

Ontario CEC's 62nd Annual Special Education Conference: November 30 - December 1, 2018



Well-being, Equity and Success for All *Enhancing Learning and Life Outcomes for* *Students with Special Education Needs*

On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am excited to extend an invitation for you to join us at Ontario CEC's 62nd Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held November 30 – December 1, 2018 at the Marriott Downtown CF Toronto Eaton Centre!

The theme of the 2018 conference is **Well-being, Equity and Success for All**; presentations will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to equitably support the well-being, learning and achievement of all students with special education needs. The conference program features more than 60 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including self-regulation, anxiety, well-being for students and educators, at-risk children & youth, autism, hands-on technology training, transitions, managing challenging behaviour, learning disabilities, intellectual disability, instructional strategies and post-secondary initiatives.

Conference highlights include:

- ◆ Poster Presentations/President's Reception
- ◆ Publisher & Exhibitor Display
- ◆ Awards Luncheon
- ◆ Hot Topics & Featured Sessions
- ◆ Ministry Strand (TBD)
- ◆ Well-being Strand
- ◆ Autism Strand
- ◆ Technology Training

Value added alert! Conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout sessions, poster presentations/President's reception, silent auction, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display, and breakfast and lunch both days. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please mark these dates and join Ontario CEC for this incredible self-directed professional learning opportunity!

For further information, please contact:

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Conference Overview

Thursday, November 29, 2018

- ◆ Ontario CEC Board of Directors' Meeting
- ◆ Ontario CEC Annual General Meeting
- ◆ Conference Registration

Friday, November 30, 2018

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ **Opening Session** & **Keynote Address**
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/ Publisher Display
- ◆ Networking Luncheon
- ◆ Poster Presentations
- ◆ President's Wine & Cheese Reception

Saturday, December 1, 2018

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ **Closing Session** includes the **Awards Luncheon - Adult and Yes I Can! Student Award Recipients**
- ◆ **Closing Motivational Address**

Opening Keynote Address

“At the Heart of the Matter: Creating Classrooms and Schools that Support Well-being for All”

*Dr. Sue Ball, ABSNP, C. Psych.
Chief Psychologist, York Region DSB*

Imagine classrooms and schools that support positive mental health and well-being for all, where every student and staff feel they belong and they matter. Relationships are built through connection. The schools most effective at promoting resiliency and well-being embed the core principles of well-being, connection, mattering and resilience in everyday practice, through a whole school approach, which extends to parent/guardians and the community. Everybody matters, everybody counts, and every interaction becomes an opportunity to promote well-being.

Hot Topics and Featured Sessions:

Indigenous Students At-risk for Learning Difficulties, Dr. Julia Ferrari and Dr. Todd Cunningham

If Inclusion Means Everyone, Why Not Me? An Overview of Parent Perspectives on the School Experiences of Their Children with Intellectual Disabilities, Dr. Monique Somma, Dr. Jacqui Specht, Dr. Sheila Bennett and Rebecca White

Activated Learning: Easy Whole Class Executive Functioning Support, Laurie Faith

Transforming Struggling Students into Lifelong Learners, NILD Canada

The Beginning of a Journey and Creating Hope: Implementing Mental Health Education Plans in Secondary School, Maya Holson and Heather Theijsmeijer

Storytelling as Part of Your Pedagogy, Rachelle Bergen and Marlene Rogers

Promoting Math Well-Being Strategies & Reducing Anxiety for All, Dr. Steven Reid and Dr. Mary Reid

Finding a Voice: Students Sharing Strategies for Classroom Success, “The Techdudes” and Stacey Falconer

Self-Regulation: A Psychophysiological Approach to Mental Health and Well-being, Casey Burgess

Autism and Developmental Disabilities: Literacy Based Strategies to Help Build Language, Communication and Reading Skills for Early Learners in Elementary and Secondary Education, Pawanit Mahal and Nancy Corbett

Supporting All Students in the FSL Programs, Annette Ackerman

Engineering an Inclusive Kindergarten/Primary Classroom using Graphics for Learning, Staci Whittle and Jennifer Gibbs

The Science of Breath: Elevating Student Self-Regulation, Executive Function, State of Well-being, and Growth Mindset through Meditation, Yoga, & Mindfulness, Claudia Bauman and Karen McCarthy

Supporting Students with High-Incidence Hidden Exceptionalities through Non-Academic Intervention, Ian Matheson and Kyle Robinson

Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed as of September 1, through this link, <http://www.cvent.com/d/qgqb9x/1Q> and through the Ontario CEC website, www.cecontario.ca

Registration Includes	Conference Participant Rate	CEC Member & Presenter Rate	Student & Pioneer Rate
2-day conference includes breakfast, lunch and reception on Friday, breakfast and the awards luncheon on Saturday	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$250.00
Additional awards luncheon tickets	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

Interested in exhibiting at the conference? Contact Cindy Perras at cindy.perras@gmail.com

Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre

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Ideally located in the heart of downtown Toronto's business district, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre provides easy access to the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, shopping, the CN Tower, sporting venues (the Air Canada Centre and Rogers Centre), and the Entertainment District. Getting there is easy – whether travelling by car, subway, streetcar or train, as the hotel is just a few blocks from Union Station. For those travelling by air, the Union Pearson Express connects Toronto Pearson International Airport with Union Station and the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel.

A block of guest rooms is available at our conference hotel, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre, for November 28 – December 2, 2018. Guest room rates, which include complimentary WiFi, are \$189.00 (single/double occupancy), \$209.00 (triple occupancy) and \$229.00 (quadruple occupancy) per night. Amenities include a roof top pool and hot tub, fitness centre, lobby bar and restaurant serving contemporary Canadian cuisine. **Reservations must be booked by November 7, 2018**, either by calling 416.597.9200, and referencing the booking code, “Ontario CEC”, or through this hyperlink (also located on the conference website):

[Marriott Hotel Reservations.](#)