



Special Education Superintendent Update

December 2017

Speech and Language

The SLP department developed and launched a new on-line learning experience, *Developing Communication Skills: A Self-Learning Module for Educators*. The self-learning module includes topics such as speech, oral language and communication skills; strategies to help develop students' language skills during regular classroom activities; and includes videos demonstrating best-practice strategies to support communication skills. The module is available on Google Classroom and can be accessed by educators at school or from home. Upon successful completion of the module and the Action Plan form, participants receive a Certificate of Completion.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Over twenty-five D/HH students, their families and teachers attended a hockey game together as guests of the Toronto Marlies in a box suite on November 29th at Ricoh Coliseum. This event supported an enrichment experience for D/HH students to socialize and communicate with one another in a positive learning environment.

Psychology/Learning Disabilities

As a joint project, members of the Psychology Department, Assessment and Programming Teachers and Mathematics Resource Teachers will jointly deliver a series of workshops to intermediate Mathematics and Special Education Teachers on Learning Disabilities, their impact on learning/teaching Math, and strategies for the classroom. The workshops will be in December and February.

ME/DD

All of the elementary ME/DD ISP teachers were recently invited to a one day workshop where they received professional development on the Adapted Sacramento Preparation kits and the evidence based literacy resource MEville to WEville.



Psychology/Gifted

On November 23, 2017, an Information evening was held by the Central Team for the Gifted Programs for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness. The meeting was hosted by St. Edward School. After being welcomed by the team and receiving general information about the full-time (congregated) Gifted Programs, the parents and students had a chance to listen to presentations by the teachers of the Gifted congregated classes from St. Francis of Assisi, Transfiguration of Our Lord and St. Bonaventure. It was a successful evening with attendance well over 200.