

September 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VFCCA Members,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating summer holiday with family and friends and are ready to launch an exciting journey with the children and their families you care for in Fall!

I would like to thank everyone for coming to our 10th Anniversary Celebration and AGM on June 21st, 2014! Your support and participation over the last 10 years have made our association strong and resourceful to everyone!

Thanks to the Board of Directors and the VFCCA Committee for their dedication and hard work in making this event a great success. Celine Yeung's work in organizing the food catering and Winnie Chau and Reddy Chan's "Go Green" ideas with the fruit baskets, table prizes, and room decorations made our event extra delightful!

I would also like to thank our guests: Diane Bellesen and Christine MacLeod who came to celebrate with us, and our thanks also go to BCFCCA for donating the \$50.00 honorarium, Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre for sending the beautiful plant with a congratulation card in celebration of our 10th Anniversary. We also received \$135.00 in donations at the AGM and would like to thank you all for your generous support! It was surely a joyful evening of great friendship, food and belly dancing!



On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome our newly appointed Director of Special Events, Reddy Chan. We all know Reddy is extremely dedicated in child care field, and has made a tremendous contribution to VFCCA over the past years. We are so glad to have Reddy back to share her expertise with us in the coming year. Welcome aboard, Reddy!

Lastly, I would like to thank you for renewing your membership for 2014 and 2015. Your support keeps our association thriving and moving forward. Thank you also for supporting BCFCCA and CCCF and hope to see you in our coming workshops and events!

Best regards,

Feneda Ha Au Yeung

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MEMBERSHIP

Thanks for renewing your membership for 2014 and 2014! Our association sustains by your membership! If you haven't renewed it yet, please send the membership form to our membership director Luz Elena Raschella as soon as you can. Thanks!

Address: 3762 Jambor Court, Burnaby, BC V5G 0A8
Phone number: (604) 433-6789
e-mail address: luzraschella@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROMOTING POSITIVE COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

If you are interested in learning the effective ways to communicate with parents from diverse cultural, linguistic and socioeconomic background, this workshop will be the excellent one for you.

Presenter: **Christine Mann**
Date: **September 06 (Saturday)**
Time: **9:45 am to 12:15 pm**
Location: **Kiwassa Neighbourhood House**
2425 Oxford Street, Vancouver
Fee: **Members: \$10.00**
Students: \$15.00
Non-members: \$20.00



Christine Mann, the facilitator, will focus on helping participants to develop communication skills through different scenarios and also learn how to cope with the tough and tender situation with parents in order to strengthen the relationships with parents in mutual manner.

Registration: Please e-mail to Feneda at feneda@yahoo.com
or call Feneda at (604) 222-3091 after 6:00pm before August 24, 2014.

CIRCLE TIME GALA

If you are interested in holding a teachable and enjoyable circle time, please come to learn tons of new ideas and explore different styles of circle time from Robb Weaver. You will go away with loads of new confidence and ideas that will leave you looking at circle time like never before!

Presenter: **Robb Weaver Robb**

Date: **November 15, 2014 (Saturday)**

Time: **9:45am to 12:15pm**

Location: **Extra Steps Learning Centre**
726 West 16th Ave., Vancouver

Fee: **Members: \$10.00**

Students: \$15.00

Non-members: \$20.00

Light snack provided



Robb Weaver Robb received his Early Childhood Education Diploma from Mount Royal University, Alberta and has worked with young children for more than fifteen years in a wide variety of fun-filled programs. He is well known in Vancouver where he co-owns and operates Extra Steps Learning Centres and has been an advocate for children for many years.

Registration: Please e-mail to Feneda at feneda@yahoo.com
or call Feneda at (604) 222-3091 after 6:00pm before November 1, 2014.

NETWORKING

Date: **Saturday, October 4th, 2014**

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

Location: **Cherry' Montessori Daycare (849 East 16th Ave.)**

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

Agenda: Cherry will show us her Montessori child care center and the way she
Play music with children!



EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

VANCOUVER REGGIO CONSORTIUM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Pedagogical Documentation as a Professional Development Tool

Date: **Thursday, October 23, 2014. 7-9 PM \$25**

Friday, October, 24, 2014. 9 AM-3 PM \$119*

Early Bird registration rate available until Sept 15th.

Location: **Norman Rothstein theatre, Vancouver Jewish Community Centre**
950 W. 41ST, Vancouver

Registration: Go into www.vancouverreggioconsortium.ca and click on Professional Development.

Please also check Reggio Inspired Children's Programs in their website. There are great photos of various projects done by the Reggio Inspired child care programs in BC.

PAST EVENTS REPORT

NETWORKING AT SHAHNAZ'S CHILD CARE ON APRIL 2014

Many thanks to Shahnaz for sharing her beautiful house and Iranian food! Shahnaz also shared her children's art work display ideas and the Easter craft ideas with us. It was a wonderful night!

- Jessie Zheng -



"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself!"

~ Henry Ford ~

VFCCA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you for coming to our 10th Anniversary Celebration! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BODs and Committee for their dedication and hard work in supporting this function and your participation made this event a great success as well. Here are some of the photos to bring our good memories of our AGM!

- Feneda Au-Yeung -



ACTIVITY IDEAS

I am always excited to hear from other caregivers about learning materials that are versatile and foster creativity. For this newsletter, I would like to introduce some of the best open-ended toys and materials that have been popular and successful in my child care center.

- Suee Lee -

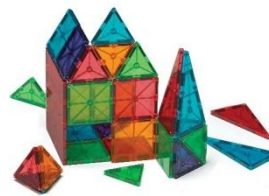
MAGNA-TILES

Judy Labrin lent me her magna tiles a couple of months ago and my children relentless used them to build castles, cities, and kingdoms. So I bought two large sets of magna tiles for my child care center and it was one of the best investments I have made. The children worked alone or together to create structures, add other materials like toy animals and plants to express their creativity and engage in lots of conversation.

Name: Valtech Magna-Tiles clear colors – 100 Pc Set

Price: \$124 from www.amazon.ca

Note: Shipping is free and arrives in 5 days.



RED CLAY

It is easy to mould into a shape and doesn't stick to children's hands too much. When dried or hard, you can soften it by putting the dried clay in a Ziploc with water.

You can get them at Michaels and use their 40% coupon, which they email to you monthly if you register by email.

Name: Craft Smart Natural Clay - Red

Price: \$12 (10 lb.)



KINETIC SAND

I introduced Kinetic Sand in our last newsletter.

I recently discovered that you can purchase it from Toy Company on Main Street.

Please check the products availability with Toy Company before visiting the store.

Name: Kinetic Sand

Price: \$49 for 11lb

Toy Company on Main Street: 3298 Main Street, Vancouver (604) 875-0065

Toy Company in Granville Island: 11-1496 Cartwright Street (in the Kids' Market) (604) 684-007

“You can't wait for inspiration; you have to go after it with a club”

~ Jack London ~