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A Monthly E-Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome to a new school year! Our Family of Schools Coordinators and Regional Support Staff look forward to working closely with you to support all students in the Strait Regional Centre for Education. Additional specialist positions are also available this year from the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions and the Commission on Inclusive Education to provide a stronger continuum of supports and services throughout the Region. Our focus this year is to provide a unified, coordinated framework to support the success of all students.

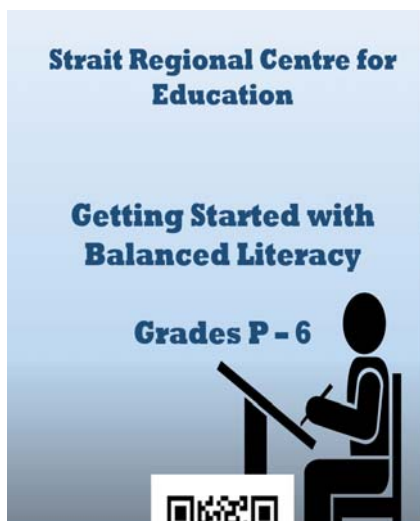
Highlights for September

Strait Regional Centre for Education Literacy Strategy 2018-19

Featured Literacy Resources for September 2018!

Literacy Mentors and Regional Programs Staff are pleased to provide you with supportive resources to help you establish balanced literacy instruction in all grade 4-6 classrooms.

Connect with School Administration, your Family of Schools Coordinator or Literacy Mentor for Additional Information and Support.



Teacher Professional Learning Opportunities

Enhanced Professional Learning Funding through the Strait Regional Institute for Staff Development (SRISDs)!



Self-identified, School-based Professional Learning for Teachers!



The SRCE Programs Team will be forwarding a professional development survey to teachers of grades 4-6 (these grade levels will be the focus of PD support for semester 1). The professional development options are connected to the SRCE Literacy, Mental Health and Culturally Responsive Practices strategies and are aimed at supporting teachers in their work of increasing student achievement. The responses to the survey will be used to assist with planning and implementing PD opportunities. Additional grade levels will be the focus of support in Semester 2.

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Through a partnership with Faculties of Education from St. Francis Xavier University, Western University and University of British Columbia, teenmentalhealth.org has built a comprehensive mental health literacy learner resource for pre-service and practicing teachers.

This **FREE** online modular-based resource is now accessible to all Faculties of Education as well as teachers and other educators who are currently in schools. The seven modules can be completed entirely online at your convenience.

An excellent resource aimed at helping teachers understand and recognize mental illness while decreasing stigma in the classroom. Let's work towards becoming mental health literate!



<https://www.teachmentalhealth.org/>

Strait Regional Centre for Education Culturally Responsive Practices Strategy 2018-19

Introducing Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (CRP) Throughout the SRCE!!



Dr. Sharroky Hollie

All teaching and invited support staff will participate in a regional professional development experience on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre featuring Dr. Sharroky Hollie, a leading researcher and practitioner in the field of culturally responsive pedagogy. In advance of this event, participating school staff will engage in some introductory activities facilitated by their Administration to better prepare them for Dr. Hollie's workshop. SRCE staff may also learn more about CRP and view examples of instructional classroom videos by visiting [Dr. Hollie's YouTube channel](#), [ValidateAffirm-CCRTL](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeshEHwGq-eOZvgeF8wO3UQ>

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