

January 2014

## MESSAGE FROM THE VFCCA BOARD

Dear VFCCA members,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year filled with peace, prosperity and happiness! It is that time of the year to celebrate and relax after yet another hard working year in 2013. It is also time to thank all of you for your support in making VFCCA a place where we build friendships and stay connected.

We are looking forward to having another year with much fun and supportive interaction through workshops and net workings!



**Seasonal Greetings on behalf of the VFCCA Board!**

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**Vancouver Family Child Care Association**  
***Empowering members to provide quality child care***  
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## 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

e-mail address: [luzraschella@gmail.com](mailto:luzraschella@gmail.com)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### INCORPORATING SCIENCE IDEAS INTO EVERYDAY CIRCLE TIME WITH FUN, FUN, FUN!

If you're in need of more stimulating, exciting and fun circle time ideas, then this is the right workshop for you! Cheryl Song incorporates science into a fun, interactive learning experience through songs and stories into this 2 ½ hour workshop. Enjoy and have fun!!!

Presenter: **Cheryl Song**

Date: **January 18th, 2014 (Saturday)**

Registration time: **9:30am to 9:45am**

Workshop time: **9:45 am to 12:15 pm**

Location: **Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, 2425 Oxford Street, Vancouver**



Fee: **Members - \$10.00**

**Students in Family Child Care or ECE program- \$15.00**

**Non-members - \$20.00**

**Light snack provided**

Registration: Please send e-mail to Feneda at [feneda@yahoo.com](mailto:feneda@yahoo.com) or call Feneda at (604) 222-3091 after 6:00pm. Please leave your name and phone number on the answering machine clearly.

Please note: Enrollment is limited, please register early to avoid disappointment. Friends and colleagues are welcome and each participant will receive a two and half hour certificate.

## NETWORKING

Date: **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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

Location: **Beanie Babies FCC 3372 E 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Registration: Call Jessie at (604) 783-7268 or email her at [jieyan\\_zheng@hotmail.com](mailto:jieyan_zheng@hotmail.com)



## EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### CHILDREN THE HEART OF THE MATTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Location: **Bell Performing Arts Centre** 6250 144 Street Surrey, BC

Keynote speakers: Dr Tina Bryson and Lisa Murphy

We will begin the Friday evening with our jazz trio while you shop and network.

Registration will start at the beginning of October this year.

[www.childcareoptions.ca](http://www.childcareoptions.ca)

### WORKSHOP: LOVE TO LEARN – BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FUNDAMENTS OF HUMAN LIVING

Instructor: **Dr. Pille Bunnell**

Date: **Sunday, Jan 5 & 19, 2014**

Time: **9:00 to 3:30 PM**

Location: **SelfDesign Learning Center** 4196 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

More information: **Kate McCabe** at 604-263-4711

### WORKSHOP: EXPLORING LINES – A PATWAY TO CREATIVITY AND LITERACY

Presenters: **Roni Cahen and Bev Superle**

Date: **Thursdays February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014**

Time: **7:00 to 9:30 PM**

Location: **Byrne Creek Secondary School, Burnaby, BC**

Register: **604-296-6901** or [www.burnabyccce.ca](http://www.burnabyccce.ca)

## PAST EVENTS REPORT

### NET WORKING AT THE LYDIA TOZZI'S DAYCARE ON NOV 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2013

Thank you so much Lydia for sharing your home and homemade wine with us. We all enjoyed having delicious food and great company throughout the evening. Also, thank you Suee for sharing your idea of making wooden dolls out of pieces of wood. Through this project, we learned to pay attention to children's interests and help them develop problem solving skills. We also collected some input on caregivers' concerns and questions regarding licensing regulations. We will forward the input to the licensing office for them to respond when they come to our next network meeting.

- Jessi Zheng -







## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: HOW THE SOUND TO SYMBOL METHODOLOGY WORKS FOR CHILDREN IN NOVEMBER, 2013

On behalf of VFCCA, I would like to thank Dr. Fleurette Sweeney for presenting the fun and innovative music workshop. We learned to help children develop cognitive skills and enhance social interaction while singing and playing games with folk songs. We had 36 participants and the feedback for this workshop was excellent!

Here are some comments from the participants -

*"Fantastic speaker, very encouraging, learned a lot and will implement into my daycare, one of the best workshops I've attended (and I have attended many of the past 23 years)."*





*"Thank you so much for letting us participate in the workshop on Saturday. Dr. Sweeney was fabulous, in my 19 years of E.C.E. related workshops I would have to say this was the best ever. I am so inspired by her and I don't want it to sound insulting because age is only a number, but for someone her age to be able to pass on her knowledge to others is absolutely amazing, she is a real treasure. Thanks again and take care!"*

**This workshop is funded by BC Family Child Care Association and many thanks to BCFCCA's great support!**

- Feneda Ha Au-Yeung -





## CRAFT IDEAS

2014 is the year of the horse in the Chinese Zodiac. You can help children make mini horse puppets out of socks and old wooden spoons. The craft information can be found in the following link: <http://www.se7en.org.za>

You will need: socks, wooden spoons, felt/fabric scrapes, wool scrapes, buttons, stuffing, scissors, and glue.

1. Stuff a sock with stuffing from an old pillow.
2. Put eyes, ears, nose, mane and whiskers with fabrics, yarns and buttons.
3. Insert a wooden spoon into the stuffed sock and tie a ribbon around the base of the neck.

