



**QPAT Preconvention Workshops / Ateliers précongrès de l'APEQ**  
**Thursday October 13, 2022 / le jeudi 13 octobre 2022**  
**Hotel Bonaventure de Montreal**  
**9:00 – 15:00**

**Adapting sports programs for students with special needs (ID + ASD)**

**Speakers:** Madeleine Sinclair, Maude Provencher, Tristan Delmas, Youth Program Coordinators, Special Olympics

**Workshop Description:** Special Olympics Quebec provides sport, health, and physical activity resources and programs for students with intellectual disabilities and autism. We work with school staff to adapt programs building motor and sport skills. Our workshop includes who we are, what we offer, fun examples of the activities we run, and a pedagogical summary of the ministerial competencies our programs address. Our goal is to be the active program leaders for students with intellectual disabilities and autism!

**Target Audience:** Kindergarten, Primary, Secondary

**Assistive Technology Boot Camp**

**Speakers:** Olivia Colalillo, Andrea Prupas, Assistive Technology Consultants

**Workshop Description:** Everything you wanted to know about assistive technology and its application in the classroom! Welcome to our AT “blitz” where we will be discussing, exploring and learning together. As assistive technology specialists who work with our students every day in our classrooms, we are all about hands-on, ready-to-implement strategies and tools! Our goal for this workshop is for you to feel confident supporting your student(s) with AT. We will be using platforms and tools that we have already available in our English school boards.

**Target Audience: All**

**Behaviour is a language, it's time we learn it**

**Speaker:** Christopher Simeone, Special Educator technician, EMSB

**Workshop Description:** Christopher Simeone has been a behavior interventionist for 10 years. During his childhood, all he wanted to understand was why people behaved the way they did. Now you can learn everything he has over the years, as he presents techniques and strategies in behaviour communication. Learn from someone who had to understand himself as someone with learning disabilities to becoming a professional in the field.

**Target Audience: All**

**Between the Gutters - Taking Your Graphic Novel Teaching To New Levels**

**Speaker:** Michael “Max” Crowther, teacher/Librarian, Bishop’s College School

**Workshop Description:** Graphic novels have become common in our classrooms. Their role in reaching a diverse audience encourages reading in ways that some students thrive in and that all students should experience. In this full day series of micro-sessions, shared resources, collaborative exercises, informed discussion, and interactive workshop activities, you can be prepared to “up your game” when it comes to teaching, reading and learning from graphic novels.

**Target Audience:** Primary, Secondary, Adult Ed.

### **Dealing with Difficult Situations - A workshop designed for new teachers (open to all)**

**Speakers:** Tony Lacroce, Education Management Consultant, Tanya Dawe, Yoga and Mediation Teacher

**Workshop Description:** Part 1 - Morning Mindfulness: 15 minutes to prepare for a focused and productive day. Part 2 - Frogs Have It Easy; They Eat What Bugs Them: Are there parents or colleagues who test your preparedness, professionalism, and patience? You can control your side of the interaction. Part 3 - Mindful Movement: Tension release for entire body (no special equipment/clothing needed)

**Target Audience:** Kindergarten, Primary, Secondary

### **ELA All Day: A workshop series to support ELA students in the classroom**

**Speakers:** Jessica Hand, Lise Kuhn, Anne Beamish, Tiffany Dickie, ATEQ

**Workshop Description:** We will offer a full day workshop featuring the innovative work of educators within the English language Arts community in Quebec. Mobilizing ATEQ's grassroots partnerships and connections with people from different school boards, the MEQ, Vanier College, and McGill University, we will showcase projects, best practices and pedagogical tools, to inspire teachers from a variety of levels and backgrounds and continue to build a vibrant network of ELA educators across the province.

**Target Audience:** All

### **Google Workspace for Education – Deep Dive**

**Speakers:** The Cobblestone Collective

**Workshop Description:** Has it been a while since you checked out all that Google has to offer? Or maybe you work in the Google Drive environment daily, and you want to learn about more of the hidden gems. Join us for this workshop where we'll take a deep dive into all that Google has to offer to streamline your workflows and inspire your students. Whether it's Chrome, Google Classroom, Extensions, Add-Ons and more, there's something new for everyone to discover and explore.

**Target Audience:** Primary, Secondary

### **Horton Hears a Who-and so Should You!**

#### **Growing Environmental Awareness Across the Curriculum**

**Speaker:** James Watts, Teacher, Education Plus High School

**Workshop Description:** The Theory of Biophilia claims that - deep in the recesses of our pre-historic brains we all have a biological affinity for living things. In our post-agrarian, city-dwelling, nature-phobic societies we have gradually lost the physical, emotional, and yes spiritual connections we once had with the natural world. But the biophilic traces remain. In educational settings, classrooms are sometimes described as boring and irrelevant. However, educators are discovering that students develop better connections with their learning when teachers activate their pre-existing, biophilic frameworks. I am one of those teachers – and Biophilia in Education is at the core of my Ph.D. research.

Using some of the themes, lessons, and approaches from Horton Hears a Who in this interactive workshop, we will develop concrete lesson plans that you will be able to use next week in your classroom, regardless of the subject you teach.

Along the way, I will share with you my research and some stories about the adventures in learning I have had with students as we have learned together - hiking in forests, paddling on rivers and lakes, and climbing mountains.

**Target Audience:** Primary, Secondary

### **Mindfulness in Action**

**Speakers:** Rukhshanna Surty, Ian Ramsay, Health and Wellness Consultants

**Workshop Description:** Moving from overwhelm to calm is a learned behaviour. We will explore various ways of releasing stress and manifesting calm in mind and body. Moving our bodies and breathing in new and effective ways nourishes creativity and sets the template for effective learning and growth. Easy to learn and teach, these experiential activities are coupled with time honoured wisdom, and cutting-edge research to give you an understanding of how it's done and why it works! Come with an open mind and a willingness to have fun and try new ways of being. Breathe, move, dance, stretch, inquire, meditate, use acupressure to release tension – and leave feeling focused, balanced and vibrant! When you have felt it, you can teach it! Activities for application in the classroom will be provided.

**Target Audience:** All

### **Oh the Math that They'll Know! Primary Math Games**

**Speaker:** Jane Felling, Consultant, BoxCars and One-Eyed Jacks

**Workshop Description:** Many of our JK-grade 2 students experienced challenging years since Covid. Come prepared to play, learn strategies and games that help address the learning gaps and loss. Concepts covered include subitizing count, doubles, make 5, 10, operations+, -, place value, double digits operations. Games for differentiated centres and whole groups will be shared. Ideas for assessment math journals and gameboards provided. We will play with cards, dice, # lines and shakers!

**Target Audience:** Kindergarten, Primary

### **Teams and M365 – Deep Dive**

**Speakers:** Cobblestone Collective

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**Target Audience:** Primary, Secondary

### **The Power of Learning Through Play and Storytelling**

**Speaker:** Sharon Scimeca, Play-Based Learning Facilitator, l'Univers du Jeu- Universe of Play

**Workshop Description:** How can children learn as they get lost in play and storytelling?

Throughout this interactive, hands-on workshop, preschool teachers will learn how to set up their play space and materials to support different types of play both indoors and in nature: loose parts, dramatic play, construction play, sensory play, literacy & numeracy games. Teachers will be given ideas on how to further extend storytelling and play within their classrooms using play-based learning approach.

**Target Audience:** Kindergarten, Primary

### **Using Art in the Classroom to Solidify Learning**

**Speaker:** Deirdre Potash, Teaching Artist, ArtWill Studio

**Workshop Description:** In a fun, stimulating and interactive learning environment, you (and then your students) will learn simple art techniques along with exploring accessible materials to solidify learning in your classroom. This is a hands-on workshop with lots of opportunities to ask questions. All materials supplied. Relax, be encouraged, and create.

**Target Audience:** Kindergarten, Primary, Secondary

### **The Fundamentals of the new Preschool Program**

**Workshop Speakers:** Chris Colley, Donna Skea, Lee-Ann Masics, Marina Delisle

**Workshop Description:** Join the DEEN sub-committee, PLAY and LEARN for a day of exploring the new cycle program in Preschool. We will do a deep dive into the new cycle program with particular focus on play and the areas of early childhood development. As well, explore how to build playful classrooms, and how to observe play.

**Target Audience:** Kindergarten

### **Tickets:**

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