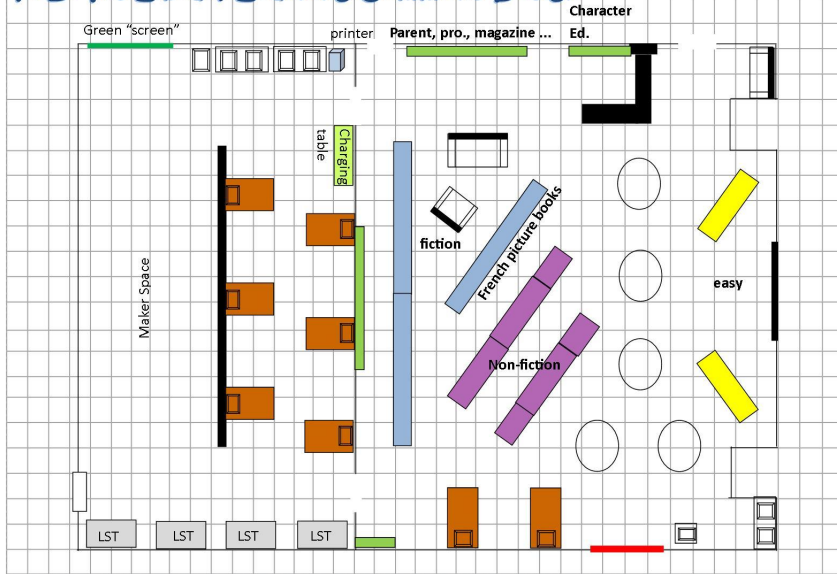






# DRAFT DESIGN – CREATED BY LC ARETTA BLUE

## P. E. T.'s Library Learning Commons Design



## Considerations:

- ☐ programming plans
- ☐ furniture – current, budget for new?
- ☐ electrical and data
- ☐ traffic flow, sight lines
- ☐ creating different types of spaces (quiet, creative, flexible)



*We can get hung-up on the money when it comes to learning commons spaces. But it is first about mindsets – we need to embrace new ways of learning and find ways for our space to reflect these changes and be the gathering places for all our learners.”*

Chris Kennedy, [Culture of Yes](#)



# BUDGET PLANNING

- ☐ work with existing resources
- ☐ what equipment do you need to purchase?
- ☐ funding options – school, parents/community, fundraising, grants



# REUSE, REMOVE, PURCHASE

## Reuse

- ☐ some tables
- ☐ all shelving
- ☐ circulation desk
- ☐ some computers

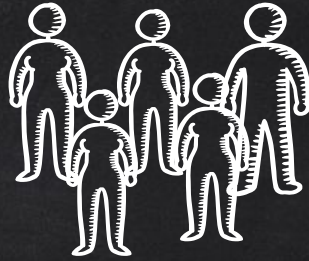
## Remove

- ☐ excess tables
- ☐ prep teacher desks
- ☐ some computers
- ☐ weeded collection

## Purchase

- ☐ chromebooks
- ☐ sofa, lounge chairs
- ☐ printer
- ☐ green screen
- ☐ jack boxes





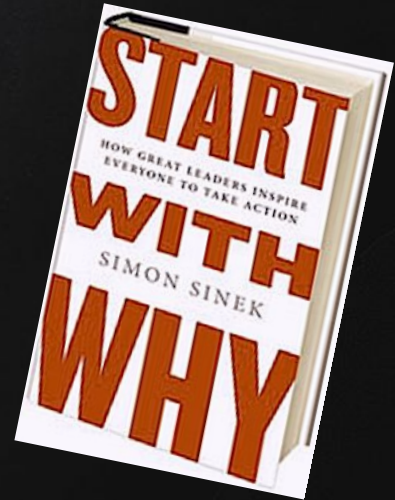
# FOCUS GROUP

Champions for a cause.



“The next time someone starts listing all the reasons an idea won’t work or can’t happen, ask them to give 3 reasons it can.”

— *Simon Sinek*





\*reviewed  
proposed  
floor plan

\*reasons why  
this won't  
work

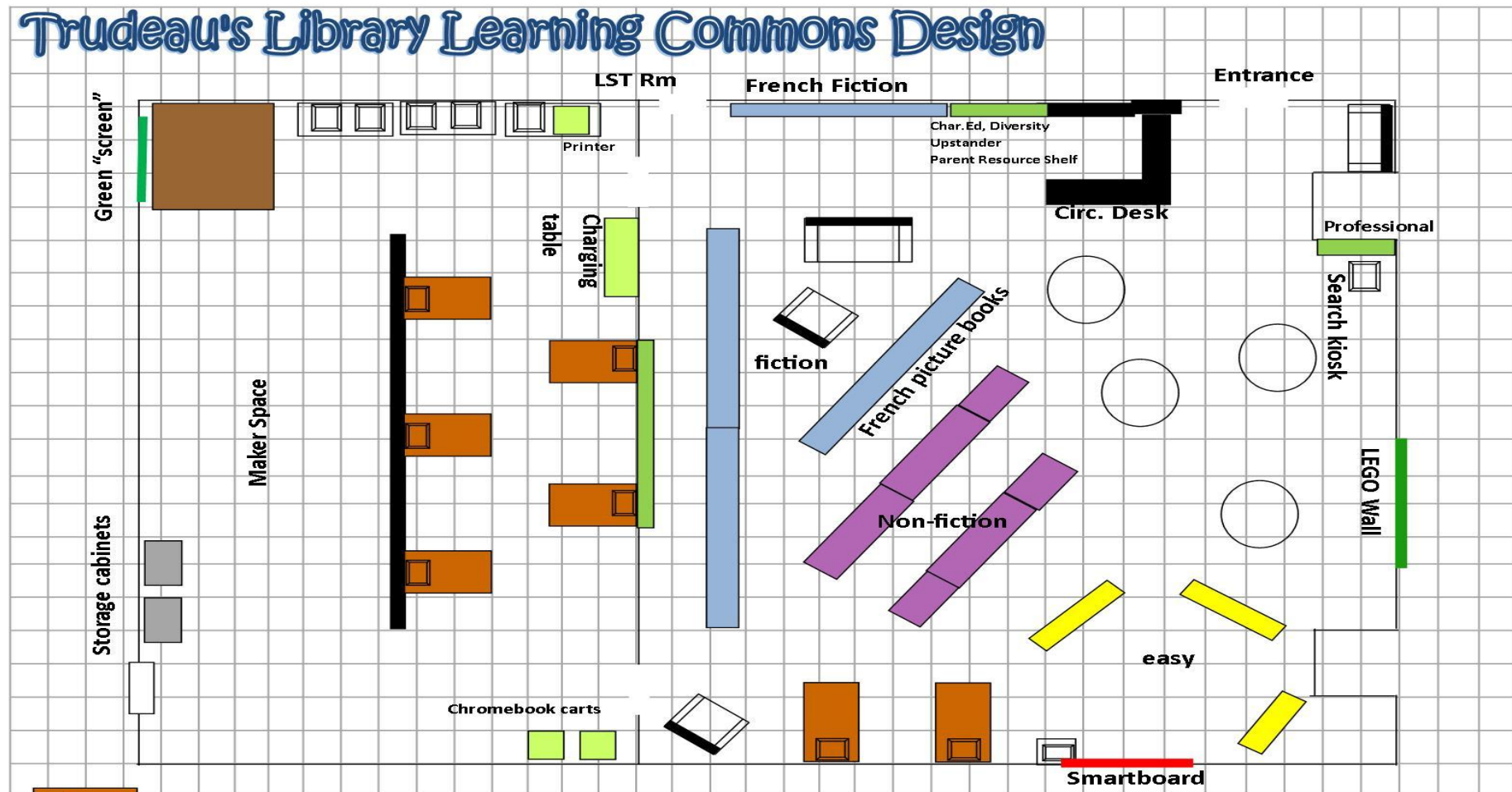
\*how to share  
with staff

\*what are we  
already doing that  
can be modified/  
improved

\*share with  
colleagues,  
gather  
questions



# Trudeau's Library Learning Commons Design



\*\*These will be collaborative computer stations. 1 computer, 4 chairs, plus whiteboards, markers, pencils, etc



DAY 1 -  
MOVING THE  
LIBRARY  
SHELVEING





FIC

CU 400-A

Statistics Com

FIC CA

Ramona

FIC CLE

Artemis Fowl


FIC GDL

How to Train

Your Dragon

FIC COM





DAY 2 -  
FORMER  
COMPUTER  
LAB  
MAKEOVER







THE BIG REVEAL





# Bienvenue!

**Le carrefour  
d'apprentissage**

**créer**

**découvrir**

**réfléchir**

**collaborer**

**apprendre**

BRANDING  
THE NEW  
NAME

ANGLED  
SHELVING  
\*BETTER  
SIGHTLINES





A photograph of a library interior. In the foreground, there is a dark blue armchair and a matching dark blue sofa. Behind them are several rows of bookshelves filled with books. The shelves are light-colored wood or laminate. The floor is covered in a light-colored carpet. Large windows are visible in the background, letting in natural light. A text box with a white border is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

NEW COMFY  
SEATING





A photograph of a classroom or library space. In the foreground, there is a large hexagonal table with several brown chairs around it. In the background, there are more hexagonal tables and chairs. A large whiteboard is mounted on the wall. To the left, there is a computer monitor on a desk. To the right, there is a wooden bookshelf filled with books. The walls are made of light-colored bricks. There are some posters on the wall, including one that says "Kutty's Kudos" and another that says "The Power of Reading".


FLEXIBLE  
WORK SPACE



ADDITIONAL  
SOLEs IN  
THE LIBRARY  
SPACE

"SOLE" stations  
collaborative  
creation / research  
zones





COLLABORATION  
STATIONS  
(SOLEs)



"SOLE" stations  
• collaborative  
creation & research  
zones

Learning Stations  
Green Stations





Charging Station  
\*more mobile  
technology coming  
in September

CHARGING  
STATION





MAKERSPACE

\*WIDE OPEN AND READY  
FOR ANYTHING





ADDITIONAL  
WHITEBOARDS  
\*PEEL & STICK WITH  
DUCT TAPE





NEW GREEN  
SCREEN

\*ROLLS OUT  
ACROSS FLOOR

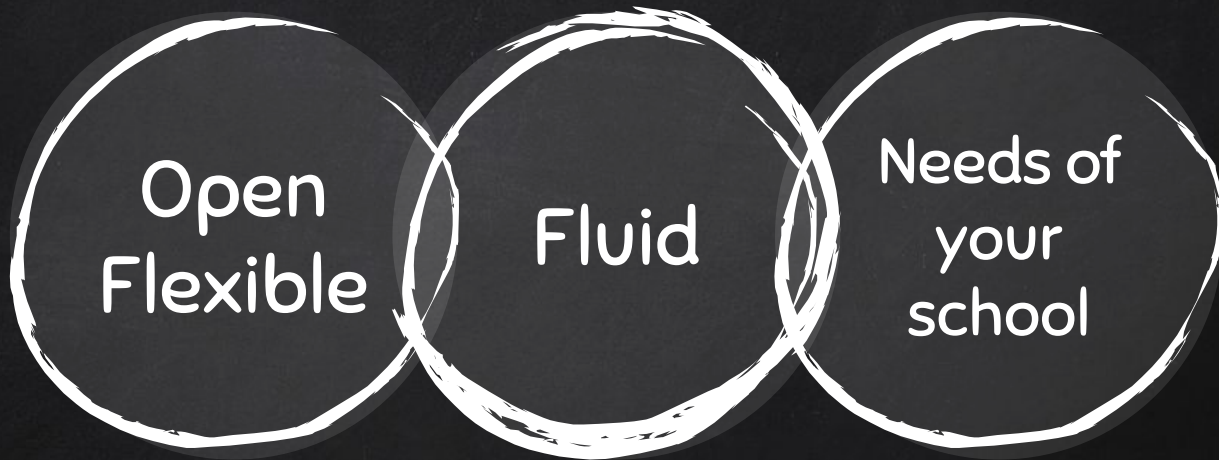


# SCHEDULING

Our biggest stumbling block



## SO MUCH TO CONSIDER





# GOOGLE SHEETS – SPACE AND MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

Completed Schedule - G -> Oct.22 - Nov.4 Learning Commons/Tech Signout Dec 18-Jan 14 Learning Commons/Tech Signout Inbox (3) - tv40024@gotvdsb.ca Dec 4-17 Learning Commons/Tech Signout

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vjzeull7AW-Plw4uViNKQxi0NQppVmU2\_p2hnJKNZXk/edit#gid=528633689

Oct.22 - Nov.4 Learning Commons/Tech Signout ☆

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1	Lab Area	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10						
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3	9:00-9:50	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Vint/Coughlin	Di Pietro	Di Pietro						
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\*\*\*For now, yellow areas are to be booked after consultation/co-planning with Mme Telfer. This is to help all of us make effective use of the redesigned space. We will see how this works, and may change at a later date.

GOTVDSB sign up periods- for gr 5-8 - Mme Telfer will intro to class, help get everyone connected, students will complete a google form to gather their info. Mme Telfer will share this with classroom teacher so they can create their mailing list.

\*\*please fill in teacher name to book space

\*\* Vint/Coughlin are building Rube Goldberg machine and will be using the Maker Space for 2 weeks. Please be mindful of their supplies and creations when in the space with your students.

M=Makerspace G=Greenscreen

S=SOLES only

ALL=need whole space

\*\*please be careful not to delete someone else's time

Former Lab Area Pink Netbooks Green Netbooks iPads

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Dec.4-17 Learning Commons/Tech Signout ☆

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Former Lab Area Green Netbooks Pink Netbooks Chrmkb Chariot 1 Chrmkb Chariot 2 iPads



NOW WHAT?

Some of the learning that has been  
happening since September





## GR. 5 GOVERNMENT UNIT – STUDENT VOTE



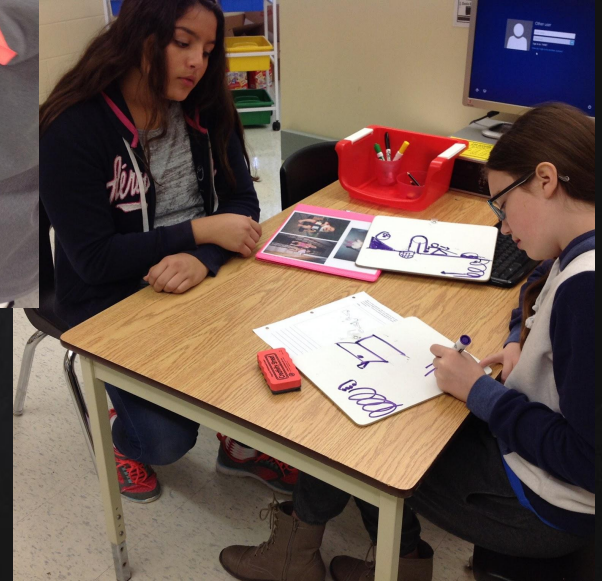
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TOUCHCAST



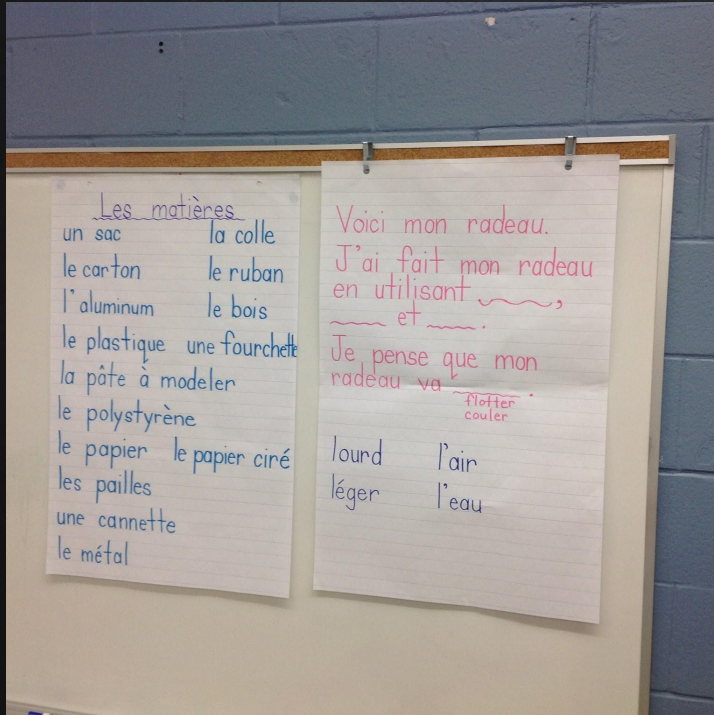


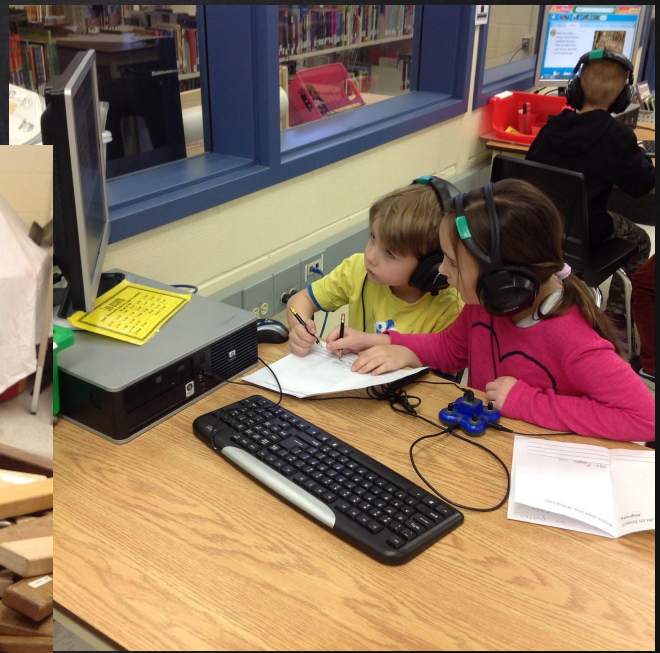
# GR. 8 RUBE GOLDBERG PROJECT





# GR. 2 RAFT – PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, REPORT WRITING





# GR.1 – LIVING THINGS

## HIBERNATION, MIGRATION, ADAPTATION







GREEN SCREEN FUN – WE'RE JUST LEARNING








## WHAT'S NEXT FOR US?

- ☐ Focus Group continues to meet
- ☐ involvement in CODE project through TVDSB
- ☐ continued collaboration, new projects, lots more reflection
- ☐ LEGO wall



DON'T ASK YOUR  
STUDENTS TO LEARN,  
IF YOU'RE NOT  
WILLING TO  
CONTINUE LEARNING



QUESTIONS

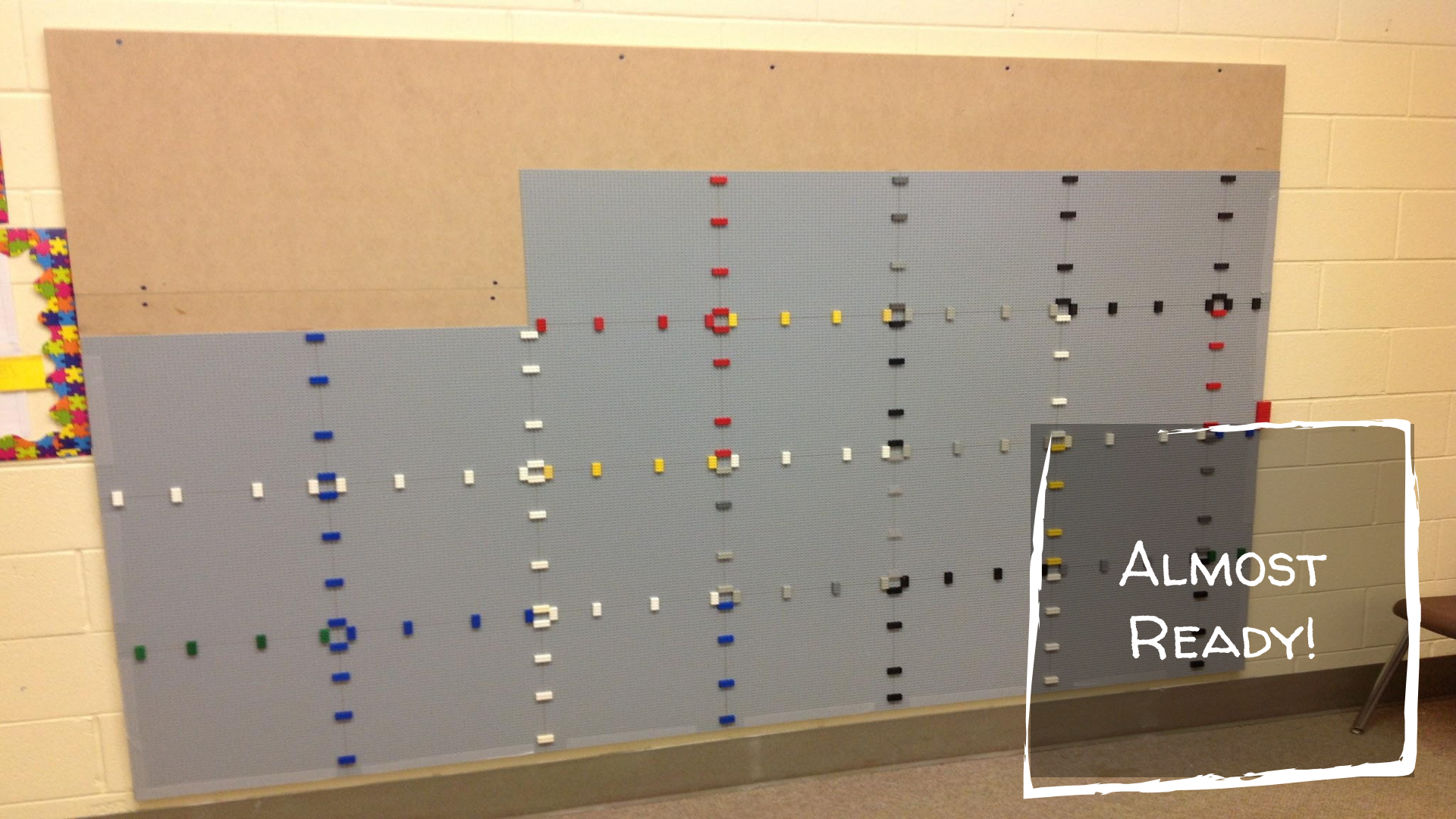
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Coming  
Soon!!

\*Dream for the Future\*  
Epic LEGO Wall  
↓



MDF BASE  
FOR OUR  
LEGO WALL



ALMOST  
READY!





MY BLOG

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