

*“To take a step forward you need to lose your balance.”
Simone 3:8 years*



Step into new beginnings.....

What is the Reggio Emilia Philosophy?

From the website of the [Ontario Reggio Association](#): “The Reggio Emilia approach grew from a grassroots movement by citizens of the city who built schools for their children after World War II, determined this was the way they could ensure that the children would never again have to endure Fascism. Loris Malaguzzi led the movement from the late 1950's until his death in 1994. There are currently 46 centres for children from birth to age six, and a school at the [Loris Malaguzzi International Centre](#) for students up to Grade 5. The city of Reggio Emilia also has an international centre for the study of childhood and maintains ongoing contact, through study tours and conferences, with over 80 countries.

The keystone of the approach is the image of children and teachers as capable, resourceful researchers, interested in inquiring seriously into the world around them. Such thoughtful engagement includes working through theories, thoughts, feelings and values in multiple modes of representation, such as drawing, dance, wire, clay, music, painting, light and shadow, design and building, and so forth. It includes the teacher research of pedagogical documentation in which teachers inquire into children's thinking and understanding, invite children to revisit documentation, and study documentation in order to propel curriculum further. It includes the notion of children as full participants in their society, and creators of culture for others to study and enjoy. Parents are invited to be full participants in the life of schools. It is the richest, most expansive and demanding vision of childhood we have encountered, and as we attempt to cultivate its possibilities, we see children, teachers, and families respond with a depth of thinking, feeling, and joyful participation previously un-experienced.”

The Wonder of Learning Exhibit

This exhibit from Reggio Emilia is now on in Toronto until November 13. It is housed at the Royal York Hotel in downtown and there is no cost to visit it. This is a rare opportunity for those living in this region since it has traveled around the world since 2008 and this is only the second time it has been in Canada.



For further information on the *Istituzione* Municipal Infant-toddler Centres, Preschools, and Elementary Classrooms of Reggio Emilia, visit the website www.reggiochildren.it



To have your name added to the distribution list for future newsletters and professional learning updates, send an email to katherine@investinginquality.ca or call (705) 749-3488 (ex. 218).

Nature Play 2016

On Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28, we were again fortunate to have Adam and Jill Bienenstock come to our community to share their knowledge and passion for connecting children with nature. Participants from child care and early learning programs, home child care and FDK teams all joined. The very hands-on activities were quickly and inexpensively created and included mud kitchens, bean pole tipis, wooden fences, sign painting and water walls among others. Said one participant, "Some extraordinary things are so simple to do!".



Some Upcoming Professional Opportunities

Fostering Self-Regulation and Co-regulation: This half-day workshop will give a deeper look and greater understanding of self-regulation and our role in co-regulation with young children. Presented by Dr. Brenda Chant - Smith from the Mehrit Centre at Trent.

Date: [Saturday, October 1](#)

The Environment as a Teacher: This 3 part series will explore how environments influence learning and how we can deepen our understanding of children through the observation and study of children's play and learning.

Mondays: September 26, October 17 and November 21.

It's Child's Play and it Matters

City of Kawartha Lakes Annual Conference: Keynote speakers include Peter Grey and Karyn Callaghan.

Dates: [November 5 and 6.](#)

ECE Recognition and Appreciation evening ...Save the date! Join us for an evening of celebration, recognition and inspiration as the early learning community comes together for the evening.

Date: [Thursday November 17, 2016.](#)

susan@investinginquality.ca

705-749-3488 (217)

katherine@investinginquality.ca

705- 749-3488 (218)

Website: www.investinginquality.ca

Investing In Quality 
Early Learning and Child Care Peterborough