School Collaboration Corner

If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.

- George Bernard Shaw
Final Remark

“Our duty is to prepare our students for the 21st century.”

“Learn as you need.”
Helpful reminders

• One step at a time
• Surround yourself with like-minded people
• Don’t be afraid to ask
• Learn as you need
• Don’t give up

(from Véronique of the BCT-Net)
Different types of collaboration

• **Sharing ideas** and practice with colleagues
• Developing and **implementing projects** together in different classrooms
• Enabling **students** to collaborate with each other
  – Within your classroom
  – Across classrooms with students in another region
Benefits of collaboration

• **Belonging** to a supportive community
• Developing new **understandings**
• Learning for **all** (students, teachers, others)
A balancing act

• Collaboration builds on the natural curiosity that we have for others
• The capacity to collaborate involves skills and attitudes that require care and attention
Key elements of collaboration

• Dialogue, Trust, Mutual adaptation
  A dance

• Multiple entry points into collaborative projects
  Different options for learners with different capabilities, dispositions, and inclinations