

April 2015

PRESEDENT'S REPORT

Time flies, Spring is just around the corner and it is a wonderful time to observe seasonal changes. It's a time of renewal – everything is budding and growing fast – just like VFCCA. We are grateful to have 10 new members joining the Association this year and wish to extend them a very warm welcome. We are grateful to have them be a part of our association, and invite them to share their experiences with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Board Directors and the Committee for their hard work and dedication in making this such a fruitful and successful year. Many thanks also to all members for their participation and ongoing support throughout the years.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday evening, July 18, 2015 at the cozy home of our member, Gloria Martin. Please refer to the AGM package for details – this will be emailed to members in June. In keeping with our “Go Green” philosophy, hard copies will only be provided to members with no computer access. This year we will have many new Board Members, so please seize the opportunity to share your experiences and knowledge with all the members. I can guarantee that it was lots of fun working with such a dedicated group of women. It is also a very rewarding journey of personal growth, which along the way may include tears, frustration, laughs, leadership and friendship.

The greatest reward of all is serving the family childcare community and your profession as well! Your contribution will rejuvenate the Association in many positive ways. **Please don't hesitate to nominate you or your friends for the Board of 2015 – 2017!!!**

I highly recommend members to attend the upcoming BCFCCA conference on June 13, 2015 in Victoria. Jeff Johnson is an excellent presenter and we can learn a lot from his presentation. So far, we have more than 12 VFCCA members attending. Please give yourself an opportunity to have a relaxing day in Victoria and to connect with other caregivers from many parts of B.C. Please refer to <http://www.bcfcca.ca> for registration details.

Also, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Board of BCFCCA for their continued partnership in funding our professional training. In 2105, VFCCA received a total of \$850.00 in funding for workshops. BCFCCA's generosity is much appreciated.

Finally, I hope all of you will have an enjoyable and fun-filled Spring and Summer time. Have a good rest, treasure your time, and equip yourself well for the challenges that lie ahead!

Best regards,

Feneda Ha Au Yeung

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MEMBERSHIP

We have a total of 49 members including 10 new members. Here are the names of our new members.

Charito Hate, Christine Mac Leod, Dianne Bellesen, Kobra Sanaue Rahbar, Lourdes Basques, Maritza Insely, Nyree Chu, Rainbow Leung, Saloomeh Kavoosi, and Zahra Razegh Hosseini

I hope you have opportunities to get to know our new members during our network meetings and workshops! If you know anyone who likes to join us, please have them contact our membership director Luz Raschella at 604-433-6789 or email her at luzraschella@gmail.com

VFCCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is coming soon!

Date: **July 18, 2015**

Time: **6 pm to 9:30 pm**

Location: **Gloria Martin's Place (185 West 45th Ave, Vancouver)**

Fee: **Members only: \$10.00**

Registration: Please call Luz at (604) 433-6789
or e-mail her at luzrashella@gmail.com before July 10, 2015.

NETWORKING

Date: **Saturday, May 30, 2015**

Time: **6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Location: **Little Foot FCC (150 East 42nd Ave)**

Registration: Call Jessie at 778-710-7268 or email her at
jieyan_zheng@hotmail.com



*"To like many people spontaneously and without effort is perhaps
the greatest of all sources of personal happiness."*

~ Bertrand Russell ~

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

BCFCCA CONFERENCE & AGM

Presentation: A Day with Jeff Johnson! Promoting Play Defending Childhood Empowering Caregivers

Workshops include: "Building Brains: Trusting Playful Learning in the morning", "Loose Parts Play", and "Cows in the Basement"

Jeff presents at early learning conferences all over the United States and Canada and has even keynoted an international conference in Cork, Ireland.

Learn more about Jeff and his presentations here:

www.explorationsearlylearning.com

Jeff is the author of nine books and always has a new book in the works.

When: **Saturday, June 13, 2015**

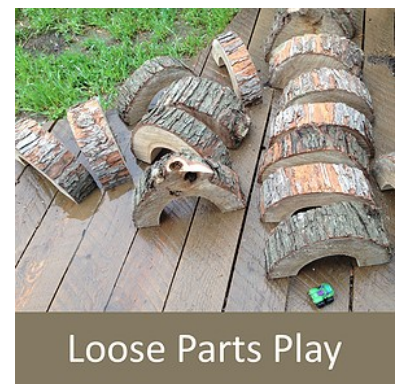
Time: **9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Where: **North Douglas Penecostal Church (675 Jolly Place Victoria, BC)**

Fee: **\$40 for BCFCCA members or \$60 for non-members (includes snacks & lunch)**

Registration and details: go into www.bcfcca.ca

Registration closes on May 29th, 2015



PAST EVENTS REPORT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ALPHA CHILDREN: RECLAIMING OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THEIR LIVES IN JANUARY 2015

Many thanks to BCFCCA's generosity for funding the VFCCA workshop, Alpha Children. We had 50 participants attending the workshop and the room was fully packed by the enthusiastic parents, ECE students and our members. Deborah's presentation was very inspiring and practical and the workshop was welcome by the participants. The strategies of handling Alpha behaviour were very useful to practise at home and at daycare. Thank you for your participation!

- Feneda Au-Yeung -



Here are some comments from the participants –

"Excellent examples that help crystallize the concepts. Thanks!"

"I learned so much, gained lots of confidence to be a leader of the children."

"A fantastic approach to the children's problem and reality and how to solve it."

"This was a useful workshop for me and was a totally new area of parenting for me."



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: LITERACY LEARNING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN IN MARCH 2015

23 Participants attended this workshop. We were inspired by Carol Turner's passion in literacy learning! Carol showed the participants how to support Literacy Learning with young children in a natural way and she also enriched the participants' literacy learning experience through many examples of developmentally and culturally appropriate children's books, rhymes and poems. Afterwards, Carol also provided the participants with two good resources for reference and Feneda sent them to all the members - Books for Infant and Toddler and Guided Play to Explore New Words and Their Sounds.

- Feneda Au-Yeung -



"Don't just teach your kids to read, teach them to question what they read. Teach them to question everything!"

~ George Carlin ~

NETWORKING AT LUZ'S CHILD CARE IN FEBRUARY 2015

We would like to thank Luz for hosting the network meeting in February and Katie and Edith for donating toys, books and art materials to raise fund for VFCCA. We all had a great time catching up with each other and sharing thoughts about friendships and love!

- Jessie Zheng -



"They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel."

~ Carol Buchner ~

ACTIVITY IDEAS

MUSIC TEACHER

Meike Juergens teaches music and dance in a delightful way to young children. She has been teaching the children in my center from March and the response was fantastic every time she visited. If you are interested in having Meike in your center, you can contact her at 778-903-1269 or

musicmeike@gmail.com

Her music class runs for half hour and costs \$30.

I hope you and your children have a chance to meet Meike and have fun singing and dancing with her!

- Suee Lee -

ARTS AND CRAFTS WEBSITE

There are lots of great websites that provide arts and crafts ideas for young children.

You can check out some of these websites below.

www.allkidsetwork.com

www.busybeekidscraft.com

www.artfulparent.com

Isolde brought a delicious dip for vegetables to the literacy workshop in March.

Here is the recipe from her to share with you!

LEMON/GARLIC DIP

1/3 Sour cream

1/3 yogurt

1/3 Miracle Whip fat content at your choice

Fresh lemon juice and garlic to taste

MUST be made one day ahead so flavors can mingle.

Taste and adjust.



"If you keep telling the same sad small story, you will keep living the same sad small life."

~ Jean Houston ~