



בס"ד

1st September 2021
כ"ד אלול תשפ"א

Dear Chemed Principals and Elementary English Teachers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. Here at Chemed, we want to motivate our pupils, already at the foundation level, to aim for excellence in speaking, listening, writing and reading comprehension in English. In order to do this, we'd like to focus on the following in the coming school year.

Professional Training and Development

- Click [here](#) to register by 10/9/21 for the National English Inspectorate's **Back to School** webinar for English teachers.
- We recommend that every English teacher joins a Professional Learning Community (**PLC**) at their local teachers' center (Pisgah). All our PLCs are run by experienced teachers and counselors. There, we will talk about ways to improve spoken English in lessons and to enlarge our pupils' vocabulary which is the very foundation of language learning. Registration is at your local Pisgah. Contact your regional English inspector with any questions.
- **"Kaveret" – Professional Development for Elementary English School Teachers** is an innovative online learning environment for elementary school teachers. The training units in the various fields of knowledge are offered as units of 3 hours, in addition to complete 30-hour courses. Each teacher is assigned a "personal mentor" for this professional development journey, who assists in supporting the teacher.

Each teacher chooses what, where, when and how much to learn.

Click [here](#) to register.



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• COFFEE TIME

Click [here](#) for dates of Coffee Time sessions throughout the year. These hour-long sessions are tailored to the needs of Chemed elementary teachers and have become highly popular.

We will kick off the year with a mini-conference on zoom on כ"ג תשרי (אסרו חג) - Wednesday 29th September 2021 between 19:30-21:00. Do join us!

The ABLE Kit Assessment Tool for Beginning Reading

The aim of the **ABLE Kit** is to help teachers identify their learners who haven't yet attained a basic level of reading, and to highlight the difficulties they face. Once the screening and diagnostic stages have been completed, suitable intervention work plans should be created in order to advance the pupils to the desired outcome of reading fluency and accuracy.

The ABLE Kit is available on the Moodle platform. Teachers can also find it on the Building Blocks [site](#). Contact your regional inspectors, your local English counselor or Aharona Gvaryahu - national counselor and expert in struggling pupils - for more information about the ABLE Kit. Aharona can be contacted at: gvaryahu@gmail.com.

Please do note that while the ABLE Kit is a diagnostic tool for reading, there are performance tasks and a bank of past Meitzav exams available to teachers for assessment purposes.

Teachers' Resources

[Bulletin of the Chief Inspector](#)

[The English Inspectorate Site](#)

[The English Curriculum](#) – Pre-Foundation and Foundation Levels, including Vocabulary Band 1

[The Chemed English Website](#)

Moodle Courses for 5th and 6th Graders: Independent Learning – The links will be published soon.

[Teaching Units](#)

[Filmed Lessons](#) – 171 recordings of lessons and accompanying power point presentations, categorized according to grade level

[The English Elementary Portal](#) – a wide range of resources according to topics

[Five Minutes of English](#) – 25 five minute clips for pupils featuring delightful characters in Grades 1-4

[Turn the Page](#) – Extensive Reading Programs

[Building Blocks](#) – Literacy Instruction

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[Speak Up](#) – Speaking Enrichment Program

[Learn in Tune](#)

[המקפצה](#) offers free extra English lessons to small groups of pupils in Grades 5&6

The Elementary [Mikud](#)

- **The Year's Theme and English Day**

The Maccabiah is the MOE's national theme for all Jewish schools in Israel this year. Students will be educated about the Maccabiah in a wide range of subjects, and as English is the primary language connecting Israeli Jews with Jews in the Diaspora, our students will participate in a variety of interactive, relevant, and meaningful projects throughout the year. The hope is that our students will attend many Maccabiah events in their summer vacation in July 2022.

– ט"ו באייר תשפ"ב this year will be on 16th May 2022 on the subject of **Dreams** and how we can actualize them.

- **Writing Enrichment Program**

A Dream Come True is the title of our writing enrichment program this year. 6th graders are encouraged to enter our national writing competition. Guidance will be provided for teachers at **COFFEE TIME** sessions and a teachers' guide will soon become available.

- **Reader's Theater** - which includes a combination of reading practice and performing - will take center stage this year in our 6th grade classes. Its goal is to enhance students' reading skills and confidence by having them practice reading with a purpose. Teachers will be provided with guidance.
- **Mondly** is a language learning app for elementary pupils who "play their way to learning". This year, a hundred schools will be chosen to join this exciting program. Your regional English inspector will be in touch with schools that fit the criteria.

- **Learn in Tune**

For the second year running, elementary children from all over the country will take part in the [E-Talent](#) competition. We are also planning a **massive virtual**

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singing event with pupils singing in their home environment. More details to follow soon.

- **Keep in Touch**

There are many ways for Chemed elementary teachers to communicate with each other:

- a) The Chemed email list: anglitmmd@googlegroups.com
- b) Here's the link to join our Chemed elementary teachers' whatsapp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LXjk7enYPr52UNdkxSAREc>
- c) And for those who are Facebook users, do join our group there too: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334104497632387>
- d) Teachers are welcome to contact Nicole Broder, National Counselor for English at Chemed Elementary Schools at: chemedenglish@gmail.com.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, fruitful and successful year,

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