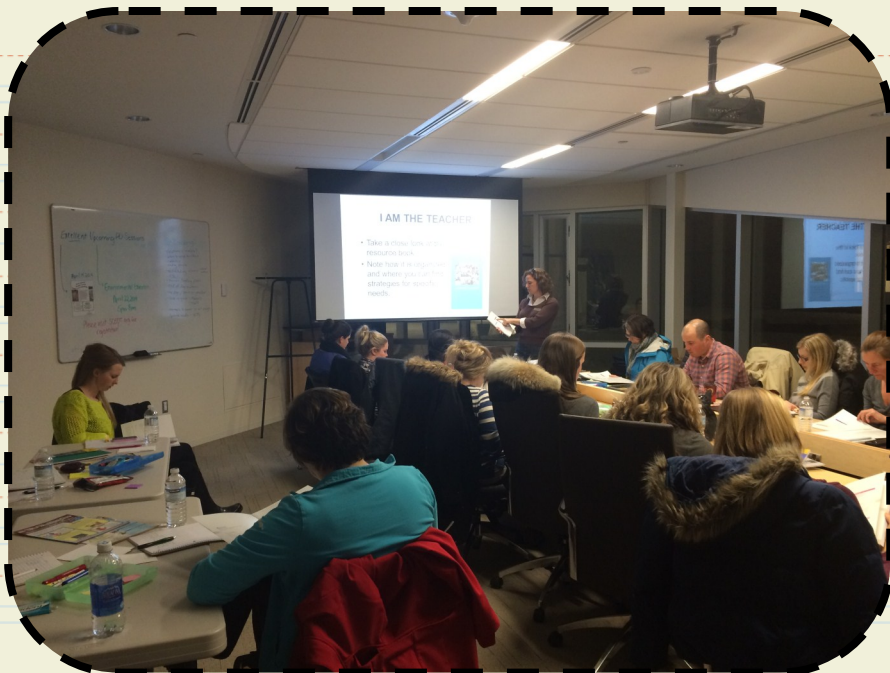


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Happy November!

I am extremely excited to announce that in December we will be offering a Sign Language workshop: Introduction to Sign Language for the Occasional Teacher! Please see page 2 for further details! Registration will open November 6th.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing commitment to professional learning and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming PL experiences!

Warmest regards,
Elena Vandergeest

A Note about Registration...

Please note that our workshops are met with a great deal of interest and fill up rather fast. We typically do have wait-lists for upcoming workshops. If you are unable to attend an event that you have registered for, please let me know at sceotpd@hotmail.com as soon as possible, so that I can open the spot to a member on the wait-list.

How to Register...

Registration is simple. Please go to our EventBrite page at:



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/org/4044767557?s=15025537>

Registration for the two Earth Day 2016 events and Sign Language for the OT will open **November 6th**.



**Introduction to Sign Language
for the Occasional Teacher**

Date: Tuesday, December 8

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



This introductory course is a fun and interactive way to learn sign language basics. Discover how to easily incorporate signing into daily routines and transitions. Help decrease frustration and improve social and communication skills in the classroom. Other benefits for your students include developing imagination and creative expression and improved language awareness and vocabulary, all while learning a hands-on language. Registration includes a Signing Time DVD and a sign language CD with resources and printables.

Attendees will:

- Be introduced to a variety of American Sign Language signs suitable for the classroom
 - Be introduced to over 100 ASL signs
 - Receive award winning *Signing Time* DVD and CD
- Receive a variety of printables to support them when using ASL

Power 2B Me (Intermediate)

Date: Tuesday, December 1

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Space Still Available

Power 2B Me is an innovative cross-curricular program that enables intermediate students to eat well! Through engaging in-class activities, food challenge videos, and online technology (including photo-journaling, polls, and food factoids), Grade 7 & 8 students explore personal healthy eating challenges and consider relevant solutions to make better food choices.

The program meets curriculum expectations for Health and Physical Education, as well as cross-curricular connections to subjects including Math and Language. **Each participant will receive an amazing Power 2B Me Kit.**

Program Kit includes:

- Teacher Guide with grade-specific lesson plans
- USB with 5 videos and electronic copies of peripherals and Black Line Masters
- Class set of nutrient graphs
- Access code to register for the online student profile (a personalized, customizable webpage where students build on and reinforce knowledge learned through in-class activities)

Door Prizes: The first 20 participants to arrive at *Power 2B Me* will be able to select one of 20 amazing Occasional Teaching resource kits (available in English or French).





Earth Day 2016

This school year, SCEOT will be hosting not one, but **two** Earth Day Professional Learning Programs!

Solid Waste Management: Environmental Education

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2015

Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Solid Waste Management: Environmental Education session presented by Simcoe County will delve into the importance of making waste reduction and diversion, both at school and at home, a priority among youth in Simcoe County. The workshop will discuss the importance of the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) as presented to Senior Kindergarten students. The presentation will also discuss how to teach young learners to sort waste at home and at school. Further, the program will examine how to discuss with elementary students (grades 1 to 8) the importance of the 3Rs, how waste and compost are recycled, the role waste plays in everyday life, the impact of individual actions, and how to generate less waste at school and at home.



The Mobile Education Unit (MEU), a 30-foot trailer wrapped in wall-to-wall graphics both inside and out serving as a travelling classroom equipped with interactive games which teach the importance of waste reduction and diversion programs will be on site for occasional teachers to tour in order to see the games that the students play when it comes to the schools. It is the goal of the Environmental Education Program to inspire individuals to take active roles in reducing, reusing and recycling for a healthy tomorrow.

Attendees will receive a number of valuable Environmental Education resources.

The workshop will break for about half an hour for a catered dinner.



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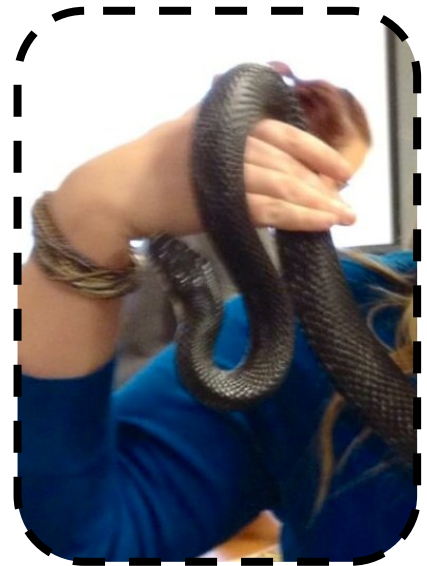
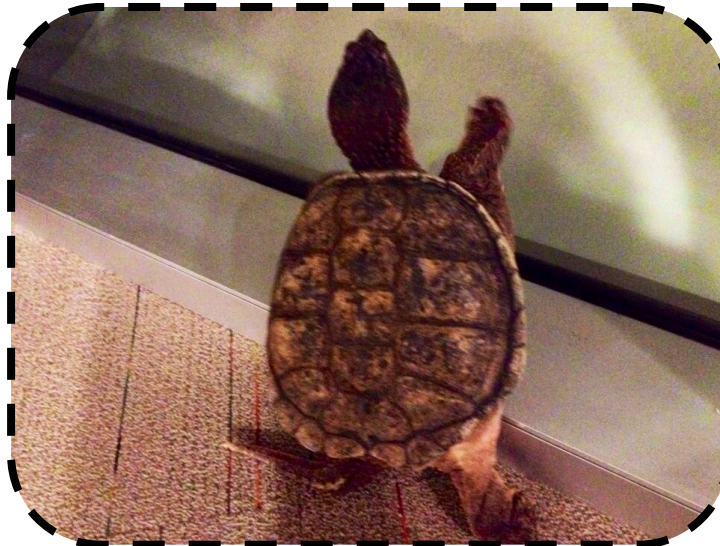
Reptiles at Risk

Date: Monday, April 18, 2016

Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

This presentation will include an engaging PowerPoint presentation, touching on free materials available for teachers to use in their classrooms related to native reptile and amphibian species. These include lesson plans (linked with curriculum) and classroom activities, YouTube videos, and identification guides (all available in both official languages). A mock presentation will also take place and includes a scaled-down version of a classroom presentation. A mix of live turtles and snakes, covering topics like how to tell them apart, where they live, what they eat, why they are in trouble, and how we can help will be covered. This program will include some time at the end for questions, and opportunities for hands-on participation.

The learning goal of the presentation is to talk about how easy it is for elementary teachers to be including discussions of native animals within their daily lessons (whether it be through a lesson plan or a YouTube video). It is hoped that after this Professional Learning, teachers can become more confident in incorporating native species into their daily lessons.



Upcoming Events



Power 2B Me: Tuesday, December 1

Introduction to Sign Language for the OT: Tuesday, December 8

Solid Waste Management Environmental Education: Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Reptiles at Risk: Monday, April 18, 2016

Please keep an eye out for future Professional Learning newsletters, as there are **MANY** more workshops in the process of being booked.



Draws... This year, every PL workshop will have two draws at the end of the session for a chance to win \$25. **The names of the SCEOT members registered and in attendance of each workshop will be put in a draw every session. We look forward to seeing at our next PL**