

# Special Education Superintendent Update

## December 2016



SPECIAL SERVICES

### Speech and Language

The SLP department hosted a 1/2 day, interactive workshop for EAs and CYWs on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and at Don Bosco High School. Fifty support staff participated in round-table discussions and case studies to identify effective strategies to support students' oral communication skills.

### Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The D/HH department offered a parent workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Phonak Warehouse in Mississauga for families to learn more about hearing aids and FM systems. Staff and parents got a tour of the warehouse, saw how hearing aids are made and listened to a presentation on hearing related topics.

Staff from both the SLP and D/HH departments participated in a Toronto Child and Family Network launch of 'Raising the Village: Improving Outcomes for Toronto's Children and Families' on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the City of Toronto Archives. Participants explored new data about the well-being of Toronto's children and took part in a conversation with senior leaders about what it means to build a child-friendly City.

### Autism

The Autism Department is running a 3 day course for Elementary Special Education Teachers in December.

### Psychology

The TCDSB Gifted Programs Team held an information night for parents and students about the congregated Gifted programs. Teachers of the congregated Gifted programs from the four centres were there to share information about their respective programs.



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