

A Time for Learning...

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As I sit to jot a few words to you, I find myself once again marvelling at how quickly the school year has gone! (Oh, I know there were a few days in February when we thought it would NEVER end.) As you partake in all of the activities that the “end of school year” brings, I hope you find yourself looking forward to a wonderful and relaxing summer – with a bit of time built-in for reflection on your professional practice. As I personally take a moment to reflect on the past year, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with so many wonderful volunteer teachers and colleagues.

Wherever your journey takes you, I wish you well as we continue growing, learning, and living - Happy Summer!



The Orange Shirts: Council Day 2014 Organizers and Volunteers

“Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.”

–Walt Disney

May I Recommend?

Journeys in Youth Mental Health: Complex young lives in a fractured system by Dr. Kate Tilleczek and Katherine Lezeu, appears in the Spring 2014 issue of *Education Canada*. Considering their research is being done right here in Atlantic Canada and that this issue is forefront of the many challenges that teachers and schools are facing I put it near the top of my summer learning list.

What's Standing in the Way of Change in Education? Download the CEA Discussion Guide and engage in a great conversation!

When Teaching Gets Tough: Smart Ways to Reclaim Your Game Seasoned educator Allen N. Mendler shares accessible tips to use when challenged by different aspects of teaching: working with difficult students, feeling underappreciated, and beyond.

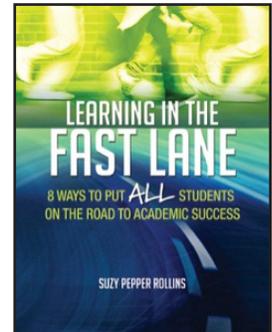
Neurodiversity in the Classroom: Strength-Based Strategies to Help Students with Special Needs Succeed in School and Life Author Thomas Armstrong argues that we should embrace strengths of students with learning disabilities, ADHD, autism, intellectual disabilities, and emotional and behavioral disorders.

100+ Ways to Recognize and Reward Your School Staff Former superintendent Emily E. Houck provides school administrators with practical, easy-to-use, and inexpensive ways to reward and recognize the efforts of their staff.

Book Give-Away!

Congratulations to Ginger Carson, First Nations Resource Teacher, Devon Middle School in Anglophone West on winning last months draw for Daniel Venables' *Data Into Action*. This month's give away is for ***Learning in the Fast Lane: 8 Ways to Put ALL Students on the Road to Academic Success*** by Suzy Pepper Rollins.

Sound intriguing? Send me an email with the subject line "Book Draw" before June 25th.



“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”

— Maya Angelou