



Saturday, April 24, 2021

STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS TOGETHER!

ACSIEC Impact Early Learning Centre Conference

“Encourage one another & build one another up, just as you are doing” 1 Thess. 5:11

9:00 -9:10AM

WELCOME

OPENING REMARKS: Kent Warkentin, Executive Director, ACSIEC

9:15 - 10:15AM

SESSION 1

Session A1

All Ages

Equipping the Emerging Generation for Eternity: God has never lost a generation, but how can we model, teach, pray, encourage and empower this young generation?

Presenter: Rev. Lisa Pak, Independent



Session A2

All Ages

Employment Law Essentials for Christian Schools: Learn about a well-informed overview of the law of hiring, firing, quitting, statutory leaves and human rights requirements.

Presenter: Adrian Miedema, Dentons Canada LLP

Session A3

All Ages

The Maker Movement: Making, tinkering and creating fun, are useful things for developing reflection and collaborative inquiry. Join us to learn how this is connected to HDLH!

Presenter: Alan Thomson, Digital Literacy Facilitator

Session A4

Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten

Planning your Weekly, Monthly Learning Experiences: Are you finding this a challenge for your toddlers and PreK children? Be inspired to use HDLH with the emergent curriculum!

Presenter: Heather Ratcliff, Cornerstone Montessori

10:15-10:30AM

TRANSITION TIME (break)

10:30-11:30AM

SESSION 2

Session B1

All Ages

Self-Regulation, Impulsivity and Behaviour: Overwhelmed by spontaneous behavior? Come and discover underlying root causes of many classroom behaviours.

Presenter: Matthew Turton, Breakthroughs in Learning



Session B2

All Ages

Gossip Motivation: Those who gossip to you will gossip about you! Join us and be guided in ending gossip and restoring morale.....it can be done to create a safe, positive place!

Presenter: Michael Lewis, Motivational Leader

Session B3

All Ages

Somewhere Between Bubble Wrap & a Chainsaw: Do you know what your risk comfort is? Come and find out about risky play movement through hands on experiences that you can take back to your class!

Presenter: Alan Thomson, Digital Literacy Facilitator



Session B4

Preschool, Kindergarten

Storytelling with a Literacy Punch: Charming your JK/SK students via story time in a way to creatively engage them with literacy, comprehension and informative conversations..

Presenter: Lauri Barrette, BCM International (Canada) Inc.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

LUNCH GROUP HUDDLES Zoom Links with Breakout rooms: (pre-registered groups)

1:15 -2:15PM

SESSION 3

Session C1

All Ages

Respectful Communications: Do you want to strengthen workplace relationships? See what it takes to ensure respect reigns as a supreme value in your centre or school!

Presenter: Michael Lewis, Motivational Leader

Session C2

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Teaching and Learning Styles: Each child learns in his/her own unique way but how can you manage this with a whole group? Come and learn some strategies to find the best method for learning!

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Creating Uncommon Learning Visuals: Want something odd that excites your students? See what can be done with flight related materials to illustrate abstract concepts.

Presenter: Steve Schmier, Puppets Cool

Session C4

Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, Kindergarten

Achieving ELECT: Explore how to use these developmental indicators and apply them to the assessment strategies to foster learning in the young child.

Presenter: Heather Ratcliff, Cornerstone Montessori Prep

2:15PM

CONFERENCE ENDS



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Presenter Bios

Rev. Lisa Pak

Global Strategist for FITT

Session A1

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Reverend Lisa Pak currently serves as the Global Strategist for Finishing The Task (FTT). Her previous experience includes serving as the Regional Director for Ontario and Nunavut at the Canadian Bible Society. In addition, Rev. Pak served for 14 years in pastoral ministry and church experience in South Korea, Singapore and Canada with a particular focus amongst the Korean Diaspora community. She is a second-generation Korean-Canadian and Toronto native, ordained by the Korean Association of Independent Churches and Missions (KAICAM). She holds a MDiv and a MABL from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and is currently enrolled at Tyndale University College and Seminary in the Doctor of Ministry program. Lisa has travelled globally and is passionate about diaspora communities and mobilizing the young generation for the Gospel.

Adrian Miedema

Lawyer for Dentons Canada LLP

Session A2

Employment Law Essentials for Christian Schools - Learn about a well-informed overview of the law of hiring, firing, quitting, statutory leaves and human rights requirements.

Adrian Miedema is a partner with the global law firm, Dentons Canada LLP, in Toronto. He has more than twenty years of experience practising employment, health and safety and human rights law. Adrian is recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada as one of Canada's leading lawyers in the area of Labour and Employment Law, listed as "repeatedly recommended" in The Canadian Legal Expert Directory as one of Canada's leading lawyers in the area of Occupational Health and Safety, and also listed in Legal 500. He advises and represents employers in a wide range of sectors and industries. Adrian is the co-author of three books on employment law topics and has been an adjunct professor of Employment Law at Western University.

Alan Thompson*Digital Literacy Facilitator***Session A3****The Maker Movement**

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Session B3**Somewhere Between Bubble Wrap and a Chainsaw**

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Alan Thomson has worked in child care and before and after school age programs for 30 years, as both a front line staff and a supervisor. He believes simple programming is the cornerstone of a successful program. Everyone can remember themselves or a child who liked to play more with the box than the present that came in it. In his fun shops Alan likes to explore creative ways to get the most “use of the box” in simple, low cost, and creative ways.

Heather Ratcliff*Teacher for Cornerstone Montessori Prep***Session A4****Planning Your Weekly, Monthly Learning Experience**

Are you finding this a challenge for your toddlers and PreK children? Be inspired to use HDLH with the emergent curriculum!

Session C4**Achieving ELECT**

Explore how to use these developmental indicators and apply them to the assessment strategies to foster learning in the young child.

Heather Ratcliff is a certified teacher in Ontario and holds a Masters of Professional Education in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor of Education with Distinction from Western University and a Bachelor of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies from York University. In addition to these accomplishments, Miss Ratcliff received her National Lifeguard certification in 2016 as well as her First Nations, Metis and Inuit Training the same year. Miss Ratcliff has a passion for sharing her faith through her teaching and in her current role as head toddler teacher at Cornerstone Montessori Prep School, she has been instrumental in preparing her young students for the next stage in their educational journey. Well skilled in understanding how to apply ELECT principles in observing, documenting and assessing young children, she has used this expertise in helping the parents of her young students truly understand the important milestones young children encounter during their formative years.

Matthew Turton*Director, Breakthroughs in Learning***Session B1****Self Regulation, Impulsivity and Behaviour:**

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Session C2**Teaching and Learning Styles**

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Matthew Turton is the Director of Breakthroughs in Learning. At 11 years old, while struggling to overcome his own learning disabilities, Matthew already knew what he wanted to do with his life – he wanted to help other people know they weren't dumb. He became an Educational Therapist, an International Best Selling author, a husband and a father. Matthew has logged over 15,000 hours working with children and adults with learning disabilities and will share his experiences and what it's like on both sides of learning disabilities..

Michael Lewis

Motivational Leader

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Michael Lewis is one of Ontario's most experienced speakers having spoken and presented around 6000 times in a career spanning just over four decades. Born, raised, and educated in London, Ontario with a BA from the University of Western Ontario in 1980, he is passionate about positivity and sharing common sense success strategies for personal and professional growth and development. His enthusiastic and ebullient presentation style has delighted, and inspired audiences and he speaks sincerely from the heart. He often says, "I love what I do and do what I love and if you love what you do, then life is a joyous experience!". Since 1994, Michael has presented hundreds of seminars, workshops and team building sessions and now, webinars, to the childcare community all across Ontario. He loves inspiring excellence in educators and supervisors as they do such important work daily in educating, empowering, and fostering the hearts and minds of children. Before, during and through the COVID-19 pandemic, Michael has seen educators as the lamps that light the way ahead and it is a privilege and honour to provide solutions and motivation to a proud and important profession.

Lauri Barrette

BCM International (Canada) Inc.

SESSION B4

Storytelling with a Literacy Punch:

Charming your JK/SK students via story time in a way to creatively engage them with literacy, comprehension and informative conversations.

Lauri recently retired from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. Most of her 33 years of teaching were spent in Kindergarten which is her favourite place to be! To keep up with the changing philosophy she obtained her Kindergarten Specialist Certificate in 2012 through ETFO. She also has her Primary Specialist and Special Education Part One. She has served in Sunday School, Junior Church, VBS, Kids Club and Children's Missionary Conferences in the local church. She is a 2018 graduate of the Women's Ministry Institute and now coaches other women through this 9 month course. After a 1985 car accident which left her husband a quadriplegic, God led them to become missionaries with Bible Centered Ministries where they lead a ministry to people with special needs since 2001. This entails a monthly class for adults with developmental challenges and a special needs overnight camping program called Handi*Camp, for youth and young adults. Lauri also leads teacher training workshops on meeting the needs of the special needs child in the children's ministry setting.

Steve Schnier

Puppets Cool/Vujade Entertainment Inc.

Session C3

Creating Uncommon Learning Visuals

Want something odd that excites your students? See what can be done with flight related materials to illustrate abstract concepts.

For the past decade, Steve Schnier has entertained, educated and inspired tens of thousands of young people with his “how-to” workshops about puppetry, animated cartoons, pulleys & gears and aviation. He’s taught new skills in creating objects of art and/or simple machines from everyday household items. He does it with a sense of humour that inspires people to try it for themselves. He tailors his content to suit the age and interest levels of his audience and is adept at working with special needs groups. In his earlier years, he created sound effects for “The Inspector Gadget Show” and produced the first season of “The Magic School Bus”. He is also a writer and story editor and has worked on productions for PBS, NBC, BC, CBS, Walt Disney Television and many many others. In the non-TV world, he curated a record breaking show at the Art Gallery of Ontario and sent a model of Star Trek’s U.S.S. Enterprise into space. Steve is well known to be able to provide a most creative solution to any presentation he is asked to do. He is currently working on giant puppets and created a new breed of ultra-large automations as the newest offering from his company, Vujade Entertainment Inc.

