



The Saskatchewan ECEC invites you to:

Stick and Stone Friends Forever: The Intersection of Math, Literacy and Nature

Presented by Dr. Diane Kashin

Saturday, May 26th, 2018

9:00am-4:00 pm

Lunch & Snacks included

LOCATION: Holy Family School

815 Stensrud Road- Saskatoon

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Children belong in nature, it is in their nature.

Being able to play freely in and with nature is vital to children's healthy development and supports their learning in wondrous ways. This session will focus on ways educators can program for children outdoors using the best classroom – the one without a roof. Educators will be encouraged to go beyond the fence to nature's playground and learn how to look closely for sparks and investigative triggers that support inquiry learning. Using the book *Stick and Stone*, *Friends Forever* by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld, this interactive workshop will demonstrate how literacy and math can come together in a playful way with inspiration from nature. There will also be time for discussion and reflection giving educators a taste of possibilities for outdoor learning and will involve the discussion of bringing the outside in, which is not a substitute for outdoor learning but a way to enhance the outdoor experience.



Dr. Diane Kashin is currently teaching early childhood studies at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario and working as a consultant and researcher in the areas of pedagogy, curriculum and outdoor play. Diane is the volunteer chair of the York Region Nature Collaborative. In that capacity Diane has organized and delivered multiple workshops and conferences focused on reconnecting children to nature. Diane is working with Beverlie on the Lawson Foundation funded research project. Diane is also an advocate of the forest school movement and is inspired by many educators and theories including the Reggio Emilia Approach. She is active on Twitter @DianeKashin1 and her blog Technology Rich Inquiry Based Research can be found at <https://tecribresearch.wordpress.com/>

Cost:

\$135.00 (plus 25.00 mandatory membership for one school-year)
Students -\$60.00 (plus \$15.00 mandatory student membership for the current school year)
Late fee \$10-25.00 after May 19th.

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If you have any questions (or need to ask for dietary restrictions),
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