

Circle of Learning
Saturday, April 17, 2010

Workshops

Keynote Speakers

Dr. David Booth – Me Read? Yes, way!

For over 40 years, Dr. Booth has been involved in teaching children and teachers, as a classroom teacher, language arts consultant, professor, speaker and author. Dr. Booth has participated in many conferences, speaking and presenting workshops in all areas of language learning. He has won several awards in Canada and the United States for his teaching, for his contributions to language and literacy, and for his books for young people.

Dr. Jack Weiner – Beyond 2 + 2

Dr. Weiner is a multi-award winning teacher who has been a professor at the University of Guelph for over two decades. Dr. Weiner was chosen by the university's graduating class of 2009 to present "The Last Lecture," a tradition at the university. He was listed as a "Popular Professor" in MacLean's University Report. His Mathematics Survival Kit is now in its second edition and his latest book, "*The Mathematics Post-secondary Preparation Package = MP3*," was published in 2009.

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Chris Vollum – Facebook 101

Chris is a recognized authority on Facebook and Twitter. With an extensive understanding of Facebook's privacy policies, settings and sub-settings, Chris established "Facebook 101" with the sole purpose of educating parents, teachers, administrators and students on how to effectively apply their Facebook profile settings to minimize privacy breaches and proactively defend against cyber-bullying.

Trevor Brown – M.A.S.H. (Math at School and Home)

Trevor is a known presenter in the mathematics community in Ontario and across Canada. He has contributed to many math publications and has worked as a Math Consultant with the Toronto District School Board. This workshop focuses on Mathematics Curriculum as it is being taught in the SCDSB. Parents will work with manipulatives and have a chance to experience "hands on" Mathematics.

Kathleen Corrigan – Welcome to Kindergarten

Kathleen has been a teacher with the SCDSB since the 1980s. She has extensive experience teaching the primary grades and special education as well as academic expertise in the early years. Her current role is to provide support across the system as the Early Years Resource Teacher. Within this role she focuses on the learning needs of students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Jill Windsor – The Joy of Critical Literacy

Jill is a passionate teacher, literacy resource coach, writer and motivational speaker. She earned her Reading Specialist, English Literature Specialist and a degree in Semiotics (the science of signs and symbols) at the University of Toronto. She has been empowering Simcoe County students with reading, writing and critical literacy skills for over 13 years.

Nina Robitaille – Healthy Initiatives Project (HIP)

Nina is the Coordinator, Healthy Initiatives - YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka. In 2008, the SCDSB partnered with the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario to assist schools as they move towards an environment of comprehensive school health. This initiative is called the *Healthy Initiatives Project*.

Troy Comish – SMARTBOARD Technology

Troy is currently a K-12 Numeracy, Health and Physical Education Itinerant Resource Teacher with the SCDSB. As part of his role, Troy works with teachers to integrate technology into their teaching practice. During this presentation, Troy will show how SMART technology can be used by teachers to actively engage their students and ensure differentiated instruction.

Bonnie Pattison – Parenting Tips

Bonnie has a background in Child and Youth services and has worked with families for over 25 years. She is employed as a Parent Education Facilitator with Parents as Partners, SCDSB. Bonnie will provide an overview of the various programs offered through Parents as Partners, as well as offer some positive parenting tips to foster healthy relationships with children.

SCDSB Student Success Team – Transitioning from Elementary to Secondary School

The SCDSB Student Success Team works with schools to support students as they transition from elementary to secondary schools. Student Success initiatives target students in Grades 7 to 12 with individualized attention and specialized programming. The team helps schools provide effective pathways for all students to graduate to college, the workplace, apprenticeship or university. The workshop will highlight a variety of innovative programs and strategies that are in place to ensure the success of all students within the Board.