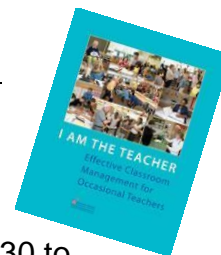


Hello SCEOT Members!

It is my pleasure to be writing our **third** Professional Learning Newsletter! I would like to note a number of exciting PL opportunities coming up in November and in 2015!

November 25th Mental Health Matters! will be taking place in Barrie, at the SCETF Office, located at 351 King Street, Unit 3. Currently, wait-list only.

February 2nd and 25th, we will be holding the Classroom Management for Occasional Teachers two-part workshop.



Please note that this workshop is a two-part workshop. Registration for this workshop registers you for Monday, February 2nd, 2015 from 4:30 to 7:30 and Wednesday February 25th, 2015 from 4:30 to 7:30. Attendance is required for both dates to receive the *I am the Teacher Resource*.

This two-part workshop provides occasional teachers the opportunity to access effective classroom management strategies based on the ETFO resource – *I am the Teacher: Effective Classroom Management for the Occasional Teacher*. Teachers will receive practical classroom-tested strategies as well as networking opportunities with other occasional teachers.

Participants will engage in dynamic workshop training that will highlight the strategies introduced in the book in relation to their practice. Each participant will receive a copy of the resource: *I am the Teacher: Effective Classroom Management for the Occasional Teacher* as well as a light dinner and refreshments.

Monday, March 2, 2015
LGBT Awareness in Primary Classrooms

This workshop raises awareness that even our youngest students may confront issues of homophobia and heterosexism, in relation to their families and peers as well as to their own gender identities. The workshop is designed to assist educators explore these issues and find the courage and understanding to include all children and families in our schools and the global community.



Simcoe County District School Board's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being stresses the importance of Equity and Inclusive Education in its Community, Culture and Caring pillar. This workshop aligns greatly with SCDSB's BIPSA-WB. Attendees will receive a picture book that examines an LGBTQ Equity issue.

Monday, April 13, 2015; 5pm to 7pm

Earth Day 2015: Weaving Environmental Issues into All Areas of the Curriculum Workshop

The United Nations recognizes April 22nd as Earth Day, a time for world solidarity around global climate change. As teachers we have a wonderful opportunity and a moral imperative to foster development of our students as responsible global citizens.

Environmental education is woven into all areas of the curriculum and Earth Day is the perfect time to celebrate these connections. This session will highlight ways to integrate environmental issues into science, math, literacy, Physical Education and even drama! Participants will stock their teacher toolkits with practical ideas that are classroom-ready.

In this hands-on workshop, participants will be up and out of their seats, scouring an Energy Alternatives scavenger hunt, dramatizing a living tree and re-purposing materials to make garbage fly! Weather-permitting we will be outside enjoying the potential for fieldtrips in our own schoolyards so dress appropriately.



Please note that the workshops fill up incredibly fast. I would suggest checking the EventBrite page <https://www.eventbrite.ca/org/4044767557?s=15025537> regularly as we are adding various workshops on a frequent basis. Also, please check the Professional Learning page on the SCEOT website for further details and flyers about each workshop.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to professional learning. If you have any PL questions, please do not hesitate to email me at professionallearning@sceot.org or sceotpd@hotmail.com.

Warmest regards,

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