## Special Education Superintendent Update February 2019

## Speech and Language

The SLP department hosted a $1 / 2$ day, interactive workshop for EAs and CYWs on February 15th at St. John Paul II and Monsignor Percy Johnson. Fifty support staff participated in round-table discussions and case studies to identify effective strategies to support students' oral communication skills.

The Kindergarten Language Program (KLP) has now begun to receive nominations from teachers for students who may be considered for the 2019-2020 school year. The KLP is an early intervention program for SK students at-risk for oral language and literacy delays. The program is coinstructed by a teacher and speech-language pathologist.

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Staff, students and parents from the Deaf/Hard of Hearing department attended the Toronto Marlies hockey game on February 1st and were hosted in a private, box suite at Coca-Cola Coliseum (Ricoh Coliseum). This event supported an enrichment experience for D/HH students to socialize and communicate with one another in a positive learning environment.

The D/HH department offered an interactive workshop on February 5th for classroom teachers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The well attended workshop focused on strategies to support D/HH students in the regular classroom. Students and a parent shared their lived experience and offered the workshop participants insight into their personal journey.

Save the Date. Celebrating our 30th year, the Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family picnic will be held at a new location this year, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 70 Margaret Avenue on May 24, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome!


## Special Board Meeting

 Monday, March 18, 2019 CEC Boardroom 6:30pmAccountability Framework for Special Education 2018/2019

## WE BELONG: Asperger's Conference

> Building a supportive community for students with Asperger's. This conference will give students the opportunity to meet adults with ASD, network with peers and develop new skills.

## FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER <br> Daniel Share-Strom

Autism Support Teachers will provide permission forms to students in February.

SAVE THE DATE
April 4, 2019 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
WHERE
Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave


## EARLY BIRD RAFFLE

First 20 people to send in their forms will be eligible to win a prize!

FEATURING SESSIONS THAT INCLUDE:

- Mindfulness
- Self-Advocacy
- Managing Bullying for people with ASD
- Improv
- Team Building
- Fitness
- Art


