



# Special Education Superintendent Update April 2017



## Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department held a well-attended and organized Girls' Talk gathering at St Raymond on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Girls' Talk is an annual activity day for girls grade 1 – 8 with hearing loss. This day provided an enrichment experience for D/HH students to socialize and communicate with one another in a positive learning environment.
- Boys' Club is an annual gathering for boys grade 1-8 run by the Deaf & Hard of Hearing department. It was held at St. Raymond on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The club is designed to foster personal growth for boys with hearing loss through their common yet unique journeys.
- The D/HH department participated in the Special Services Parent Conference on April 1<sup>st</sup> and shared great resources with families.

## Speech and Language

- The SLP department hosted a ½ day interactive workshop, *Conversation in the Classroom*, on February 17<sup>th</sup>. EAs and CYWs participated in round-table discussions and case studies to identify effective strategies to support students' oral communication skills.
- The department hosted a two-day workshop for LI-ISP teachers (March 7 and April 7<sup>th</sup>). Teachers were provided on strategies to support numeracy and use of technology for students with a Language Impairment.
- The SLP department participated in the Special Services Parent Conference on April 1<sup>st</sup> and shared great resources with families.

## AUTISM

# TOGETHER WITH ONE VOICE You Are God's Gift



Families and staff supporting students with Autism joined in a special Mass with Father Michael Lehman to celebrate the Year of the Parish mass at the Catholic Teacher Centre on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Students participated in different aspects of the mass including a special rendition of the Lord's Prayer.



Students from St. Edward raised the Autism Flag on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Catholic Education Centre.



## Special Education Parent Conference –April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Over 200 parents, students and staff enjoyed information filled day supporting all families of students with special needs. The keynote speaker, Patricia Marra Stapleton presented on the topic of Well Being: *You Can't Give What You Don't Have* followed by 12 themed discussion topics supporting students with special needs.

