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PARAEDUCATORS
Opportunities for Closure Days - March 15 to 19

March 15 to 19 are district school closure days but we will be offering work through professional development opportunities. **Casuals, through the support this year from SSEAC funding, will be entitled to a maximum of two days of paid training (4 days if taking the ABA course).** We have tentatively scheduled the following workshops, which will be held at Salmo Secondary School, that are dependent upon enrolment:

A. POPARD - Introduction to Applied Behaviour Analysis (Formerly known as Applied Behaviour Analysis course) FACILITATOR – Michelle Pozin

ABA Course Prerequisite: POPARD's Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders – Practical Applications or University Level Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The course consists of 25 hours of instruction, held over a 4 day period from March 15th to March 18th at Salmo Secondary School. Completion of this course provides the participant an overview of ABA history and theory, but the emphasis will be on practical hands-on coaching and training. Participants will have the opportunity to develop a comfort level with teaching in a Discrete Trial Format by having daily opportunities to practice the necessary skills. They will also see how ABA principles are applied to other teaching situations and to program development for students with autism spectrum disorders.

Goals of this Course:

- To learn common vocabulary of Applied Behaviour Analysis
- To learn how to implement basic ABA strategies and techniques
- To learn how to collect reliable and consistent data when working with students

B. Connecting With Our Students FACILITATOR: Liz Amaral

This is a crash course in Gordon Neufeld's developmental paradigm. Whether you know about Neufeld's approach to relationships or not, this workshop will lay everything on the table! Then you can take what you see as necessary for your work. (1 day workshop – Monday, March 15th)

C. First Aid, etc. Workshops (tentatively being offered through our Maintenance Dept.)

- Level 1 First Aid – priority will be given to first aid attendants whose certification has lapsed, or is about to lapse, (Full day)
- Red Cross: Childcare Emergency First Aid, (Full day)
- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), (5 hours)
- First Aid Transportation Endorsement (Full day)
- Fire Extinguisher training (Partial day)
- Stress Relief (partial day),
- Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS), (Partial day)
- Communication – Dealing with difficult people, navigating awkward situations, standing your ground (Full day),
- Healthy Brain, (2 hours)
- Leadership (Full day),
- Getting a Grip on Pain and Aging, (3 hours)

Please note that not all sessions will be available on all days. Would you please indicate your interest to Susanne Morris by **8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 19th** (Pro-D day) at smorris@sd8.bc.ca or 505-7054. Transportation to and from Salmo will be provided on a daily basis from Winlaw, Kaslo, Nelson and Creston.