

Ridge Meadows College

Invites you to attend an

Early Childhood Education Spring Conference

May 4th, 2019

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Riverside Center, 20575 Thorne Ave., Maple Ridge, BC. 604-466-6555



BETTER TOGETHER!

This is an opportunity for early childhood educators to come together and celebrate! Educators, families, communities, and government are working together to improve early childhood services for our children.

Earn 6.0 hours of professional development.

Cost is \$80.00 per person *Early bird cost (before April 15) \$70.00 per person*
Includes breakfast, lunch, and workshop information

8:00 am – Registration, Breakfast & Keynote

8:30 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

THE HONORABLE Katrina Chen
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHILD CARE



Morning Sessions: 10:00 to 12:00

Session MA **Playing with Language and Story: Invitations to Early Literacy**

Young children love to tell stories related to their play experiences. Oral story telling is foundational to future literacy learning. In this session, participants will be invited to explore Reggio-inspired practices such as story workshop and story baskets. Lots of practical examples of engaging, play-based invitations will be modeled. In addition, wonderful books that promote the social and emotional well being of young children will be highlighted. Please come prepared to engage with colleagues and have fun!

Fiona Morrison – Fiona has more than 40 years of experience as a teacher. Much of her career was spent in the Langley school district in a variety of roles working with young children, families and educators. She has been a faculty associate at Simon Fraser University and worked at UBC in the Institute for Early Childhood Education and Research. In 1999 she co-developed the culturally responsive family literacy program PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) with Dr. Jim Anderson from UBC. Fiona is currently a provincial facilitator for Changing Results for Young Children (CR4YC) which focuses on the social and emotional well-being of young children. She continues to be passionate about joyful, play-based learning experiences for people of all ages!

Session MB **Leadership in Early Education**

What do children need to be successful in life? Research has found that emotional intelligence (EQ) is four times more likely to predict a person's success than IQ. I believe the best way to prepare children to have successful lives as adults is to foster leadership skills from a young age. This two and a half hour workshop will explore what leadership is and how leadership skills can be learned at an early age through connection, emotional intelligence, creativity and opportunities for bravery.

Katelyn Moon has been an early childhood educator since 2008. Her passion is to support children in developing social and emotional skills that will grow with them throughout their lives. In 2015, Katelyn returned to school to further her education in leadership, teaching, and childcare licensing. Her new education has shaped her views of the importance of teaching leadership to young children.



Session MC A Composition of Wonder: Exploration of sound, music and movement

The sense of wonder is one of the most natural and present abilities of all children. The power to explore the world using all senses should always be cherished and fully utilized in childcare centers, as the BC Early Learning Framework suggests. The workshop will engage with the sense of hearing and the power of sound as a learning tool. Sound is a pedagogical material that, even if untouchable, is always present. Children feel, see, and acknowledge sound in a multitude of ways. Through conversation and hands-on provocations, participants might uncover questions and make discoveries through experiments with sound, music and movement applying multiple mediums both conventional and unusual.

Violet Jessen - is an instructor in the Capilano University ECCE program, and has been interested in providing new workshops for ECE's that facilitate an exploration of world using all senses. Violet also sits on the provincial board of the Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia, and has been active in supporting the dissemination of information about the \$10.00/day community child care plan, and facilitating student and work bursaries.



Session MD Developmental Red Flags

Learn and understand the value of developmental milestones. What are Red Flags and why they are important? Strategies to follow up on once a concern/risk has been identified. Discuss and develop strategies for working as a team and sharing sensitive information with families.

Karen LeSage has been a Supported Child Development (SCD) Consultant for the past 15 years in Vancouver and Burnaby and is now with Ridge Meadows SCD. She has been in the child and youth care field for 24 years and has a keen interest in Social Emotional Development, Yoga for children and Mindfulness. Her hope is to help to create a more peaceful and calm environment so that children and youth can reach their full potential.

Megan - moved to BC from New Brunswick to continue with her Special Needs Diploma and her Degree in Child and Youth Care Counselling. She has worked in many different areas of the ECE field and has travelled to Reggio Emilia, Italy to study their child care system. She has a passion for advocating for quality care for children and providing authentic experiences for children. She has worked with the Supported Child Development Program as a consultant for three years; she loves networking and building supportive relationships with the child care centers in Ridge Meadows.

“All that we are is story...We can change the world, one story at a time.”
Richard Wagamese (Indigenous Author and Storyteller).

Session ME Story Baskets

In a world where we are constantly rushed, storytelling is almost a lost art. In today’s electronic age children are losing their creative thinking and their ability to create images in their minds. Through storytelling children develop listening skills, patience, problem solving, and creative thinking. Story Baskets are created to expose children to various ways of learning and are a hands-on approach to education. Story Baskets present an opportunity for interaction between a parent and child, children and peers, and children and educators. The creation of a Story Basket is as beneficial to the maker as it is to the listener.

“Through stories, children gain a lot of knowledge about life and the world’s values, and can then form goals and visions for their own lives.”

Susan Munzer (Author and Early Childhood Educator).

Presenter: Oana Nistor. Oana is an Early Childhood Educator and a Montessori teacher, presently completing a BA in Leadership at TWU. She has been working in the ECE field for over 19 years, primarily in the Langley area. She has been a Supervisor, Program Coordinator, and Manager. She is passionate about children, the power of stories, and the lessons we can learn from stories.

For more information about Story Baskets and/or workshop presentations please contact oananistor30@gmail.com or 604-833-7273. You can also follow Oana on Instagram @Story_baskets.



12:00 to 1:30 Lunch

Attendees will eat, browse our **community information booths**, indulge in some shopping at our **vendor tables**, and participate to win one of many **raffle prizes**!

Afternoon Sessions: 1:30 to 4:00

Session AA Playing with Language and Story: Invitations to Early Literacy

*Fiona Morrison is repeating this wonderful workshop this afternoon.
Please read the information from the morning Session MA.*

Session AB Puppets in ECE Programs

Participants will be introduced to puppets and puppet show styles that are enchanting for young children. You will walk away with ideas to create and use puppets of your own.

Loretta Jackson is an instructor at Ridge Meadows College, and has been an early childhood educator for many years. She studied early childhood education at the University of the Fraser Valley, went on to complete her Child and Youth Care degree at UFV, and completed a M.Ed. at Simon Fraser University. She has owned her own preschool, where she explored her love for story-telling with children, and has worked as an instructor at UFV, SFU., and Ridge Meadows College.

Session AC

Activities for Enriching the Social Emotional Aspect of Your Program:

Using CASEL's 5 core competencies for social emotional learning as a guide, come and learn ways to incorporate mindfulness, gratitude and calming activities into your everyday curriculum.

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Session AD Wild and Woolly

Wild \ 'wī(-ə)ld\ *passionately eager or enthusiastic*
And Woolly \ 'wú-lē\ *covered with wool*

In the time of dreaming, there lived Tiddalik the Greedy Frog who one day drank up all the water in the lakes, rivers and streams. All the other animals began to worry that they would perish from thirst – what could they do?

In this workshop participants will learn two methods of working with wool. First using warm water and soap, we will wet-felt a mini playmat. Then using a felting needle we will create two characters – Tiddalik the greedy frog and Nabunum the Eel. With a completed story set, we will learn the fate of the animals as they try to solve the problem with Tiddalik the Greedy Frog.

Please note: Participants will need to bring a small towel and 2 plastic grocery bags

Presenter: Violet Jessen is an instructor in the Capilano University ECCE program. In the past few years, she has introduced students in the 1st year curriculum course to working with wool. Storytelling combined with felted props creates a joy that adds to the relationship-building between child and adult.

Session AE Llama Llama Daycare Drama

Did you know that there is a turnover rate in childcare providers of 30-40% annually? Attention childcare managers, supervisors and those front line staff invested in creating a positive work culture, this workshop is for you. Llama Llama, Daycare Drama explores leadership and business theory through the lens of an ECE. We will reflect on current business and psychology research relating to motivation, conflict resolution, team formation, intergenerational work teams, and staff retention. This workshop will leave you with the concrete foundations that you can apply in your work environment to increase staff happiness, customer satisfaction and ultimately better quality care for children.

Note: Content from this workshop was developed based on Katelyn Moons original research of over 300 BC ECE's in 2018.

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Registration form

Payment includes: Breakfast and lunch, Keynote session, Morning and Afternoon Workshops, ticket for the raffle, access to the vendors and to Community Information Booths.

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Registration for Keynote and Workshops									
Keynote Address									
Morning Sessions 10:00 – 12:00									
<i>Please rate your session preference in order from 1 to 5</i>									
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Early Literacy		Leadership in EC		Composition of Wonder		Red Flags		Story Baskets	
LUNCH 12:00 to 1:30									
Music Vendors Raffle Community Information Music Vendors Raffle									
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