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### **President’s Message**

Hello Everyone!

It has been an exciting and eventful first quarter of the New Year for the AECEO Peel Branch.

The branch has been a major participant in providing information and opportunities on the “Full Day Learning in Ontario” If you want to learn more about this initiative please look at the provincial website, [www.aeceo.ca](http://www.aeceo.ca). We have also included a report in this newsletter.

Our focus remains on providing professional development opportunities for ECEs in Peel. We have executed this focus through our workshop on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Personal Wellness=Professional Wellness.

We will also be promoting networking and professional development opportunities for the early learning community at our AGM/AIM Speakers Panel on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Please mark your calendars. The invitation is included in this newsletter.

I would like to commend our enthusiastic board for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to thank the Peel Community for being proponents of the AECEO. We are looking forward to a very productive and dynamic summer.

Priti Roy M.Sc. RECE  
President, AECEO Peel Branch

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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  
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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.

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#### **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

### **Saturday, January 23, 2010 - Full Day Learning Conference**

The AECEO organized a Full Day learning Institute in Peel on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Kamilla Koral, Vice President of the AECEO Peel Branch opened the event with a speech about the importance of Ontario's investment in the education of its youngest students to better prepare them for future success. Full-day early learning will improve their reading, writing and math skills, provide a smoother transition to Grade 1, help more students achieve success at school, and help create a stronger economy for the future.



The AECEO would like to thank the Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board, Peel District School Board, Child Development Resource Connection Peel (CDRCP), The Region of Peel, Wintergreen Learning Materials, Best Start, Raising the Bar Peel and PLASP Child Care services for collaborating in this Institute.

Also thank you to the Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development, Better Child Care Education, Ontario Coalition for better child care, Family Support Institutes, People for Education and finally the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario.

This step forward is the beginning of a transformation of early learning and care in Ontario, and families across the province are going to see the benefits!

## Upcoming Special Events

### **Annual General Meeting & Advocates in Motion (AIM) Panel**

June 3, 2010 PLASP Head Office  
See the invitation insert for details!

## Professional Development Report

March 18, 2010

Personal Wellness= Professional Wellness

*"With Wellness come goodness, which often creates greatness"*

- Holly Chapman

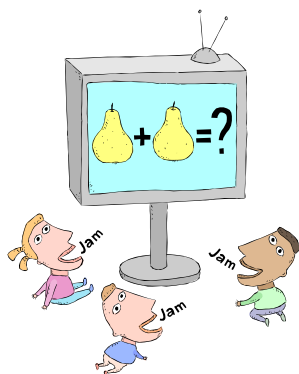


The AECEO Peel Branch organized a professional development opportunity on Wellness at the Child Development Resource Centre of Peel (CDRCP) on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The workshop was presented by Holly Chapman who is currently a board member of the AECEO Peel Branch.

Holly provided participants with healthy steps to stress relief and a 21 Day Challenge. This workshop connected stress relief techniques that can be transferred into child care situations. Great real life examples were shared by Holly and Participants.

*"I believe children are the world's greatest resource. I also anticipate that many adults have yet to reach their full potential. Each day presents change, challenge and the opportunity for growth; as educators we can expect the unexpected, and when we are ready - all of this can benefit us!"* – Holly Chapman

## Upcoming Professional Development Opportunity



**Math Matters, Presented by Priti Roy**

**July 8, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Child Development Resource Connection Peel (CDRCP)**

In this workshop you will learn how to incorporate math into your program in a fun and interactive way so children will learn basic math concepts while having fun!

## Activity Ideas

Please feel free to send an email to Grace at [grace@koaala.com](mailto:grace@koaala.com) if you have any activity ideas you would like to share with your fellow ECEs. These two activity ideas were submitted by Kamilla Koral and Adriana Morton, current members of the AECEO Peel Branch Board.

### Outside Collage

Children can collaborate on making a collage, using materials collected on a walk from the previous day.



#### **Materials:**

- Sorted Objects: leaves, twigs, shells, pine cones, flowers, pebbles
- Glue sticks
- (Shared Material) – Long Sheet of roll paper in an open area, such as floor or playground
- Individual pieces of paper if children prefer to make their own collages

#### **Beginning**

Talk with the children about their experiences collecting objects on their walk. (Where they went, what they saw, what they collected). Let them know that today they will glue the objects to make a collage on the roll paper. Explain that a collage is an art project that is a collection of many different things.

#### **Middle**

Talk with the children about the properties of the objects in their collection ( e.g. size, shape, texture). Continue to talk about the properties of the materials and the collage as a whole.

#### **End**

Ask the children where they would like to hang their collage. Encourage them to show and talk about the collage with family members at drop off and pickup times. Store any leftover materials in the art area for children who want to make collages at work time. Have each child choose one item and use it as the basis for transitioning to the next activity.

#### **Follow Up**

Take a picture of the collage and post in on the parent boards. Bring in art books and reproductions of collages; talk about the materials used and the arrangements made by the artists.

### Grass Garden

- Sponges
- Grass seed
- Saucers
- Water

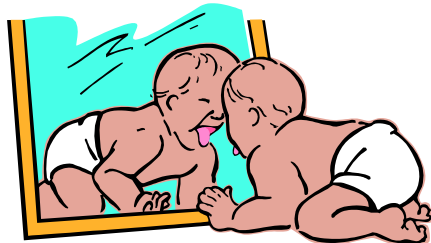
Give each child a sponge and have them moisten it with water. Then children can carefully sprinkle grass seed evenly over the tops of their sponges. Next, have them place their sponges in saucers with a small amount of water. Children can put their saucers in a sunny spot and add water when the sponges begin to dry out. In a few days, they'll see brilliant green grass growing from their sponges! This activity teaches children the responsibility of indoor gardening tasks while promoting their fine motor, social skills and cognitive development.



### **Self Esteem - Written by a 7-year-old**

*The teacher had asked the children to write about their favourite thing. And this is what the child said:*

My favourite thing is my face.  
Without my face I would not be able to see,  
eat or smell anything.  
Nobody would recognize me.  
I'll have no brain to think.  
I love my face  
I have beautiful brown skin and big black eyes.  
And that is how I like it, because if I didn't like that I would  
have a real problem living with myself.



### **Are You Moving?**

It is extremely important that you let us know if your address is changing. If you don't, your mail will be sent to the address on our database. This adds cost to everyone in extra processing and postage fees. You will also miss receiving valuable information. If you have recently moved please contact:

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**Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

**Time: 8:15 to 4:00 pm**

**Location: Living Arts Centre, Mississauga**

**Key Note Speaker: Sue Minns**

**[www.sueminns.com](http://www.sueminns.com)**

**Mark this date on your calendar.  
Additional information will be available in September.**



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