

Child Care Connections

FALL 2011

Early Learning Networks

All Networks are from 6:30 to 8:00 (Unless otherwise stated).
New members are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

Network meetings are back and looking for new membership. Have you been looking for a way to feel recharged about your work, or looking to share some of your great ideas? Then these meetings are for you! The September/October meetings are all about setting the stage for the coming year.

We will be talking about what we want to accomplish in each group and the steps to take to get there. Meeting topics are driven by it's membership (you!), and are facilitated by the Raising the Bar Project Coordinator or the Professional Learning Coordinator.

For details on dates and locations, visit the Raising the Bar website.

What's New? The Raising the Bar website has added a page for each network group. On these pages, you will find resources from previous meetings, any meeting minutes taken and details on upcoming meetings.

These are your pages. If you have a website to share or an activity to post, let us know.

Early Childhood Educator and Raising the Bar Recognition Event

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
Peterborough Golf and Country Club

**Mark your
calendar!**

Look for all the details coming soon.....

From the Professional Learning Coordinator:

This fall's professional development offers a variety of training with a focus on lifelong learning and growth. It is the beginning of the Leadership series with a focus on coaching, mentoring, communication and relationship building. Community professional development related to the ELECT and the DECA continues this fall and will provide practical tools for staff and centre wide growth. Also available are additional Excel trainings and an informative strategic planning information session to support planning and Raising the Bar requirements. For those interested in reflection, discussion and inspiration come and join one of the many network meetings or a book study that are offered throughout the year.

As the summer comes to an end I am excited to be gearing up for an excellent fall, winter and spring of professional learning opportunities and mentoring ventures in the community. I look forward to continued meetings with early learning and childcare staff to plan for opportunities that will support and enhance your learning, centre and community.

Please continue to share your comments and ideas.

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Fall Book Focus

Inspiring Spaces for Young Children

Authors: Jessica Deviney, Sandra Duncan, Sara Harris, Mary Ann Rody, and Lois Rosenberry
Gryphon House, Inc. 2010



This book is truly inspirational! From the moment you pick it up, you are treated to an artistic layout which highlights beautiful pictures that would rival those of a coffee table book. It is amazing how the authors have transformed children's rooms into stunning living areas that engage the imagination.

The authors take the reader through the process of designing their space by first talking about where to find inspiration, and then by explaining the seven principles of design. Finally, they guide the reader through prepping, planning, and then implementing the design. This is done with minimal text that is infused with inspirational quotes. Not only that, but there is also a *Rating Observation Scale for Inspiring Environments* companion book available to help you evaluate and design your space. These books offer a unique perspective of what children's environments can be.

This book, along with many others is available from the Raising the Bar Professional Resource Library.

Visit the Raising the Bar website for a list of all our resources.

Professional Development

The Art of Playfulness

Validating Play in the Early Years

Thursday, November 10, 2011

8:30 - 4:00

\$20.00

This Play workshop is focused on constructive, exploratory and dramatic play. It is an adult, hands on play and reflection experience with the goal of fostering insight into children's learning and the teaching process. Participants can rediscover the joy and importance of their play and creativity.

Be prepared and dressed to *play*.
Facilitators for this workshop will be Rose McHugh, Leslie Le Clair, Trish Bucholtz and Sharon Johnston.

Registration forms available on the RTB website.

It's Child's Play... And It Matters!

3rd Annual Haliburton Conference

Keynote Speaker: Nefertiti Bruce

Friday, September 30th

Saturday October 1st

Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre
Haliburton ON

Visit the RTB website for details

Book Study

Inspiring Spaces for Young Children

Mondays, Sept. 26 - Nov. 10

6:30 - 8:00

Join in a series of motivating discussions with this truly inspirational book. You are invited to come out and engage in reflection, conversation and be motivated to transform children's space into inspirational areas that engage the imagination. Over the course of a five week exploration we will discuss the author's perspective and process of how to maximize and implement principles of design into children's environments.

To register please contact:
Sharon Johnston at
705-7775-2811 ext. 24 or
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EARLY LEARNING FRAMEWORK (ELF) IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 - 9:00

Presented by

Trish Bucholtz, RTB Coordinator, ELF Mentor
Teresa Burke, Executive Director, Nursery Two

Join your peers for time to discuss the elements of;

- an effective curriculum,
- a schedule that meets the children's needs
- a program plan that embraces an early childhood setting that values children's play.
- And how they relate to the Early Learning Framework

For more details and registration information, visit the RTB website.

To register for a workshop, call/email **775-2811** or **trishb@raisingthbarptbo.ca**

For full details on conferences and registration packages, visit the Raising the Bar Peterborough website

www.raisingthebarptbo.ca

