

D2L
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Learning

Assessment

Differentiated Discussions

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Welcome
from D2L!



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Why Use the Discussions Tool?

- Increase communication and collaboration
- Provide a space for group work
- Conduct one-to-one student-teacher conferences
- Track and assess observations and conversations

The screenshot shows the 'Discussions' section of a learning management system. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'English - Gr 12' and user information for 'Tammy Teacher'. Below this is a menu with options like 'Classlist', 'Content', 'Assignments', 'Discussions', 'Quizzes', 'Quick Eval', 'Grades', 'Portfolio', 'Class Progress', and 'More'. The 'Discussions' section is active, showing a 'Discussions List' with options for 'Subscriptions', 'Group and Section Restrictions', and 'Statistics'. There are buttons for 'New' and 'More Actions'. A filter bar shows 'Filter by: Unread Unapproved' and a 'Collapse All Forums' option. Below this, there are two discussion topics:

Peer Evaluations

Topic	Threads	Posts	Last Post
Peer Evaluation: Poem Draft Includes assessment. Must post first. This discussion is designed for you and your peers to review the first draft of each other's poems. You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy and Paste your poem in your initial post.• Review at least two of your peers' poems and provide critical feedback (e.g. one or two positive observations, and one or two observations that could help your peer improve).• Feel free to share resources if you find them. Be sure they are relevant to your discussion and topic.	0	0	

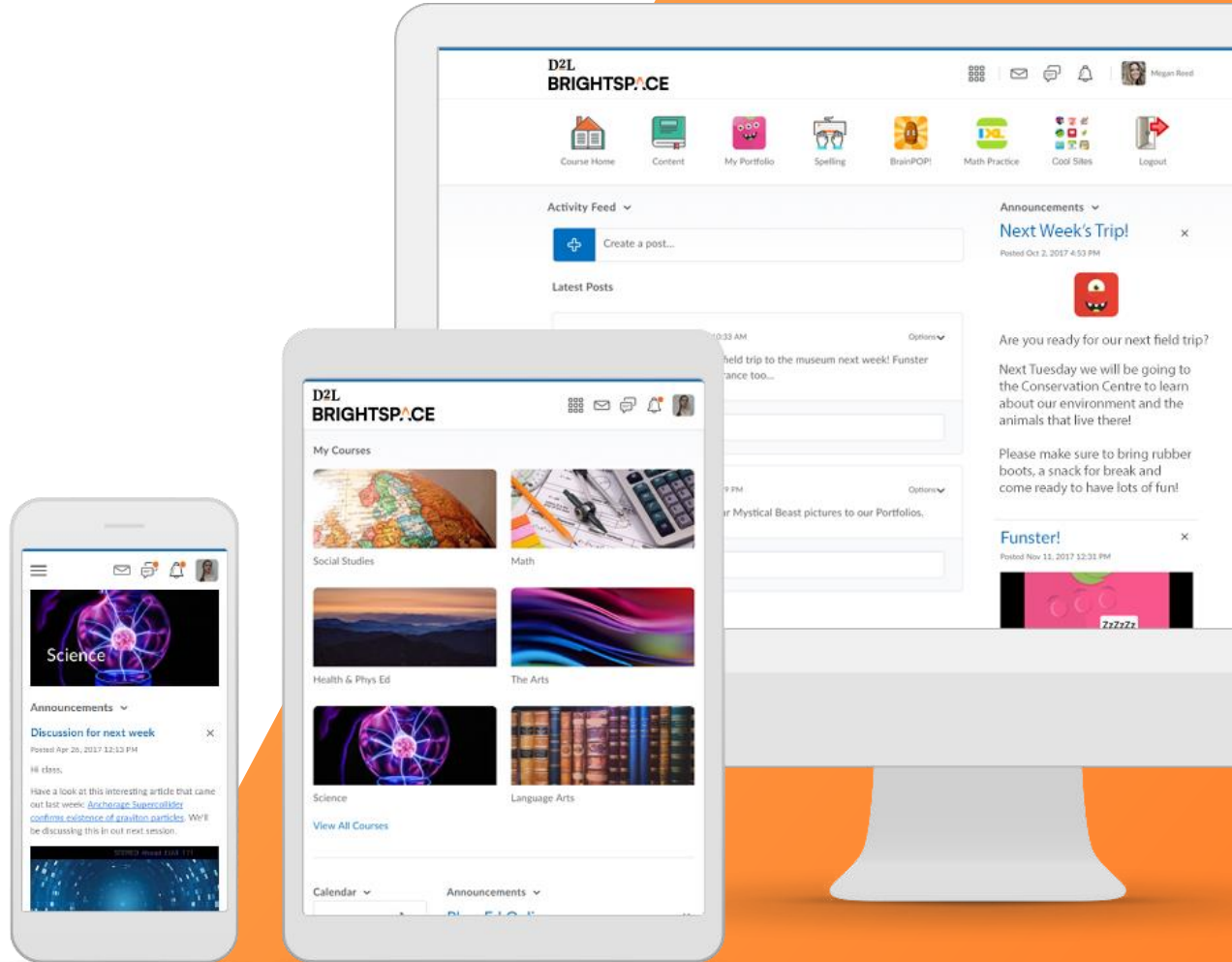
Non-Fiction Cafe

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Non-Fiction Cafe Use this discussion area to collaborate with your peers and share ideas and resources.	0	0	

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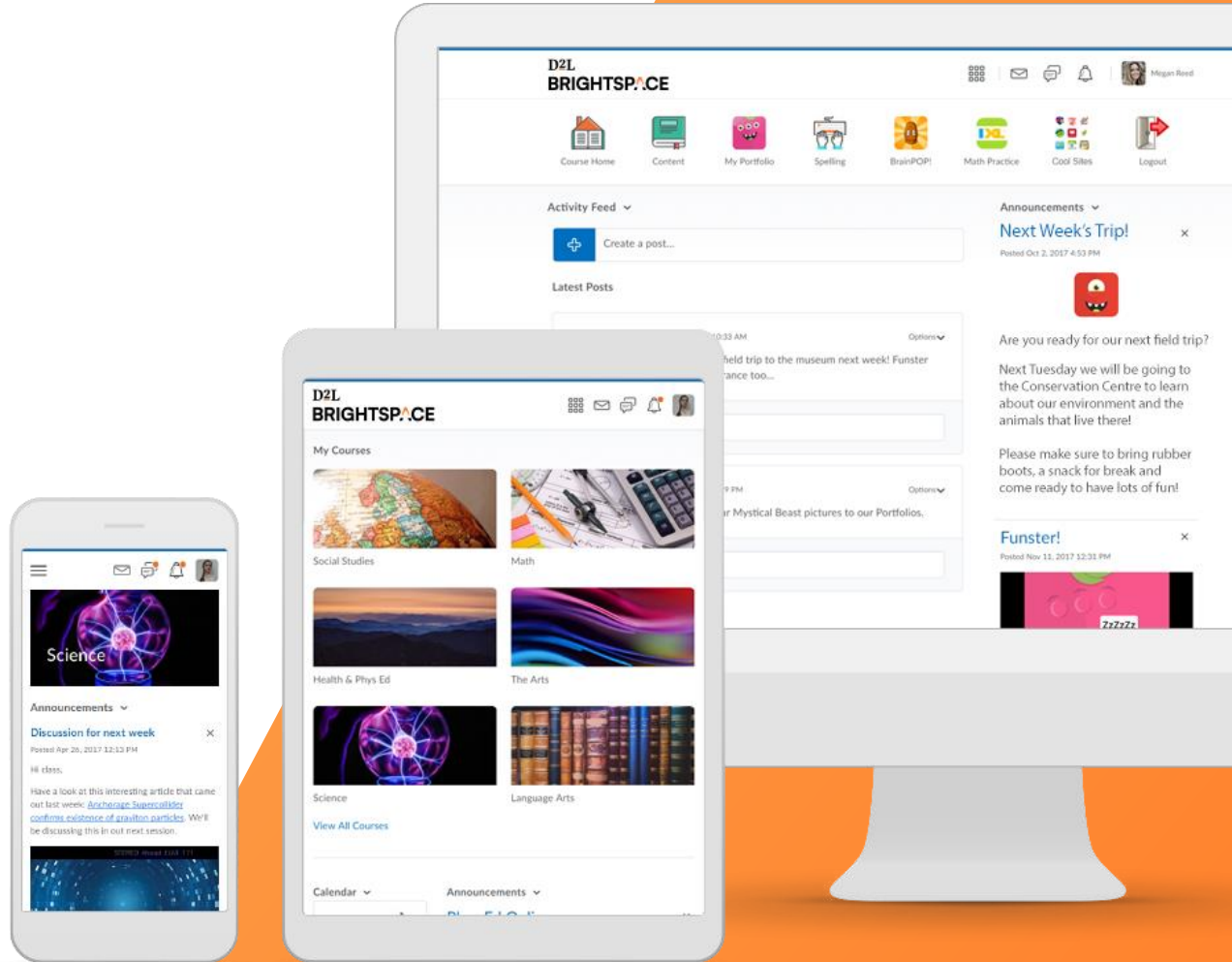
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Future Sessions

		August 30th Setting up your Classroom	August 31st Assessment	September 1st Evaluation and Feedback
Morning	10:00 – 10:20am	Personalizing your Homepage	Portfolio to Document Learning	Class Progress
	10:30 – 10:50am	Communicating with Students	Creating Assignments 101	Setting Up your Gradebook
	11:00 – 11:20am	Creating Custom Widgets	Multimedia Rubrics	Using Mastery View to Assess Expectations
Afternoon	1:00 – 1:20pm	Creating Multimedia Lessons	Differentiated Discussions	Quick Eval
	1:30 – 1:50pm	Creating Custom Content	New Quiz Experience	Sending Automated Reminders
	2:00 – 2:30pm	Brightspace Parents and Guardians	Office Hours	Office Hours

Still need to [register](#)? It's not too late!

Additional Resources

Discussions Resources

- [Create and Manage Discussions Forums](#)
- [Assessing Discussions](#)
- [Discussions Tool Tutorials](#)
- [Groups and Section Tools](#)

General Resources

- [Ontario's VLE page](#)
- [One-minute workflows](#)
- [K12 Educators Getting Started](#)
- [Ontario End-User Support](#)



Thank you!

If you have questions about today's presentation...

- [Register](#) and join us for Office Hours today and Thursday at 2pm
- [Contact your TELT](#)
- Email us at k12ont@d2l.com