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President’s Message

Hello Everyone!

It has been a very exciting and productive quarter for the AECEO Peel Branch. The Peel community has been very supportive and encouraging with all our endeavors.

Our focus remains on providing professional development opportunities for ECEs in Peel. We have executed this focus through our AIM speaker’s panel at the AGM on September 16th, 2009 and also a very successful workshop “Cultural Perspectives on Disabilities” by Rabia S. Khedr.

We have also promoted networking opportunities for the early learning community at our Week of the Child event on October 21st, 2009. Sheridan Alumni Association, PLASP, Mini-Skool, CDRCP, Region of Peel, Sheridan College faculty staff and many other advocates have helped us achieve our goals.

The AECEO Peel Branch has a new website link through the main web site of the provincial branch. Please visit it for updates. We are also on Facebook. Our e-mail address is aeceopeelbranch@gmail.com. Our board has many new enthusiastic members and we are looking forward to a very dynamic new year.

Thank you for being proponents of the AECEO and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Priti Roy M.Sc. RECE
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We're always looking for volunteers!

If you would like to get involved with
the Peel Branch of AECEO, please
email Priti at priti@cdrpc.com
to discuss the opportunity.

Join our Facebook Group

Now you can get in touch with us on
Facebook where we'll share stories,
activity ideas and exciting AECEO
news with you.

We've added new pictures of the two
main events; the Annual General
Meeting and the Week of the Child.

DID YOU KNOW?

The AECEO Peel Branch now has its
own website!
Visit us at this web address:
<http://www.aeceo.ca/Branches/PEL/default.htm>

Share your stories and ideas with us!

If you have an article or a story that you
would like to share, please send it to us
for the next newsletter. Please contact
Grace with any suggestions or stories at:
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Special Events Report

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Advocates in Motion (AIM)



On September 16th 2009, AECEO Peel Branch held the AGM along with the AIM Speakers panel at Sheridan College, Davis campus.

The goal of this panel was to help the early learning community understand how our advocates achieved success in their careers as well as the importance of life-long learning. The AIM panel was organized in partnership with Sheridan Alumni Association.

The refreshments were generously donated by Food for Tots.

A new branch board of directors was elected into office at this year's AGM. This event was attended by many community members.

We would like to thank our speakers Noreen Hornsby, Deborah M. Doherty, Mihir Oza and Sharon J. Cassey, for their advocacy of early learning. We would also like to thank CDRCP, Mini-Skool, and PLASP for their ongoing support of the AECEO.

Week of the Child and Krayons for Kids

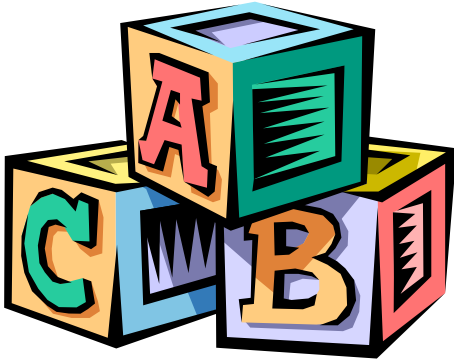
The AECEO Peel Branch celebrated Week of the Child on October 21st, 2009 at Peek-a-boo Child Care Centre (Traders location). This year's recipients of the Krayons for Kids went to the Boys and Girls Club of Canada, Kennedy Road Tabernacle and India Rainbow Community Services of Peel. The Boys and Girls Club of Canada provides a supportive environment where children and youth can develop confidence to succeed in life. India Rainbow Community Services of Peel is a local non-profit charity that assists new immigrants as they rebuild their lives in Canada.



The award recipient for the 2009 Children's Services award went to Lexi Deece Cassidy and the Sheridan Student Award went to Adriana Marton. The CDRCP Student Award was given to Hira Ifran. Congratulations to the recipients for their continuous involvement in the Early Childhood Education Field. Nicole White entertained our guests with a humorous performance. We thank our generous donors and participants for their support in making this event successful.

Professional Development Report

Educating Early Childhood Educators about the AECEO



The AECEO Peel Branch organized an information night for the Region of Peel Casual Staff meeting on October 20, 2009. Kamilla Koral and Mary Ensing organized a presentation to promote our Board and educate Early Childhood Educators on what the AECEO has to offer.

Topics covered were: Membership information, History of the AECEO, professional development opportunities, up coming workshops and Week of the Child, feedback for the AGM 2009, feedback from the AECEO Windsor

Conference, Quarterly LINK information, and suggestions for newsletters.

Our goal was to illustrate the importance of Professional Development as a Registered Early Childhood Educator. Being part of the board is just one way to get involved and be part of the ECE community in Peel. It was a successful evening with a great outcome of participants! Together we can make a difference!

Cultural Perspectives on Disability Workshop

On Nov 12th, 2009 The AECEO Peel Branch hosted Cultural Perspectives on Disability by Rabia S. Khedr . Rabia shared her unique expertise about the barriers that ethno-cultural persons with disabilities face in our community. The workshop highlighted the human rights framework in the Canadian context.

The session was well attended and the feedback from the participants was excellent. We hope to be able to provide more enlightening workshops in the future, which will enhance the learning opportunities for educators in our community. If you know/or are a presenter please contact us.





Raising the Bar in Peel (RTBP) held the latest celebration event on November 24th at Hansa Haus in Mississauga. Two hundred people were present to acknowledge the accomplishments of many.

- Ten (10) programs received a Bronze Level certificate and will be going on to the Silver Level.
- Nine (9) programs received a Silver Level certificate and will be going on to the Gold Level.
- Seventy (70) staff from these programs received a Platinum certificate which recognizes their commitment to continuing professional development. People who attend 20 hours or more of professional development in the year receive a Platinum certificate.
- Twenty one (21) new early learning and care programs started their RTBP journey.
- Three (3) Home Child Care Agencies are now part of the process.
- There are 135 programs participating in the RTBP process.

Professional development in Peel has definitely increased over the past year. Two hundred and fifty six (256) people attended RTBP professional development sessions in 2008. In 2009, four hundred and ninety (490) attended RTBP professional development sessions. This is a **91%** increase and will assist with enhancing quality early learning and care in Peel.

Additional information on Raising the Bar in Peel can be found on the website at www.cdrpc.com.

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26% of children entering the school system are unprepared and are found in the lowest 25th percentile of their age group.

Peel has the second highest volume of new immigrant families in the country. CDRCP plays a vital role in providing educational resources for families and children.

Only 58% of school-age children possess the skills that lead to healthy development.

English is a second language for 41% of Peel's population. CDRCP provides dual-language and literacy materials to support families and children.

Among developed countries Canada comes dead last in spending on early childhood programs.

Activity Ideas

Please feel free to send an email to Grace at grace@koaala.com if you have any activity ideas you would like to share with your fellow ECEs. This activity was submitted by Holly Chapman, one of our members at large. Enjoy!

Muffin tin crayons

What you'll need:

- Cupcake/muffin tin
- Non-toxic broken crayons
- Vegetable oil
- toothpick

How to make it:

- Preheat the oven to 275 degrees F.
- Remove all the paper labels from crayon pieces. (Please check to make sure they are non-toxic crayons.)
- Put ¼ teaspoon of vegetable oil into each muffin pan cup, no cup liners needed.
- You will use the equivalent of 4 new crayons for each cup. Place broken crayons (no longer than an inch each) into the muffin pan. This will fill the cup about 1/3 full.
- Place into the preheated oven and watch carefully, they melt quickly!
- Bake crayons for 8 minutes or so.
- When the crayons begin to melt, remove them from the oven and stir gently with a toothpick.
- Crayon will look “ugly” and the colors may appear blended too much. Don’t worry! They look much better on the other side.
- Let the crayons cool completely.
- Once cooled, pop the crayons out of the muffin pan by tapping on the backside of the pan. Crayons should fall right out.

Tips:

- If you have any new crayons available, use one as a measuring stick. Lay broken crayon pieces along side of the new crayon to measure out 4 full sized crayons. This is how many you will need for each completed chunky crayon.
- Be sure to use extreme caution around kitchen utensils and the oven. Always use oven mitts and do not stick you fingers into the melted crayons.
- If you don’t have any broken crayon pieces, you can buy a large box of cheap crayons at the Dollar Store.

See this activity online at: http://crafts.kaboose.com/fall_crayons.html

Roses – a poem by Timothy Gallaway

When we plant a rose seed in the earth, we notice that it is small, but we do not criticize it as “rootless and stemless.”

We treat it as a seed, giving it the water and nourishment required of a seed.

When it first shoots up out of the earth, we do not condemn it as immature and underdeveloped; nor do we criticize the buds for not being open when they appear.

We stand in wonder at the process taking place and give the plant the care it needs at each stage of its development.

The rose is a rose from the time it is a seed until the time it dies.

Within it, at all times, it contains its whole potential. It seems to be constantly in the process of change; yet at each state, at each moment, it is perfectly all right as it is.

*- Submitted by Holly Chapman, AECEO Peel Branch
Member at Large*

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