

York Region District School Board's *Juniors on the Move Network*
 In partnership with the Ontario Association of Junior Educators'
 Presents Spring Conference 2011:



“Inspire to Learn”

Inspiring learning through our passions and text

Date: May 18, 2011 Time: 4:15pm – 7:30pm

Location: Centre for Leadership and Learning, 300 Harry Walker Pkwy South, Newmarket

Register online at <http://oajeinspiretolearn.eventbrite.com>

The registration cost of \$20.00 includes a light dinner

| Session: | Time: | Focus: | Description: | Presenter #1 Bio: | Presenter #2 Bio: |
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| | 4:15 to 4:45 | Welcome | Registration, Graffiti Wall and Publisher Display | | |
| Keynote Rooms 102/103 | 4:45 to 5:30 | Inspiring Learning, Humour, Managing Stress | <p><i>Can You Inspire If You Feel You're About to Expire?</i></p> <p>It seems a reasonable assumption that if the goal is to inspire students, we need to begin with inspired teachers. In today's hectic, high-pressure classrooms however, we seem more likely to find teachers battling fatigue, stress, and self-doubt; more a recipe for producing grey hair than the next generation of lifelong learners. There isn't much</p> | <p>Glenn DiPasquale – Dr. Glenn DiPasquale is a Registered Psychologist with a B.A from the University of Waterloo, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Western Ontario.</p> <p>He enjoyed a long career with the York Region District School Board, including 17 years as Chief Psychologist. In addition, he taught part-time at the post secondary level for more than ten years. He currently works as an independent speaker, consultant and writer. His accomplishments include a variety of professional articles and reviews as well as a best-selling booklet on school bus discipline. Recently, he authored the chapter entitled “The Defiant Child”, in an on-line teacher resource called “The ABC's of Children's Mental Health”.</p> <p>Glenn's expertise has contributed to various working groups at</p> | |

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Glenn is in high demand as a speaker on a wide variety of topics related to School Psychology and Education. But perhaps most importantly, he is married and is the practicing father of three young adults.

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| <p>Workshop 1:</p> <p>The Three Questions By Jon J. Muth</p> | <p>5:30 to 6:05</p> | <p>Language Arts and Visual Arts</p> | <p>In this tale, Nikolai searches for the answers to three questions which lead him on a journey of discovery about what is most important in the world. The Holland Landing Team will share ideas about how to use this mentor text as inspiration for a whole school art experience that integrates literacy and visual arts, and culminates with a cooperative art installation.</p> | <p>Heidi Armstrong, Kim Evans- Milak and Bianca Creek are part of the Literacy Team at Holland Landing P.S. and they have been looking at how arts-infused literacy learning inspired by rich texts allows us to make deeper connections to our world, our community and one another. A whole school initiative at Holland Landing Public School called “Living Books” has emerged as a result of this inquiry. In this “Living Books” process, the entire school comes together in Literacy and cross-curricular explorations of the big idea from the book <i>The Three Questions</i>, by Jon J Muth.</p> |
| <p>Workshop 1:</p> <p>The Elders are Watching by David Bouchard and Roy Henry Vickers</p> | <p>5:30 to 6:05</p> | <p>Environmental Studies, Science, Visual Arts, Language Arts</p> | <p>If the earth could sing, what would be the songs? Some of these songs might be joyful, filled with beauty, and celebration, while others are shrouded in devastation, despair and destruction. Presenters will share an integrated unit that attempts to seek out the many voices of our earth and its inhabitants. Culminating with the students offering words of wisdom, understanding, and hope through the visual art works they create.</p> | <p>The Visual Arts Teacher Leaders Teacher Leaders Renuka DeSilva, Kim Evans-Milak, Wendy Janes, JoAnne Newland and Rina Singh have come together to create the unit, <i>One Earth Many Voices</i>, that has a focus on the environment and social justice. Through a process of collaborative inquiry the team was looking at the connection between the creative process, differentiated instruction and improved student thinking and learning.</p> |
| <p>Rooms 102/103</p> | <p>6:05 to 6:40</p> | | <p>Dinner</p> | |

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| Workshop 2: World on Fire by Sarah McLachlan | 6:40 to 7:15 | Mathematics, Music | Authentic tasks for math are all around us. See how one teacher uses a music video to inspire student's learning of mathematical concepts. | Christine Mainguy and Andrea Rye-Brown are Curriculum Consultants for the York Region District School Board. | Nadia MacKinnon is a Literacy@School classroom teacher and a Region Math Coach for the York Region District School Board. |
| Workshop 2: A variety of selected books | 6:40 to 7:15 | Be Inspired by Books! | Come and learn about inspiring books to engage and motivate Junior learners. Explore cross-curricular applications of fantastic picture books and junior-level novels. Learn how to find these books and more in your school library! | Melissa Murray is a Curriculum Consultant for YRDSB supporting K-12 school libraries, ICT and junior teachers. She is inspired by great books every day – and loves suggestions! | Sherri Coulter is a Literacy@School Drama Demonstration Class teacher, and member of the Arts Drama Leadership Team. She always has time to explore a great new book! |
| Workshop 2: Words are Worse than Sticks and Stones By Alye Pollack | 6:40 to 7:15 | Literacy, Media Literacy, The Arts, Physical and Health Education | Is bullying an issue in your classroom? This workshop illustrates the effects of bullying in schools and how the discovery of self-esteem, self-worth and awareness of others can be a positive solution to this problem. Participants will become aware of tools and resources they already possess and take away ideas and materials to inspire students to "Make a Difference". | Jennifer Low is an elementary teacher with experience in all divisions. She has been a Junior Lead teacher and a member of the Literacy Lead team. Jennifer is currently involved in the Assessment for Learning in Mathematics Network and is the Healthy Schools Network Representative for her school. | |
| Final Thoughts of the Evening | 7:15 to 7:30 | Publisher Prizes, Closing Remarks | Don Jones | | |