

April 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VFCCA Members,

Congratulations on our 10 year anniversary! We have come a long way, so let's celebrate our decade long achievements. All of this has been possible because of your support and commitment. Please join us for our VFCCA AGM and our 10-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 21!

The location will be confirmed later.

Best regards,

Feneda Ha Au Yeung



Members in our first AGM

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If you would like to contribute any articles for the newsletter, please email Suee at sueelee123@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership director, Luz Raschella, has moved to Burnaby. So if you haven't renewed your membership yet, please contact her or send your membership form to her new address below. Thanks!

Address: 3762 Jambor Court, Burnaby, BC V5G 0A8

Phone number: (604) 433-6789

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NETWORKING

Date: **Saturday, April 12th, 2014**

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

Location: **Shahnaz's ABC Magic Child Care** (2498 West 35th Ave.)

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



VFCCA 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: **Saturday, June 21st**

Time and location will be announced soon.

Please mark your calendar to celebrate our 10th anniversary together!



EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

6TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Free event for families with children 0-6 years

Date: **Friday, April 4th, 2014**

Time: **10 am to 12 pm**

Location: **UBC Acadia Commons Block, 2707 Tennis Crescent**

Features: Information on health, safety, child care and more

Miniature obstacle course, story time, music, face painting & craft for Tot

ECEBC's 43rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: **Thursday, May 1st to Saturday, May 3rd**

Location: **Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport** (8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC)

The conference will address "Cultivating Communities of Innovative Practice".

For registration, please call at 604-709-6063 or visit the website at www.ecebc.ca

VANCOUVER NEUFELD CONFERENCE

Date: **Saturday, May 3rd**

Location: **Vancouver Technical Secondary School (2600 East Broadway, Vancouver)**

Time: **8:30 am to 4:30pm**

This is the first time in the conference's six-year history that Dr. Neufeld is shifting focus to adults in the child-adult equation - a significant departure from his usual style that focuses on meeting the needs of children. Dr. Neufeld will articulate his theory as it relates to the growth of adults during his two-part keynote speech, entitled *What About ME?*

Please visit the website at www.neufeldinstitute.com.

BC FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: **Saturday, May 31st**

Location: **Child Care Options in Surrey**

The conference workshops will focus on "Developing a Healthy Business – Inside & Out".

For information in details, please visit the website at www.bcfcca.ca



VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN FESTIVAL

Date: **Tuesday, May 27th to Sunday, June 1st**

Location: **Granville Island**

You can get tickets for shows at \$12 per child if you have more than 10 children in your group. Pair up with another child care provider to purchase the tickets at school rates. You can access to all the events in the festival as well if you buy show tickets.

For more information, visit the website at www.childrenfestival.ca.



RESOURCES TO SHARE

The keynote speakers from the Heart of Matter Conference held in last February have a lot of good resources at their websites. Remember to check them out!

Lisa Murphy, B.S., M.Ed. – www.ooeygoeey.com

Tina Bryson, PH.D. – www.TinaBryson.com

PAST EVENTS REPORT

NETWORKING AT LUCIA'S HOME CHILD CARE ON FEBRUARY 2014

Thank you for coming to our network meeting at Lucia's child care. It was a fun and informative evening with Rika Lange, the licensing officer. Many thanks to Rika for updating us about the new licensing regulation and responding to our members' concerns clearly. Many thanks to Lucia Mastropieri for sharing her cozy home and delicious homemade lasagne and desserts! We would also like to thank Edith Leung for showing some Chinese New Year arts and crafts!



- Jessie Zheng -



“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.”

- Elbert Hubbard -

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: INCORPORATING SCIENCE IDEAS INTO EVERYDAY CIRCLE TIME IN JANUARY 2014

On behalf of VFCCA, we would like to thank Ms. Cheryl Song for presenting us a fun, hands on and practical workshop on January 18, 2014. Cheryl provided the participants with a lot of excellent skills to draw children's attention during circle time by instilling curiosity, interest and active participation. These are some of the very qualities that embody a fun circle time. We had 30 participants attending the workshop and their feedbacks were very positive!



Here are some comments from the participants –

"Cheryl has wonderful ideas for storytelling. I love how she made all the stories more interactive for children and engaging to capture children's imagination."

"It was a very good and interesting workshop. Sometimes I am short of idea, it fits my need."

"Enjoyed learning how to incorporate experiments with stories."

"Thank you very much for such an informative and inspiring workshop."





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: COMPUTER SKILLS APPLICATION FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS IN MARCH 2014

On behalf of VFCCA, we would like to thank Mr. Charles Wong for presenting this workshop. Charles volunteered his time to support our members in applying the computer skills for better communication with parents. We had thirteen participants attending the workshop. Unfortunately the Wi-Fi did not work well because all the participants were using the internet at the same time, causing it to lag. Some participants requested to have a follow-up workshop. Charles would like to have a follow-up workshop according to the request, but he suggested that we find out how to overcome the technical problem first. The board will discuss the participants' suggestions at the next board meeting.

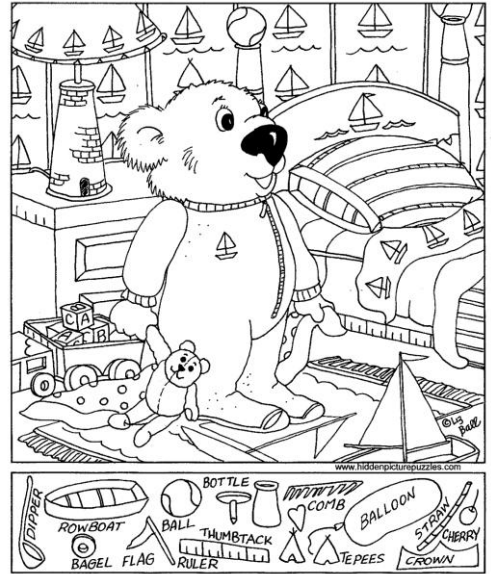
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ACTIVITY IDEAS

HIDDEN PICTURES

The children of 3 and 4 years old in my child care have been enjoying looking for hidden pictures on drawings. You can buy activity books with hidden pictures in bookstores but you can also them print them out from the internet. One good website that I use is www.allkidsnetwork.com. Go to the website and click Kids Activity and then Hidden Pictures. You don't have to download any pictures. Just click on a picture you like and print it out. I usually give my children easy ones first before they move on to complicated ones. The Allkidsnetwork website also has many craft ideas for young children.



- Suee Lee -

KINETIC SAND

Judy Labrin, our member, introduced me to a fun, dynamic, activity-based material called *Kinetic Sand*. You can order it from Quality Classroom. It is \$42.95 for 11 lbs of kinetic sand plus 10% shipping charge (Winter Green sells it at \$59.95 plus 15% shipping charge). Judy suggests that I get at least 11 pounds of sand. She uses 3 bags of 11 pounds in her childcare and the children play with it nonstop. Judy generously welcomed anyone interested in seeing how sand works to visit her childcare. I am planning to get some soon. If you are interested in ordering it together to reduce shipping costs, please let me know (604-876-1077) by the 15th of April. For more information, go to Quality Classroom website and type kinetic sand in the search box on the right top corner. Then click on Kinetic sand. You will see prices and a video of kinetic sand. YouTube also has many clips on how kinetic sand works.

www.qualityclassrooms.com

- Suee Lee -



“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

- Henry Ford -