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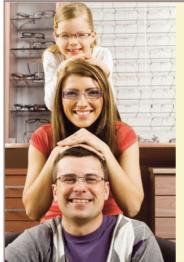
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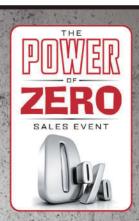
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ADHD Coaching

By Bonnie Waugh, M.A.S.P. Registered Psychologist & Rebecca MacNevin, M.A.S.P. (Candidate Register)

What is coaching?

Coaching is an actionoriented counselling service designed for people with ADHD or problems with functioning. executive Executive functions are a set of mental skills that are needed to complete tasks that require complex behavior or involve multiple steps. Individuals with ADHD and/or executive functioning problems often have difficulty paying attention, managing their time, remembering details, and planning, organizing and following through on tasks. Much like a sports coach, an ADHD coach offers encouragement, motivation, and support in order to help clients reach their goals.

Who do we work with?

Coaching clients include teenagers, university students, and adults diagnosed with ADHD or executive functioning challenges associated with a learning disability. A coach also works with parents in order to help younger children who are struggling with executive functioning skills.

When should you seek out coaching?

When executive functioning isn't working effectively, it can affect one's ability to complete tasks independently, work to their true potential at school or work, and maintain relationships with others. Many coaching clients have goals but can't seem to get organized or started on the path toward achieving them. Coaching help clients get

organized, prioritize responsibilities, and start and follow through on tasks.

In order for coaching to be effective, it is important that potential clients realize they require help and that they are motivated and willing to spend the time necessary to implement new strategies and behaviours. Coaching clients must be prepared to put in the effort to learn new skills and habits in order for coaching to be successful. ADHD coaching is not appropriate for individuals who are dealing with severe psychological issues, as they could interfere with the coaching progress. Coaching is a great avenue to pursue after severe psychological issues have been resolved.

What do coaches do?

Coaches understand the challenges of living with ADHD and/or a learning disability and how it affects a person's life. They can help clients to identify their areas of challenge, set goals, and take the steps they need to improve their daily living. A coach first helps the client to identify

goals that they would like to meet. Goals may be related to organization, time management, setting priorities, or overcoming procrastination. coach teaches strategies based on the individual needs of the client and provides support and accountability in order to help clients achieve their goals. Coaches

also help to educate clients about their learning profile and how it affects their daily life. They share information regarding tools and resources and make appropriate referrals as needed. Coaches also help clients to learn how best to advocate for their individual needs.

What are the benefits of coaching?

There are many benefits to coaching. Coaching can help clients to realize their goals by reducing procrastination, providing accountability, and celebrating successes in a supportive environment. Coaching provides clients with personalized strategies and systems designed to improve skills such as time management, organizational skills, and managing impulsivity and distractibility. By providing education about ADHD and learning disabilities, coaches can help clients to appreciate their strengths, improve their self-confidence, reduce stress, and boost motivation to help achieve their goals.

How do I learn more? The following resources contain further information about ADHD, executive functioning, and coaching:

BOOKS

Smart But Scattered (2009) Peg Dawson & Richard Guare Smart But Scattered for Teens (2012) Peg Dawson, Richard Guare, & Colin Guare

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The Mind-Body Connection

By Harpreet Aulakh, Registered Psychologist

'n western medicine, we appear to create an artificial separation between mind and body. We focus on physical health or mental health when, in fact, the mind and the body are connected. A healthy body supports a healthy mind, and a healthy mind supports a healthy body. For overall health and wellbeing, considering the interplay between mind and body is key. This is sometimes referred to as the mind-body connection in the literature.

For instance, it has been shown that people suffering from chronic emotional anxiety or stress are more prone to cardiac disease. Whereas, people with lower stress levels are more likely to have a healthy heart. Stress can contribute to high like diabetes, a brain injury, or chronic pain know, well, that it can wear you down and negatively impact your emotional state. People with chronic health issues are more likely to suffer from anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems.

So the distinction between mental health and physical health is purely artificial. Being healthy really requires the combined focus of physical and mental health.

There are many ways we can foster a healthy mindbody balance, some of which are:

Talk: Let your friends and family know how you are feeling, or talk with your health professions such as interactions with people you like and care about helps promote health.

Relax: Learn to relax your mind through activities such as meditation and progressive muscle relaxation, and mind-body activities like yoga, tai chi, or chi

Laugh: It's true, laughter is good medicine. Have fun with your friends. Maybe watch a funny movie or take in some stand-up comedy.

Sleep: Getting enough sleep is important for your body and your mind. If you suffer from insomnia, try winding down before bed with relaxing activities and avoid screen time. Getting enough sleep is very important, so if you continue to suffer from insomnia, seek help from your doctor or other health care professionals.

Breathe: Deep, slow breathing exercises can help relax yourself and help you handle stress better, and reduce your anxiety.

Move: Exercise is very important for physical and emotional health. Activities like walking, running and cycling can cause your body to produce positive hormones called endorphins that can lift your spirits and fight stress.

Eat well: Eating fresh fruits and vegetables, eating low fat proteins, drinking lots of water, and avoiding junk food helps you stay healthy and happy. For example, a vegetarian diet has

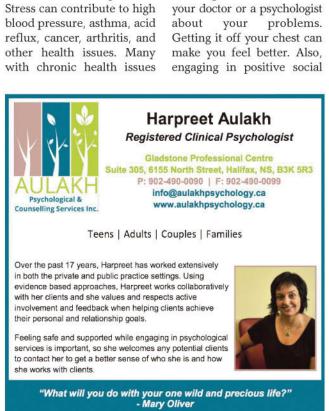
been shown to increase life expectancy.

Stay Positive: Much has been learned and proven in recent years about the power of a positive attitude. Take some time every day to appreciate the good things in your life. Doing

this will help you foster a more positive approach to life, and that will boost the healing power of your body.

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What Does Your Child *Really* Need This Summer?

By Anita Sablone, M.A., R. Psych.

Cummer is right around that corner - again. Nearly every parent is planning madly for enrolment in summer camps, family vacations away or nearby at the cottage... and for all that time in between.

For some parents, all that time in between activities and getaways is difficult to navigate. The media and also other parents tell us that our children need to be active, happy and emotionally. nurtured physically and mentally.

But what do our children really need in order to have a 'great The answer is summer'? relatively easy and sounds simple, but is harder to act on especially given present societal pressures and expectations.

Children and teens need a healthy balance of time with people, time away from primary caregivers and time to themselves. How do we provide this to them? Scheduling a camp for a week when a parent needs to work is a great example. How does a parent then temper that time away with time alone (without technology!) and time with a parent, being nurtured and heard?

Here are some beginning ideas, for the summer and beyond:

Take an inventory of your child's interests. We often feel that we know our children and what they might like to do, but perhaps the interests of your child have changed. Or, uninterrupted some

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Hang out together. parents who are working/studying hard to maintain or increase a standard of living, we often put pressure on ourselves to always be "doing something" with our children. Shouldn't that time together be interesting and memorable, because it may be necessarily brief or not frequent? Of course! -you feel you have neglected time with your child while you worked extra hours or studied instead of going to the park. How can you now make that time together, whether it be an hour or a whole afternoon, memorable?

What your child really needs may surprise you.... Children and teens need relaxed, unstructured time with their parents just as much, if not more, than goal-directed or activity-based time. Some of my most memorable moments

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By Tony Ince, MLA

from my own childhood

are when we were Maritime Make sure peer time is storm-stayed and no one could go anywhere! My parents then sat down with me and chatted, with the conversation leading itself. They taught me how to patiently listen, to respond with my ideas and value quiet time with others.

Or walking in the garden with my mother, to 'see what's up'... all times when the world seems to veritably stop for a moment or an hour, and suddenly there are opportunities for and connection quieter communication. Sit down with your child, hide the clock and make it a goal to let them lead the conversation. Or go for a walk or bike ride with them... sometimes the loudest conversations are when we are not talking at all.

Limit 'screen time'. The media has saturated us with warnings about screen time and its adverse effect on children and teens. What we are just now beginning to realize is that adults are detrimentally affected, too - and in turn, families.

We need to protect ourselves, as well as our children, from the overuse of cell phones, laptops, video games and television. If your goal is to connect with your child, put away the devices. When interaction with your child is over a screen, like a video game, you are both missing out on the give-and-take that mobilizes the nervous system into making integrated pathways leading to growth. Be present to one another, listen actively and put away anything that is competing for the time you deserve to give to each other.

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good time. For smaller children, it is easier to plan a get-together and structure the time (or not) to make sure it goes well. With teens, it is more difficult.

Be part of your teen's summer social life, at least in an informed sense. Know who the new friendships are with, and how important these budding relationships are to your teen. Use times such as driving them places, having coffee out or 'sitting on the edge of the bed' conversation moments as a way to ask simple questions. You may be surprised how much information you are given, when you slow down and are present to your teen. They still value your attention, especially when it is undivided - they may choose to not show it, but they do.

Teach them how to 'be' in quiet or in stillness. Share with your child or teen how the stress of the day affects you - but focus then on the strategies you use to help yourself put away the day. Educate them about your 'quieter self' - the one who paints after everyone is in bed, reads an incredible novel or engages in a meditative sitting practice.

Let them see and learn from you - learn about the value of quiet time by yourself, where you focus on your inner stress and make a plan for re-entering a difficult

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You know your child best... I think we all need to make sure we are mindful of each of our children's present needs in turn, and think of ways to nurture them using our presence.

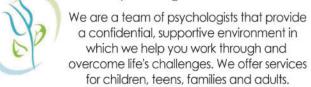
So... nurturing and meeting needs doesn't necessarily mean a trip to the local bookstore or a pricey summer camp experience. It may be as simple as providing your child time with you to ask questions, to teach them how to listen to their own thoughts and be present, and to value the relational experience of others. That is a true gift that can last a lifetime.

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love of gardening is second nature to some, and often a lifelong passion. For Florence Margeson, resident of The Berkeley, having the opportunity to continue gardening into her 90's has been a satisfying and therapeutic hobby, and a wonderful way to get out into the fresh air.

When Margeson first toured The Berkeley, she was most interested in seeing the gardens and knowing that she could help plant them.

In her opinion, though she recognizes the realities of aging, it is extremely important to keep up with the things that make you happy. For her, it is gardening.

Margeson gardens throughout the majority of the year, starting in late December to grow geraniums from seed. 'It takes about 6 months to grow these flowers.' Margeson estimates that she has 35 pots in her apartment right now which will be planted outside at The Berkeley. She is particularly pleased that there are raised beds on the patio allowing for better accessibility for residents like herself

At The Berkeley, Gloria Haskett, sales director and avid gardener, makes an annual plant buying trip to the valley with interested residents.

'I love their enthusiasm," says Haskett.

Marge Kelley, lifelong learner and resident of The Berkeley, has taken up gardening in more recent years. She genuinely enjoys the trip to the valley as well as being part of the whole process – planning, preparing, buying and planting. Like many others, Kelley enjoys the finished product; colorful gardens some of which she can easily see from her apartment.

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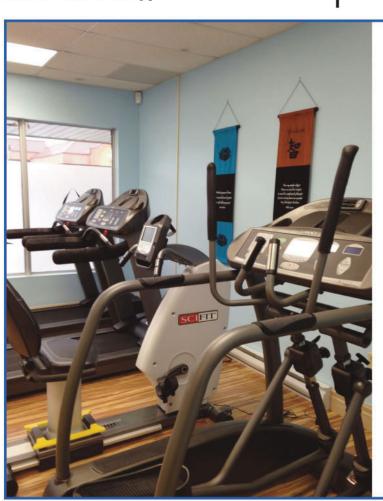
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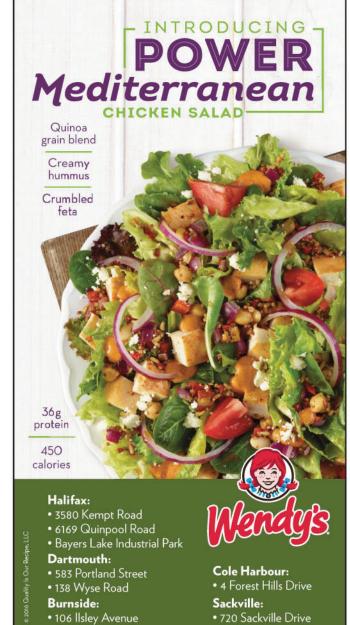
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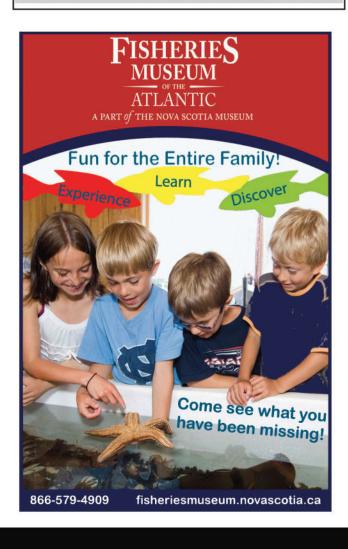
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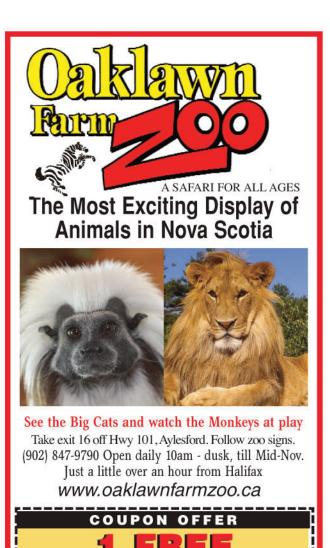
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This summer, the Village Shops at Dartmouth Crossing offers a great line up of fun, complimentary events at Pondside Ampitheatre next to the bridge (by Tommy

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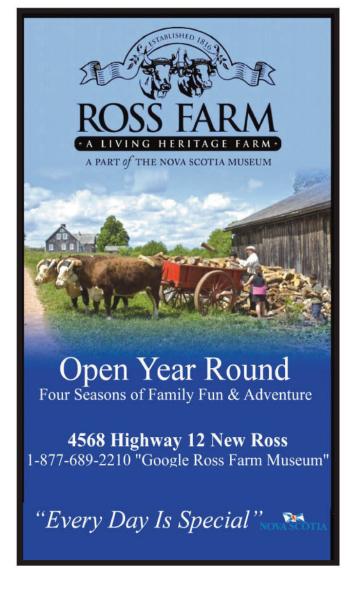
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As one of the owners, Stewart Adams, states; 'we wanted to make the party as easy as possible for those who have to organize it. The idea is that they bring the cake and the kids and we take care of everything else.' Private parties are also

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With two bright party rooms, a fantastic play structure and a café offering a range of snacks, meals and espresso based drinks, there is something for everybody. The Play Box also offers great rates for HST registered organizations. Day cares and Summer Camps can bring their children along and enjoy the facility.

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The Play Box is located at 104-105 Evergreen Place (opposite Penhorn Mall/Sears) 530 Portland Street, Dartmouth. Catering for 0-12 years of age; opening hours are Mon-Sat 9.30 -5.30, Sunday 10.00-4.00. For more information The Play Box can be contacted on (902) 463 0034; e-mail: theplaybox@outlook.com; facebook: theplayboxltd; website: www.funattheplaybox.ca;

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In these four years the washrooms have been sets, a Jump Pad has been installed in the newly formed Kids-Zone, and the Sam, and the thorough

replaced; not to mention all the new power that has been installed to the many sites. And don't forget about last year! Last year a brand new pool was shallow like a lake shore on one end and slowly gets deeper as you round the curve to the deep end. In the shallow end sits the Down-Pour-Derby which is great fun for families of all ages.

These last four years, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ has redone, the mini-golf has also won many distinctive been rebuilt with its jumbo awards and has been highly sized chess and checkers rated on every inspection including: Access Nova Scotia, Canada Select, Good

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Debate and Public Speaking; A Canadian Tradition

By Nick Szymanis

or many parents, debating is seems to be that what comes out of the mouths of pre-teens and fully formed adolescents on the point of whatever is put before them. Others might simply call this protest... Debating is more than just protest, argument - - or structured protest. Parents might think their child is a perfectly formed "debater"... and be quite content with their i-phone fixation. Instead, debating has a lot more to offer. It is very much about allowing students to first master their knowledge of something - a case, an issue in the wider world that has 2 or more available perspectives. This is called the resolution. Students then come together in groups of two, paired as team on either the government or opposition side of the resolution and in a sequence of times speeches, present their side, rebut the views of their opponents and in some debate styles - field and answer questions. All of this is done with a sense of diplomacy, tact and an emphasis on listening to one's opponents in order to rebut their points effectively - - and not simply "argue" from a

preconceived point of view. In essence they are made the allconvincing 'teacher' of their subject - thereby reinforcing and retaining what they know to the highest degree available in the learning process.

And so what exactly does this do for our future? Young people who can come together and intellectually clash, out in the open (not just behind their screens) on topics to do with justice, or international conflicts, or the ethics of certain industrial practices, or the changing global balance of power, or about changing laws, or improving systems of healthcare, or even education... These are the young people we leave our future world in the hands of. And admittedly, it is a future that needs active thinkers, listeners, and very much so - debaters! These are the life-skills worth cultivating and although not all is lost on the present fixation with digital media, at lease we can create a valuable counter-medium that allows students to come face to face and engage their thinking and make meaning of it and perhaps most importantly, remember and retain what they have learned 90% of the

The other 10%, well back to i-phone I

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For more information, please contact:

Nick Szymanis, Director, 888-512-8154, director@debatecamp.org, or visit our

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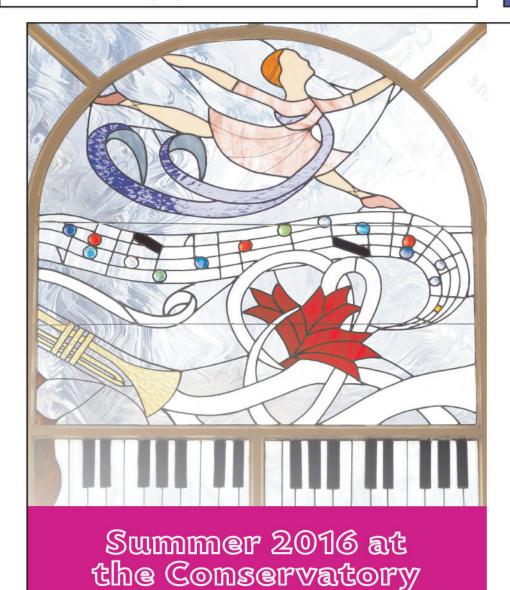
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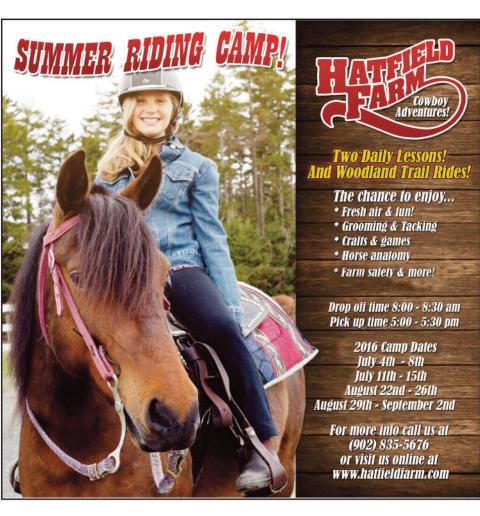
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Artech Camps are all about getting creative with technology! All programs tap into campers' creativity and incorporate the use of new media. It's this blend of creativity and technology that makes Artech Camps so unique.

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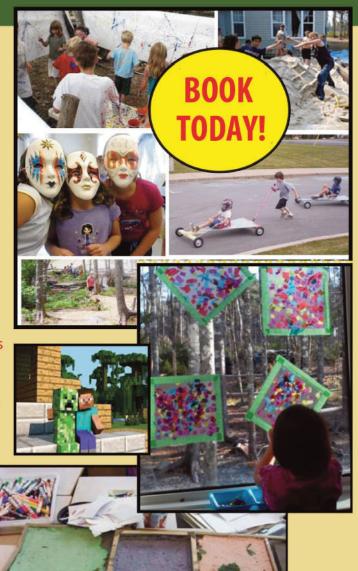
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Where Are They Now? Project Highlights Sucess Of French Language Gradutes

want to hear from French program graduates for whom French has enriched their lives, socially, culturally, or professionally.

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Canadian Parents for French is launching the Where Are They Now? project. Canadian Parents for French in the Atlantic Provinces in collaboration with Canadian Heritage wishes to discover where bilingual graduates have gone after high school and what career paths they have followed.

We all know Olympians, journalists, entrepreneurs and teachers who are passionate about languages. Many

Canadian graduates have used their language abilities to accomplish great things! "It's truly amazing to see how the French language plays a part in the different paths that our French second language students take. Aside from language, the things we're finding in common with these students are their sense of adventure, curiosity, passion, and excitement for life."», notes Stephanie Carver, CPF Nova Scotia President. This project will include the production of videos and posters that will highlight what these graduates have done with their bilingual abilities.

The Atlantic Canadian
Parents for French
branches have hired
the Lowther Group to
carry out this project.
The Lowther Group
will research
graduates and select
some outstanding
examples to be

bilingual portrayed in the videos and posters to showcase and celebrate these success stories. The videos and posters will also be used as resource tools for schools and classrooms.

There is a simple online form for graduates to fill out at our website. If you are interested in the project and would like more information, visit ns.cpf.ca/where-are-they-now/.

For further information: Linda Lowther and Helen Lockerby, Lowther Group projects@cpfpei.pe.ca tel. 902-393-0679

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Un été en français à Halifax!

ffrez la chance à vos enfants de s'amuser en français au Camp de jour et au Camp en action du Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH)! Les camps ont lieu à l'École du Carrefour à Dartmouth, à l'École secondaire du Sommet à Halifax/Bedford et à l'école des

Beaux-Marais à Porters Lake. Les camps se dérouleront en juillet et août 2016. Le programme du *Camp de jour* est destiné aux enfants de 4 à 10 ans et le *Camp en action* est offert aux jeunes de 10 à 13 ans.

Au Camp de jour les enfants auront l'occasion de faire des sorties,

de réaliser des bricolages et de participer à des activités dynamiques. Pour chaque semaine de camp, un thème différent! Les jeunes inscrits au *Camp en action* participeront à des activités plus avancées et adaptées à leur âge, entre autres le rafting et le kayak.

A French summer in Halifax!

ffer your children the chance to have fun in a French day camp, the Camp de Jour and the Camp en Action, organised by the Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH). The camps will take place at École du Carrefour in Dartmouth, at École secondaire du Sommet in Halifax/Bedford and at École des Beaux-Marais in Porters Lake. The

camps will be offered in July and August 2016. The *Camp de Jour* is intended for children between the ages of 4 and 10 and the *Camp en Action* is intended for pre-teenagers aged 10 to 13.

At the Camp de Jour, children will have the chance to go on outings, make crafts and participate in dynamic activities. For each week of

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Better Coaches, Better Kids Why choose Sportball Multi-Sport Camps this summer?

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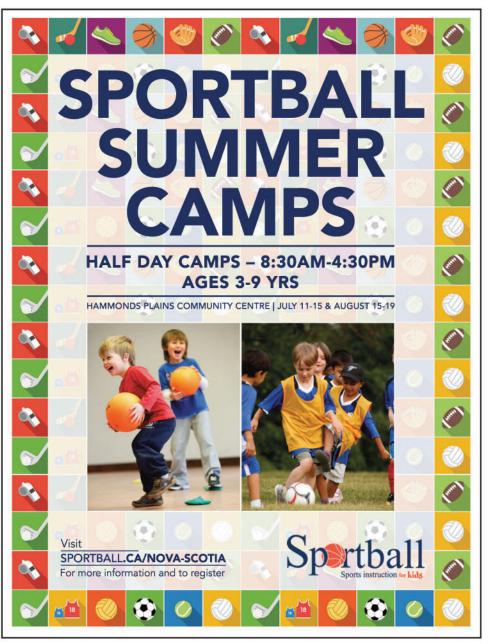
Multi-Sport classes are the heart of Sportball programming. Coaches focus on the basic skills common to all sports, like balance, coordination, stamina and timing in a fun, supportive, non-competitive setting that emphasizes teamwork. Each class focuses on one of eight different popular sports: hockey, soccer, football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, golf and tennis. This summer, we will be taking our already

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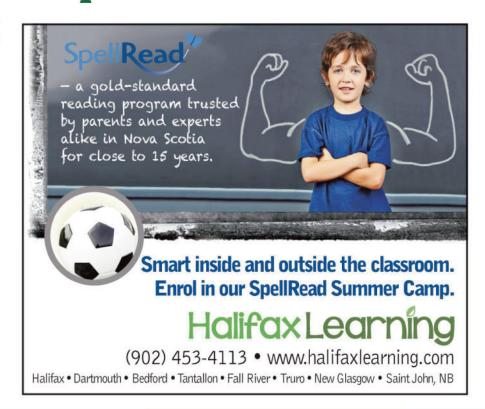
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Our six-week summer camp runs from July 4th - August 12th, 2016. Registrations of four weeks or more qualify for discount. Tax receipts for Federal Child Care Benefits are available. For more information or to schedule your reading assessment, contact info@halifaxlearning.com or call Heather Baltzer at (902) 453-4113



Health & Wellness

Why more adults are saying "yes" to Orthodontic treatment.

By Dr. Sarah Davidson DDS, MSc (Ortho) FRCD (C), Halifax Orthodontic Specialist Group



ore often than not, when people hear "braces", they think of their kids. But today, more and more adults are seeking options to improve their own smiles. You might be surprised to know, that in some practices, nearly half of all orthodontic patients are now adults.

So what is motivating this wave of adult orthodontics? There is now increasing awareness of the importance of oral health to our overall health. A healthy smile involves a functional bite, where the teeth are well-supported, and therefore prevents unusual wear. The bonus is that a healthy smile is also a beautiful smile and by putting your teeth in the proper position you are also giving yourself the smile you dream of!

Despite all of the benefits of having your teeth properly aligned, some adults remain hesitant to go through orthodontics. The stigma that braces are for "younger patients" make them feel uncomfortable or they can't imagine wearing metal braces. In some cases they had treatment as teenagers and are reluctant to go through braces twice. Whatever the reason, adults that are seeking consultation with an Orthodontist are pleasantly surprised with what they learn. Not only are orthodontic offices very accustomed to adult patients, but with new advances in technology, the smile of your dreams may be easier to attain then you might imagine!

Conventional braces have improved significantly and there are now fantastic clear options. Braces are now smaller, smoother and lower profile than ever before, which makes them more comfortable to Conventional braces remain an excellent way to straighten your teeth. For the more esthetically conscious patient, clear aligners are an exciting alternative to conventional braces. Invisalign is a popular clear aligner product that offers patients a nearly invisible solution for correcting their smile. Orthodontists can seek advanced training to treat even highly complex cases. Many patients who have been previously told they are "not an Invisalign case" are finding they now are. Treatment can begin as simply as having a digital scan from which

invisible solution for correcting your custom-made aligners are

The most advanced techniques in Orthodontics are offered right here in our community. Ask your local Orthodontist today about the options that are available for you and you just might leave smiling! Look for more information on Invisalign in the next issue of Parent-Child Guide.

Dr. Sarah Davidson is a Board-Certified Orthodontic Specialist with the Halifax Orthodontic Specialist Group. She is a co-owner of The Brace Space in Bedford (Larry Uteck) and Stuart & Davidson Orthodontics in Dartmouth, offering conventional braces and Invisalign for children, teens and adults. For more information, contact 455-7222.



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Looking For The Right Fit! Put Your Soles In Our Hands!

Submitted by Jen Estabrooks

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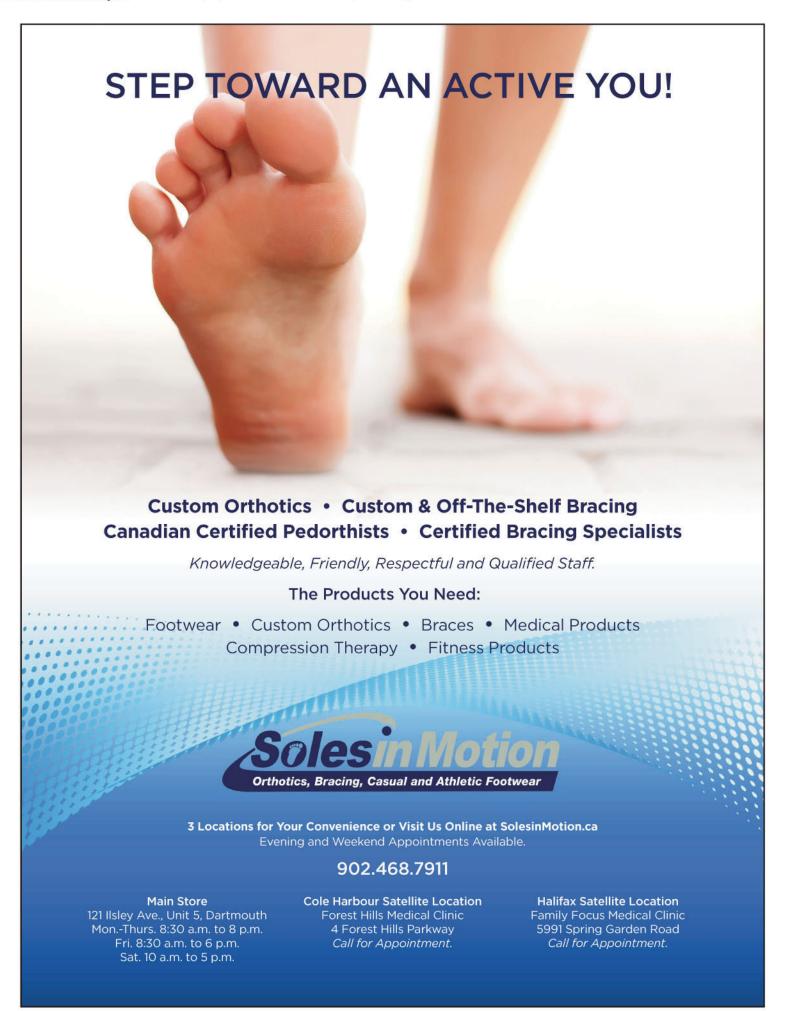
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Education



Michel Comeau devient le 5e directeur général du Conseil scolaire acadien provincial



es membres du Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), sont heureux d'annoncer la nomination de Michel P. Comeau au poste de directeur général du CSAP. Il deviendra le 5e directeur général du CSAP et entrera en fonction le 1er juillet

Michel Comeau succède à Mme Diane Racette, directrice générale par intérim, qui a rempli ce poste depuis novembre 2015.

ses études en administration scolaire à l'Université de Moncton et possède un Baccalauréat en éducation, niveau secondaire, de l'université St Mary's ainsi qu'un Baccalauréat ès arts de l'Université Sainte-Anne. Il a également suivi le Programme d'introduction à la direction générale des commissions scolaires à l'Université de Sherbrooke

Depuis 2003, à titre de Directeur des services éducatifs au CSAP, M. Comeau a mené avec succès l'ensemble des initiatives du secteur, en ciblant surtout le dossier d'élaboration des programmes d'études pour les élèves; un dossier de grande importance pour le CSAP ayant été le

premier conseil scolaire au

durant quatre ans.

Michel Comeau a poursuivi Canada à être accordé ce dossier autrement ministériel. Au courant de son parcours professionnel au sein du CSAP, Michel Comeau a assumé plusieurs rôles de leadership, entre autres, à la direction d'école, d'agent pédagogique, de coordonnateur des programmes éducatifs et de direction générale

> Les conseillers et conseillères du CSAP souhaitent à monsieur Comeau beaucoup de succès dans ses nouvelles fonctions.

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How Well Will Your Kid's Brain Be Working By The End Of Summer?

Submitted by Oxford Learning

or students of all ages, summer can't get here fast enough! While kids may be ready for a vacation-a change of pace-the opposite is true for their brain. The brain never gets tired of doing the one thing that it was designed to do: learn.

So, what happens in the summer when kids are not in school, and not providing their brains with the active intake of information that it needs to stay sharp? Well, like any muscle, it weakens, and it begins to forget.

When students are not actively engaging their brains, neurological connections can begin to deteriorate, making it increasingly difficult to recall the information that was learned throughout the school year.

Ask your kid today how to convert a fraction into a percent and he'll tell you to divide the top number by the bottom and multiply by 100. But ask him again in July or at the end of August and you'll likely get a blank stare.

Research shows that students can lose up to 30 per cent of their academic skills over the summer break. This means that in the fall, students are actually further behind than when they left school at the beginning of summer. Maintaining academic momentum over

the summer prevents this backward learning slide, helps students remember the material they spent the school year learning, and keeps their brains in active learning mode so that they are ready to learn from the first day of school.

A few hours a week of academic work maintains important school skills. Here are a few tips to keep kids of all ages mentally engaged over the summer:

READ! Encourage kids to keep reading every day this summer. Frequent reading improves comprehension skills and develops vocabulary. Give that library card a workout!

WRITE! Give children a journal or scrapbook and encourage them to write every day. Stumped about what to write? Keep lists of new words, start a short story, or just summarize the day.

TALK! Make discussing your day part of your family's regular routine. Chat about what you did, saw, or wondered about. This builds memory skills, and keeps the mind active and engaged.

PLAY! Games such as Sudoku, crossword puzzles, board games, or any game with strategy and planning keep the cognitive wheels working. Discuss strategy, alternative moves, and different outcomes.

THINK! Keep the mind active by asking questions about anything and everything! Parents can model questions for kids. Don't worry if there aren't answers. An alert mind is always questioning and thinking.

JOIN! Enroll your child in a class at Oxford Learning. Flexible schedules and plenty of camp options mean that there's a great way to keep learning this summer for everyone!

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For more information on summer learning, or to find out which Oxford Learning summer program is best suited for your child, contact Oxford Learning Bedford at 405-4116 or bedford@oxfordlearning.com or Halifax at 423-4484 or halifax@oxfordlearning.com



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More Indigo Adventures

By Jenny Joan Larisey, Craft Consultant for Maritime Hobbies & Crafts



ne of my favorite projects is dyeing with indigo, a craft I will revisit for years to come. I don't stir up indigo vats as often as I'd like, but I make sure to create at least one vat every summer as indigo produces the best results in the heat.

Indigo is often associated with shibori, known to be one of the oldest Indigo dying techniques in Japan.

Shibori is the art of "shape-resist dyeing". It has been used to embellish and decorate cloth for over 4000 years. Often you'll see very intricate shibori on traditional kimonos and obi sashes, but the art of resist dyeing is found in cultures all over the world from Indonesia to Africa, they all have their own version of this craft. For as long as people have been wearing cloth we



have been finding ways to decorate it.

Rather than treating cloth as a twodimensional flat surface, shibori techniques give the cloth a threedimensional character before submerging them into dye. Turning the cloth into a three-dimensional object creates distinctive geometric and floral patterns or wavy textures.

There are an infinite number of ways one can bind, stitch, pleat, twist, or compress cloth for shibori, each way results in very different patterns. Each method is used to achieve a certain result to work in harmony with the type of cloth used. Therefore, the technique used in shibori depends not only on the desired pattern, but the characteristics of the cloth being dyed. It would be difficult to master all the

techniques in one lifetime.

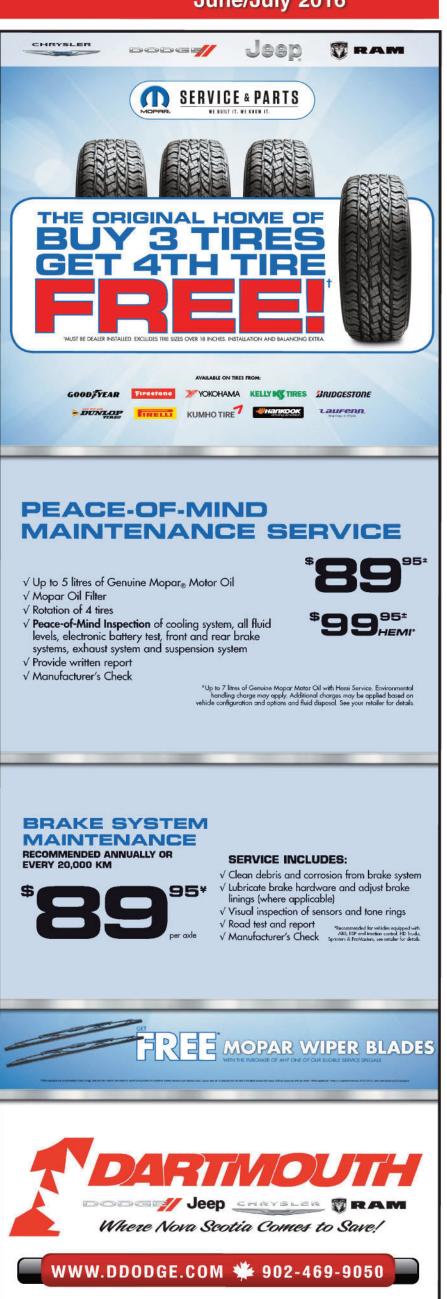
It is a meticulous process, and yet, there is an element of surprise as there is no way to predict the outcome once the cloth has been dipped into the vat of indigo. Colors, patterns, and hues bleed into each other, bringing life to each piece, and ensuring that no one project will be the same.

Chance and accident give life to the shibori process, and this contributes to its special magic and strong appeal. This is an artful project that the whole family can get into and enjoy.

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Childcare Awareness Days 2

By Jo-Anne Bayers - Director, The Growing Place

hildcare awareness days were first proclaimed in June of 1993 to raise political and public awareness regarding the importance of quality childcare programs, and the vital contributions made by early childhood educators.

As the early childhood community prepares for this year's childcare days which includes a children's celebration on June 21 at the Dartmouth ferry terminal park, I find myself reflecting on just how far early childhood education has come.

In 1990 prior to the inception of childcare awareness days I had the opportunity to act as a spokesperson as my colleagues and I participated in a one day walk out, and march on Province house to raise awareness for the low wages paid to early childhood educators. A decade later we would receive government funding to improve wages, provide benefits, increase training and retention of early childhood teachers.

In the early 80's when I first began my career, early childhood education was thought to be little more than organized babysitting despite the fact that we were responsible for not only providing children with environments rich in learning opportunities, but for their emotional, and physical well being as well.

Fast forward to 2016, and the recognition of the need for quality early childhood programs, and early intervention has undoubtedly grown.

Yet despite these strides forward the role of the early childhood teacher often continues to be misunderstood, making celebrations like this year's awareness days an ideal opportunity to continue to educate the public on just what it is we do.

Todays early childhood teachers are multifaceted, we are problem solvers, therapists, inventors, dietitians, and counselors who also change diapers, wipe noses, and act as playmates just to name a few of our job titles. We are trained educators skilled in offering quality programs designed to stimulate, and support early brain development while working collaboratively with families, and other professionals to support children with a variety of developmental, and medical needs.

So on behalf of early childhood teachers everywhere I invite you to stop, and appreciate our contributions to the growth, and development of your child as we once again celebrate this year's childcare awareness days.

Jo-Anne is currently the Director at The Growing Place, and has over thirty years of experience. She has previously served as Resource Coordinator where she specialized in supporting children with special needs as well as offering support, and advice to parents on a variety of child, and family related issues. For more information please visit our website at www.thegrowingplace.ca

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