



**Kindergarten and Grade 1 Teachers,
Early Childhood Educators, Administrators and Support Staff
are invited to a Conference...**



Journey Together...

***Inspiring Conversations about
Full Day Kindergarten***

Wednesday, March 20th, 2013

**4:00pm - 7:30pm
at Brebeuf College
211 Steeles Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario M2V 3Y6
(Bayview and Steeles)**

Keynote Speaker and passionate advocate for Early Learning

Jim Grieve

*Assistant Deputy Minister
of the Early Learning Division,
Ontario Ministry of Education*

**TCDSB Early Year Exhibits, Publisher Displays and Dinner-in-A-Box
beginning at 4:00 pm.**

**Keynote Speaker at 5:00 pm followed by choice of 2 workshops
hosted by Teacher/ECE Teams in Full Day Kindergarten**

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**Welcome to
Journey Together....
Inspiring Conversations about Full Day Kindergarten**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to present a conference for teachers, early childhood educators, administrators and support staff on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2013**. This is an exciting opportunity to learn and share promising practices with one another, as we continue to implement Full Day Kindergarten in our TCDSB schools.

Location and Parking

The Conference will be held at **Brebeuf College at 211 Steeles Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M2V 3Y6**. The school is located east of Yonge Street on the south side of Steeles Avenue East. Parking is available onsite. There is TTC access.

Registration

Conference registration will take place until Monday, March 4th, 2013. To register, please complete the form below, with cheque payment of \$10.00 made payable to: **Toronto Catholic District School Board**. Registration fee will include keynote address and choice of two breakout sessions. A light dinner will also be provided.

Maximum participants is limited to 125.

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Please include this form with registration fee of \$10.00, **make cheque payable to:**
Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Name: _____

Position: _____

School or Site: _____ Telephone: _____

Session Selection	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice
Session 1		
Session 2		

Send this form with payment via courier to:
Angie Sferlazza, Early Learning Department, CEC – 2nd Floor

Payment confirms your registration.

Please note that payments returned as **non-sufficient funds** will incur an additional surcharge of \$10.00 for processing.

Workshop Selection and Descriptions

*When we journey together,
we can build a stronger and supportive learning community.*

We are thrilled to have educator teams from our Full Day Kindergarten classrooms share their learning, experiences and reflections from their own journey thus far. When registering for the Conference, participants are asked to select two workshops that are of interest. Detailed descriptions are listed below. Workshops are limited in capacity, so registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Session	Workshop Description
A Room: TBA	Play Based Learning with Hands-On Materials This session will provide participants with many ideas of how to explore and incorporate hands-on materials in a play-based learning environment, while meeting Curriculum expectations...without worksheets!
B Room: TBA	“Opening the Doors”: Family Involvement in the Full Day Kindergarten Classroom The second principle of the FDK Curriculum is “partnerships with families and communities strengthen the ability of early childhood settings to meet the needs of young children”. What does family involvement in the Kindergarten classroom look like? Through conversation, participants will discover effective ways to involve families in authentic, meaningful and safe ways in the classroom and at home.
C Room: TBA	Repeat, Rethink, Remove: Transforming the Kindergarten Learning Environment Participants will be given strategies and resource ideas to transform the “traditional” Kindergarten classroom into a space that stimulates exploration and learning and invites beauty and wonder. Through photo documentation, participants will be introduced to how a full-day kindergarten team transformed their learning environment in the last year.
D Room: TBA	Making Learning Visible through Documentation Have you ever wished you could go back in time to capture a breakthrough moment, an “ah-ah” moment or simply the process of learning? This session will provide participants with simple ways to capture those “WOW” moments through documentation, that make play-based learning visible and meaningful.

Session	Workshop Description
<p data-bbox="224 279 248 310">E</p> <p data-bbox="152 474 318 506">Room: TBA</p>	<p data-bbox="358 239 1300 310">Supporting the Vision of Full Day Kindergarten: The Role of the Principals and System Leaders</p> <p data-bbox="358 317 1425 548">As instructional leaders, Principals play a pivotal role in supporting the effective implementation of full-day kindergarten in their school communities. Principals and other system leaders are invited to explore and share strategies that support effective educator teams and quality full-day kindergarten programs in schools and across the system.</p>
<p data-bbox="224 632 248 663">F</p> <p data-bbox="152 789 318 821">Room: TBA</p>	<p data-bbox="358 592 1260 627">How Do We Manage? Considerations for a Smoother Start!</p> <p data-bbox="358 634 1419 821">Participants will hear about the journey of one team as they "live" Full Day Kindergarten in relation to the "other" demands of school. Ideas, suggestions and tips will be shared for scheduling, lunch routines, planning and other wonderful realities of teaching a full day in Kindergarten.</p>
<p data-bbox="224 905 248 936">G</p> <p data-bbox="152 1024 318 1056">Room: TBA</p>	<p data-bbox="358 865 1162 900">The Journey of an Early-Learning Kindergarten Team</p> <p data-bbox="358 907 1430 1056">Join us as we endeavor to enlighten you with our three year journey as an Early Learning Kindergarten team. We will share the "successes and challenges" of our experience as well as some strategies that we have found most useful in building a strong partnership.</p>

Agenda

- 4:00- 5:00** Registration, Dinner-In-A-Box, Publisher Displays, TCDSB Early Learning Exhibits
- 5:00- 5:15** Welcome, Reflection, Opening Remarks
- 5:15- 6:00** Keynote Speaker – Jim Grieve, Assistant Deputy Minister
- 6:00- 6:45** Session 1 Workshops (locations TBD)
- 6:50- 7:30** Session 2 Workshops (locations TBD)