

SEY₂KT CRESTON

April 2022

CELEBRATIONS

- We finally started putting ideas into actions!
- *Play Your Way to K* series
- Increased school engagement
- Having Simone join our awesome SEY2KT team/
connecting to Early Years
- Engagement with so many families



ICEBERG MODEL/REFLECTIONS

Starting Point

Reacting to symptoms:

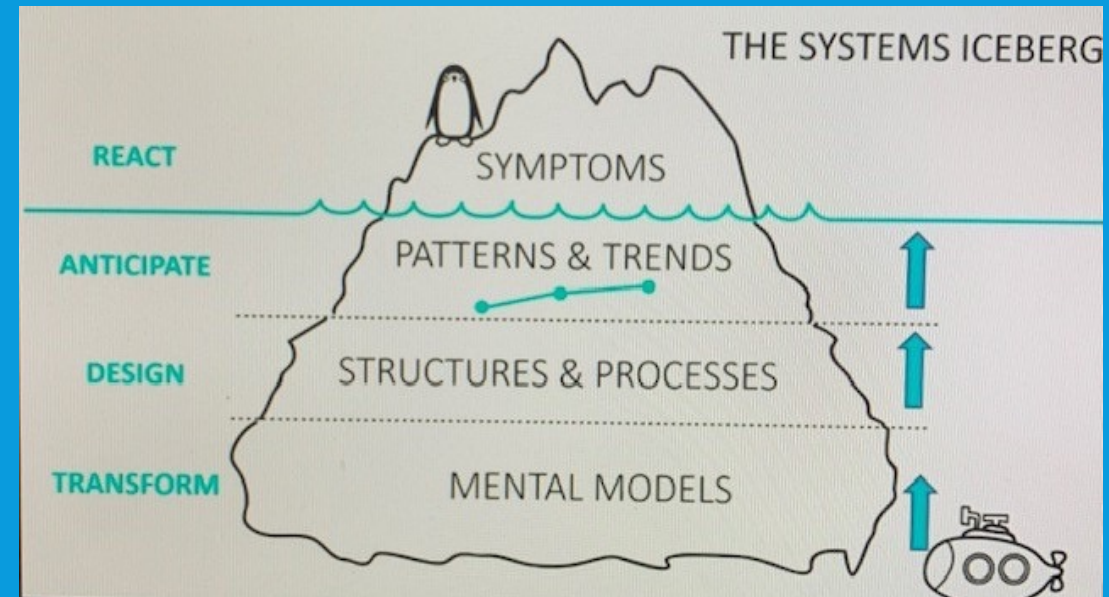
- Anxious students and parents starting school
- Not a natural progression, not knowing anyone in the school.
- Parents not knowing answers to questions, etc.

Patterns and trends:

- Separation of early years community and school

Design:

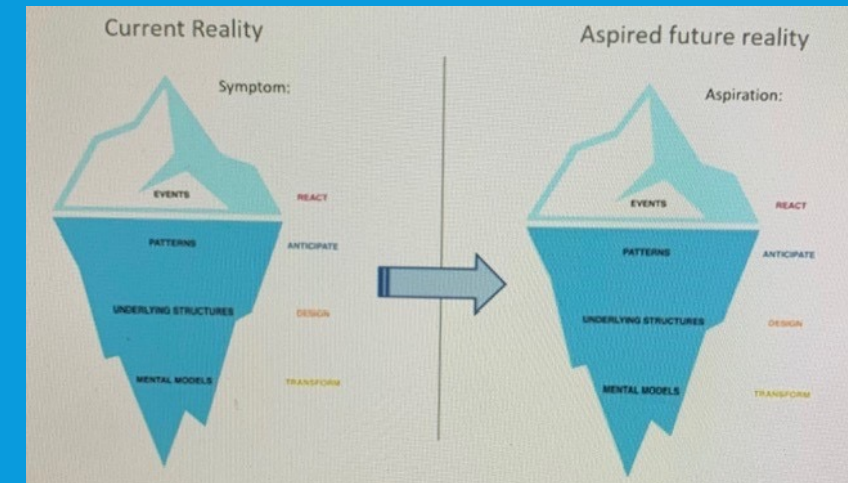
- Early Years and school activities not coherently planned with a big picture in mind



ICEBERG MODEL/REFLECTIONS

Aspired Future

- Students and families starting school already being familiar with the building; having relationships and connections; knowing some routines; and associating school with enjoyment, engagement, and learning.
- Early Learning and Schools working together to create activities that promote the points above.
- A consistent calendar of events that families can anticipate and participate in.



WHERE WE WERE



- Uneven focus on K transitions. Many disconnected activities with early learning community that did not provide authentic school experiences for children and families. Some good transition programs in place.
- Schools decided how they would organize these, and there was not much coherence. No shared overarching vision or goal tying it together.
- Those events were costly and did not result in improved transitions to kindergarten.
- Welcome to Kindergarten event at school annually.

WHERE WE ARE NOW



- SEY2KT started, along with the pandemic, and a phase of deep reflection and CSL learning began.
- Relationship building, more reflection, shifting mindsets of how we view transitions into K and how we can enhance them
- Change process and the start of a new approach and actions, with clear objectives.
- Objectives: Improve transitions, engage more families, build capacity and awareness of K transitions coherently, and bring families into schools.

NOW

Strengthening Early Years to
Kindergarten Transition
(SEY2KT) - Play Time



**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

Don't forget

Kindergarten
Registration
opened in
January



If your child turns 5
by December 31,
2022, he or she can
start school this
September. Pre-
registration is
required so please
visit the ARES office.

Please email
strongstart@valley.services for more
information on future events.



Thanks Mrs. Miller
& Simone Stanley
for organizing!



LET'S PLAY OUR WAY TO KINDERGARTEN STORY TIME SERIES



PLAY YOUR WAY TO KINDERGARTEN PLAY TIME SERIES

For Ages **3-6** years

Creating Connections - Nurturing Positive School Experiences

Please join us for Play Time and other fun activities at our Creston
Schools.

Some activities will be:

- Play in classroom
- Meet school staff
- Gym activities
- Play outside
- Snack is provided

Please follow the registration link below to register - You may only
register at **one** school.

<https://forms.gle/tuPmWqvHLTfDSBeP6>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email
Simone Stanley strongstart@valley.services

Canyon/Lister
Elementary

PLAY TIME
April 14th, 2022
900-1030am
Meet at Canyon-Lister front
doors

Erickson Elementary

PLAY TIME
April 21stth, 2022
900-1030 am
Meet at Erickson front doors

Adam Robertson
Elementary

PLAY TIME
April 22nd, 2022
900-1030 am

Meet at ARES front doors

Creston Education
Center (CEC) -Home
Links

PLAY TIME
April 29th, 2022
930-1100 am
Meet at CEC front doors

NOW



- NOW

- Series of well-attended events in schools with EY kids.
- Schools now aware of SEY2KT and momentum is building.
- K teachers are talking about it and collaborating.

- FUTURE

- A working calendar of events at different schools with parents anticipating and participating and schools building this in as a regular part of their school planning.