

# October Memo



**BCFCCA** would like to send our thanks to those of you who have renewed or joined us for the first time for the 2013/2014 membership year. It will be an exciting year with our newsletter **going green** for all issues, beginning with Winter 2013.

For those of you just shaking off the last of the summer weather, please visit our website at [www.bcfcca.ca](http://www.bcfcca.ca) to download your membership & calendar order form. BCFCCA's 2014 Nutrition and Fitness Calendar will be available mid-November.

Dear Member:

If you are able, please pass on the following request to parents of your daycare children.

As posted on the CCCF Facebook page and Twitter feed, the Globe and Mail is "...working on a series about the daycare situation in Canada - how we can improve daycare quality, drive down often exponential costs, and create a better system of care for our little ones". They want parents to contribute their stories via the Globe website, the link to which is below. It would be great to hear from families who use regulated and licensed care—or who are looking for licensed care and can't find it. Please share this through your networks.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/parenting/tell-us-about-your-kids-daycare-costs-headaches-and-inventive-solutions/article14222823/>

Thanks,

Don Giesbrecht  
CEO/PGD  
Canadian Child Care Federation

## SHAKE OUT!

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover and Hold on October 17<sup>th</sup>. You too can take part in the ShakeOut BC on this day. The main goal of ShakeOut BC is to get British Columbians prepared for major earthquakes, so use the ShakeOut BC drill as an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Your facility and even your family can take part in this by registering for the 2013 Great British Columbia ShakeOut. Here is a link to the website:



<http://www.shakeoutbc.ca/>

**All facilities need to conduct and record an emergency drill once every 12 months (as well as your monthly fire drill). Taking part in the ShakeOut and recording it in your emergency drill log is a great way to meet the need to have an earthquake drill.**

The registration for the 17th Annual Early Care and Learning Conference is now open. You can register through:

<https://ers.snapuptickets.com/ers/online-registration-conference.cfm?y=ZWIkPTY5MCZsYW49ZW5n>

See you soon on February 7th and 8th, 2014 at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey!

