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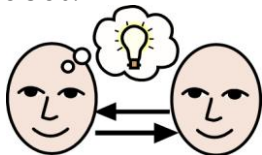
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Executive Invitation

Consider joining next year's PDK Executive.

John Myers, our Chapter President, has creative and exciting ideas for next year's Focus and Research series.

We need new executive members to support existing plans and to help develop new ideas.



Come and be part of the changes.

Contact John Myers
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John Myers

President's Message

As our current research series has shown, our diversities have evolved over centuries of history. While we are still, and always will be, on a journey towards harmony and working together for the betterment of all, Canada has done a relatively decent job so far. We only need to follow the news around the world to compare our efforts to others.

However, when we examine our own efforts as reported in the media, we can also be humbled in the ways we have fallen short.

Public education has been, and shall continue to be, a training ground for living and participating in a pluralistic democracy. Phi Delta Kappa has been, and shall continue to be, supportive of this goal through its commitments. Our research series, our fundraising initiatives to support service endeavours, our fine newsletter and our connections to Kappans throughout North America and beyond through our social and networking efforts, keep this dream alive. Our past years' fundraiser, the ChalkWalk, has supported our awards programme and our involvement with the Spelling Bee of Canada.

We have an exciting programme for next year's research series: Social and Emotional Learning for Students AND Teachers. We will be updating topics explored a few years ago based on demand from the field. Speakers, dates and locations TBA.



Bev Freedman being feted by Family, Kappans, and Friends upon becoming the 2016 PDK Outstanding Educator

Leading Into an Unknown Age of Learning

On April 20th, Bev, in her AGM address, rekindled our vision of schools and school systems as places of co-learning, engagement, and authentic problem solving for students and adults. What are some of the implications of leaders and leadership?

How do institutions of learning differ from institutions of teaching?

Bev asked us to think about how the leadership narrative is shifting in this digital age. She also asked us to consider the challenges and enablers for learning and leading.



Paul's Hot Topic Research Findings

Paul Favaro, Ph.D.
Chief of Research & Evaluation,
Peel District School Board,
York University Faculty of Education

Put down the laptop and improve retention.

http://www.npr.org/2016/04/17/474525392/attention-students-put-your-laptops-away?utm_campaign=storyshare&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social

Making up a failed class online may not be the best

idea <http://hechingerreport.org/try-online-courses-might-not-best-way-teach-students-risk-algebra-failure/>

Could it be Deja Vu all over again? Another pretty useless school ranking list.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/how-the-americas-most-challenging-high-schools-list-works/2016/04/12/647471de-00d5-11e6-b823-707c79ce3504_story.html

A history of Standardized testing glitches (hopefully no one is tallying us.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2016/04/21/pearsons-history-of-testing-problems-a-list/>

What would happen if you give a kid a tutor instead of giving a mouse a cookie?

Roland Fryor on what works in education

*<http://www.nber.org/papers/w22130.pdf> or if you can't get NBER papers here is a summary <http://www.bloombergvew.com/articles/2016-04-19/want-to-fix-education-just-give-a-kid-a-tutor>

Black and Hispanic parents want better from their schools

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-black-latino-parent-survey-20160408-snap-htmlstory.html>

We need to know more about the effectiveness of Pre-K says AEI

<http://www.aei.org/publication/does-pre-k-work-the-research-on-ten-early-childhood-programs-and-what-it-tells-us/> <http://www.usnews.com/opinion/knowledge-bank/articles/2016-04-13/focus-preschool-debate-on-quality-and-design-instead-of-whether-pre-k-works>

20 best data viz tools <http://inspire.blufra.me/big-data-visualization-review-of-the-20-best-tools/?platform=hootsuite>

You have been washing your hands wrongly (this does not apply to those guys who think the germ theory is still only a theory). American hand washing (CDC) vs. Euro hand washing (WHO).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/21/health/washing-hands.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur&r=0>

It gets better. The whole world I mean

<http://www.vox.com/2014/11/24/7272929/charts-thankful>

Buzz Around The Bee



We need you!

PDK and The Spelling Bee of Canada (SBOC) are in partnership to promote literacy.

It was a honey of a year, culminating in the Canadian Championship. How sweet it was to see the contestants come to listen, to think, to learn and to participate.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have given their time to tutor and organize, both local bees and the Championship. Volunteers' efforts paid off in seeing the childrens' gain in literacy.

We invite you to be part of the thrill for 2017. Contact Carolyn Moras, 416-671-7024 cimoras@rogers.com

Planning has already started; there is already a lot of activity in the hive.

Come and talk to us at Word on the Street, Sunday, September 25 at Harbourfront.

AGM 2016 IN PHOTOS

Susan Seidman Excellent In Student Teaching Award Winner

For as long as Sophie Pigon can remember, helping others has been her passion. Being in the St. Michael's College Concurrent Education Program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education has turned that passion into a living reality.

"Bringing life to learning", is Sophie's personal pedagogic 'creed' and she is enthusiastically looking forward to working alongside teachers who view teaching as a vocation.

Sophie looks forward to being in the front lines of education where her main priority will be to motivate students to want to learn. Her goal would be to see her students reach their maximum potential and to ensure that success would be within every student's reach.



Sophie Pigon

Jackman Award Winner

Ghaayathry Selvanathan mirrored aspects of Bev Freedman's speech in her essay.

"Throughout my years as both a student and a student teacher I had the opportunity to view the evolvement of technology in the classroom. When I was a student, technological devices were not heavily relied on for understanding a lesson. ... We now live in a digitally-enhanced world. Some educators believe technological devices enhance student engagement, therefore being an essential tool in the classroom. I believe technology is an additional resource to traditional teaching ... to communicate with parents ... an assessment and evaluation tool."



Ghaayathry Selvanathan



Areeba Abbas, Prospective Educator Award winner, being recognized by Zenobia Amarali



L - R: Former chapter executive members: Carolyn Moras, Irene Manahan, Jim Youngson, John Pipher



Nehal Patel, co-chair of Programming and Linda Massey, Foundation Chair, greeted guests.



Sandra Fryer, Curriculum Head, Peel DSB and Lesa Williams-George, Principal, Toronto DSB enjoying the AGM



L-R; Paul Favro, our Research Chair, chatting with former PDK Outstanding Educators Clay Lafleur and Gerry Connelly



Jelena Rakovac and Tim Rudan, Membership Co-chairs welcome longstanding members

For a full Listing of our Chapter's Executive Team, visit our website. www.pdk-ut.ca
PROGRAMME AND DUE DATES FOR AWARDS FOR 2016 -17 VISIT WWW.PDK-UT.CA FOR MORE DETAILS
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Niagara Falls Get Togethers –enjoy concerts with our Niagara Falls members	Sat., Sept. 17, Fri., Oct., 28, Sat., Nov. 19, Fri., Feb. 10.,2017 Sat., May 20, 2017	Niagara Falls PDK Coordinator - Elizabeth Manker 905-358-3825, SIDEAR09@aol.com Concert Details : www.niagaraconcerts.ca	5:00 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Concert
Word on the Street	Sun., Sept. 25	Our PDK Chapter will be hosting a booth, in partnership with Spelling Bee of Canada, to promote literacy.	Harbourfront Toronto
Research Series #1 (1 of 3)	TBA	Social and Emotional Learning for Students AND Teachers Location TBA	7:00 pm – 9:15 pm
ANGELS...EVERY WHERE!	TBA	AT CHRIST CHURCH, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., CAN.. An innovative concert created and produced each year by Kappan Elizabeth Manker.	7-9 pm



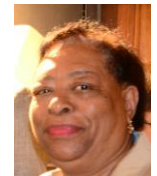
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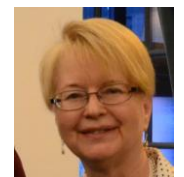
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**Ron Benson,
Advisor**



2016-17 Chapter Executive

L to R: Moveta Nanton, Tim Rudan, Linda Massey, Nehal Patel, John Myers, Jelena Rakovac, Marilyn Hahn, Zenobia Omarali. Photo taken by Pauline Shou, chapter webmaster.

Bev Freedman, in her AGM address, highlighted future skills needed for success. The research column and series have, and will continue to, focus on many of these areas.

- * Complex problem solving
- * Critical thinking
- * Creativity
- * People Management
- * Coordinating with others
- * Emotional Intelligence
- * Judgement & Decision-Making
- * Service Orientation
- * Negotiation
- * Cognitive Flexibility

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