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“Moe the  
Mouse”

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017**

**“CELEBRATING EARLY LEARNING IN THE NORTH”**

REGISTRATION On PD Reg

<http://pdreg.sd57.bc.ca>

**Location:**

Coast Inn of the North  
770 Brunswick Street, Prince George BC

**Time:**

8:00am to 3:00pm

**\*\* Lunch Included \*\***

**Cost:**

**\$25** For SD 57 employees

**\$150** For out of district registrants

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8:00-8:30	<i>Registration and Vendor Fair Opens</i>							
8:30-10:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote: Maureen Dockendorf  <b>“They are Already Ready!”</b></p>							
10:00-10:30	Nutritional Break (Provided)							
10:30-12:00	Morning Session							
	AM1	Michelle Hikida	AM2	Colleen Politano	AM3	Anne Gardner	AM4	Jennifer Moroz
	<b>Inquiry in the Primary Classroom</b>		<b>Possibilities to Help Students Deal with Stress and Anxiety, Manage Anger and Build Confidence</b>		<a href="#">Moe the Mouse</a> Full Day Session		<b>Showcasing Success with Student Learning Portfolios</b>	
12:00-12:50	Lunch (Provided)							
1:00-2:30	Afternoon Session							
	PM1	Michelle Hikida	PM2	Colleen Politano	PM3	Anne Gardner	PM4	Jennifer Moroz
	<b>Repeat of Morning</b>		<b>Teaching Kids about Self-Regulation: What is it? What Can We Do? What Can They Do?</b>		<b>Continuation of Morning</b>		<b>Repeat of Morning</b>	
3:00	Vendor Fair Closes							

## Morning Sessions

Michelle Hikida AM 1	<b>Inquiry in the Primary Classroom</b> Inquiry based approaches to teaching and learning are a focal part of the redesigned curriculum. Are you wondering what inquiry looks like in the primary class? Come and see examples of ways to use student and teacher generated inquiry questions to guide big thinking and learning with primary children.
Colleen Politano AM 2	<b>Possibilities to Help Students Deal with Stress and Anxiety, Manage Anger and Build Confidence</b> Colleen will share possibilities to help students deal with 'tough times' independently. We know that when kids are highly stressed their learning is jeopardized and 1 or 2 upset people can make it difficult for others to learn. Colleen will demonstrate ways to help all students build confidence. She will show you simple, easily incorporated ideas that kids can use to help them deal with stress, anger and anxiety.
Anne Gardner AM 3	<b>Making the Most of Moe</b> Delivered by, Anne Gardner, Speech Language Pathologist, and the co-creator of the Moe the Mouse Program. This full day training demonstrates the various activities using Moe, his animal friends, his favourite books and other special items, that help children develop: social language use, comprehension of spoken words, vocabulary, discrimination of speech sounds, ability to pronounce speech sounds, knowledge of preposition words (above, beside) etc.) and the ability to express feelings & ideas. These activities can become part of the everyday curriculum and do not require specialized clinicians but are supported by those individuals where possible.
Jennifer Moroz AM 4	<b>Showcasing Success with Student Learning Portfolios</b> As a K-8 teacher for 15 years, Jennifer has developed a few "tricks of the trade" to simplify the task of communicating: not only student learning – but the story of student growth along a continuum. Her current position offers her the chance to collect working examples from SD#57 teachers who are excited to innovate their communicating practices in the core and curricular competencies of the new BC Curriculum.

## Afternoon Sessions

Michelle Hikida PM 1	<b>Inquiry in the Primary Classroom</b> Repeat of morning session
Colleen Politano PM 2	<b>Teaching Kids about Self-Regulation: What is it? What Can We Do? What Can They Do?</b> Colleen will show you quick, engaging activities to help your students understand what self-regulation is. She will share basic and new possibilities for making our classrooms more 'self-regulation friendly.' She will demonstrate a wealth of possibilities you can show all students so they can use what they have learned to be calm, alert, focused, and engaged. Come ready to participate, laugh, learn and leave with ideas you can use right away.
Anne Gardner PM 3	<b>Making the Most of Moe</b> Continuation of morning session
Jennifer Moroz PM 4	<b>Showcasing Success with Student Learning Portfolios</b> Repeat of morning session

<b>Maureen Dockendorf</b>	<b>Keynote</b>		
<p>Maureen Dockendorf is the BC Superintendent of Early Years. This is a joint position shared between the Provincial Office for the Early Years and the Ministry of Education and has a strong focus of working with school districts to strengthen and build upon their work in the early years. This work further supports efforts under the BC Early Years Strategy.</p>			
<p>Maureen has worked as a Teacher, SFU Faculty Associate, Principal and Assistant Superintendent and BC Ministry of Education Superintendent of Literacy and Numeracy at the Ministry of Education to support the redesign of curriculum and competency development within the context of the transformational change process in BC's education system. Maureen is well-known for her work as a conference speaker, an educational author, facilitator, and staff development consultant. Maureen also works closely with Me to We/Free the Children to coordinate BC educators' volunteer experiences working with local communities to build schools in Kenya, Ecuador, and India.</p>			
<p>Maureen is frequently called upon to provide advice on policy, process and practice in the realms of professional learning, collaborative practice, educational leadership, curriculum implementation and assessment. Maureen has an unwavering commitment to public education and to success for all learners.</p>			
<b>Michelle Hikida</b>	AM 1	<b>Inquiry in the Primary Classroom</b>	PM 1 Repeat of Morning Session
<p>Michelle Hikida is a primary teacher who is passionate about fostering a love of learning and big thinking. She has taught in Richmond for 19 years and is currently teaching a grade 2/3 class.</p>			
<b>Colleen Politano</b>	AM 2	<b>Explicit Teaching, Joyful Reading for all Learners</b>	PM 2 <b>A Place of Wonder: Using Students' Questions to Inspire Non Fiction Reading and Writing</b>
<p>Colleen Politano is known for sharing a wealth of ideas that are PRACTICAL and POSSIBLE. Participants appreciate her sense of humour and sensible, realistic approach. She is an experienced teacher and presenter. The co-author of 15 professional books for teachers, her enthusiastic approach to teaching is contagious and you will leave with a multitude of easy-to-use ideas to make your life easier and help your students do and be their best.</p>			
<b>Anne Gardner</b>	AM 3	<b>Moe the Mouse</b>	PM 3 Continuation of morning session
<p>Anne Gardner is a Speech Language Pathologist with over 35 years of experience. She wrote <b>Talking Together -a parent manual</b>; produced <b>Talking Together -The DVD</b>; coauthored <b>Partnerships in Communication</b>, a 12 hour course for Early Childhood Educators and has delivered workshops across the country. She is the Associate Producer for the TV children's series <a href="#">Tiga Talk!</a> currently airing on APTN. Anne co-created The Moe the Mouse Program in 2001, which has been used extensively in British Columbia during the past 15 years and is now being introduced across Canada. Moe the Mouse stands as her proudest accomplishment.</p>			
<b>Jennifer Moroz</b>	A4	<b>Showcasing Success with Student Learning Portfolios</b>	PM 1 Repeat of Morning Session
<p>Jennifer has been teaching K-8 for 15 years. She is currently a teacher-librarian as well as the SD#57 Assessment for Learning &amp; Data Driven Evidence Teacher (Conditions for Learning) and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.</p>			