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## President's Message

Welcome back to school, colleagues! I hope that this message finds you refreshed after the summer break and ready to embark on rich and meaningful learning adventures with your students.

I'd like to introduce myself to you as the incoming president of the Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC). I have been a member of the ECEC since I started teaching in 2005 and have served on the executive as newsletter coeditor for the past three years. I value all the amazing opportunities for professional and personal growth I have experienced through being part of this specialist council.

I have taught Grades 1 and 2 with the Calgary Board of Education for most of my years teaching, and I am currently a resource

teacher and learning leader at Guy Weadick Elementary School. My greatest passions are early literacy and play-based inquiry learning.

I hope that you can participate in some of the amazing professional development that will be offered by both the provincial ECEC and your regional throughout the coming year. The ECEC executive came together on September 9 in beautiful Sylvan Lake to ensure that we can continue to provide all our members with the most relevant PD for advocating for the needs of the youngest learners in Alberta.

Have a fabulous school year! I look forward to seeing many of you at the ECEC annual conference in Banff this November and at other events throughout the year.

*Lisa Schoeler*

**Mission Statement:** To improve the practice of teaching young children by increasing member knowledge and understanding of this specialty. The ECEC acts on behalf of young children and their teachers to promote excellence in education.

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**Keynote Speakers:**  
**Vince Gowmon & David J. Smith**

Founder of "Remembering  
to Play Events"

Author of "If the  
World Were a Village"

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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