



# 8th Annual Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference Increasing Knowledge and Enhancing Confidence

**Saturday, November 15, 2014**

8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Earl Haig Secondary School**

100 Princess Avenue, Toronto, Ontario



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## Program

- 8:00 Registration, Refreshments
- 8:45 Welcome /Opening Remarks  
PIAC Co-Chairs  
Donna Quan, Director of Education, TDSB
- 9:15 Keynote Speaker
- 10:30 Workshop #1
- 11:30 Workshop #2
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 1:15 Workshop #3
- 2:15 Workshop #4
- 3:15 Closing Remarks and Giveaways

## Workshops

- Building Skills in Reading and Writing (Elementary)
- Family Storytelling
- French...helping your child succeed!
- Help...I Have a Teenager
- Human Rights
- Mental Health and Well-Being (Middle/High School)
- Newcomer Supports and Services
- Postsecondary Planning
- Running an Effective School Council
- Secondary Pathways
- Social Media: Navigating the 24/7 World
- Understanding and Overcoming Dyslexia
- What about Math

### J. Richard Gentry, PH.D.

J. Richard Gentry, Ph.D., is a former university professor and elementary school teacher and author of *Raising Confident Readers: How to Teach Your Child to Read and Write—From Baby to Age 7*. He hopes to help bring back research-based spelling and writing in elementary school. Some of Richard's earlier books include *Breakthrough in Beginning Reading and Writing* and *The Science of Spelling*. Richard has degrees from the University of North Carolina Chapel-Hill, and the University of Virginia.



### Information Marketplace (Available all day)

Stroll through the information marketplace and collect ideas, strategies, resources, tools and gifts that will support you and your child's education journey. The marketplace will feature an array of community agencies, TDSB programs and services and vendors offering great educational ideas and giveaways throughout the day.



**Bussing will be available through registration ONLY.**



Child-minding and Interpretation will be available through registration ONLY!  
For more information contact (416) 397-3529.

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