



YMCA  
CCRR News

**Multicultural Mornings @ the CCRR!**

The YMCA Tri-Cities CCRR staff and volunteers from S.U.C.C.E.S.S. host “Multicultural Mornings” at the Tri-Cities CCRR office the first Wednesday morning of each month from 9:30 am — 11:30 am. If you know parents who speak Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese or Farsi and require information on: the Child Care Subsidy program, information on child care, or child care referrals, please be sure to inform them of this opportunity.

**CCRR Drop-In Program**

The YMCA CCRR is pleased to announce that a Drop In Program for child care providers will now be available at the YMCA Family Resource Program Circle of Friends James Park Elementary School location.

Session#1 begins	Every Friday, October 10 – December 12, 2008
Session#2 begins	Every Friday, January 9, 2009 – March 13, 2009
Session#3 begins	Every Friday, March 27, 2009 – June 19, 2009

Each gathering will begin at 9am with the opportunity to network with fellow providers. This will be followed with a Circle Time, a visit from a local community program guest speaker or an activity led by the CCRR staff. Each project will be based on sharing emergent curriculum ideas. The gathering will end with clean-up and goodbyes between 11 - 11:30am. Please contact Susan @ 604-937-1234 to register.

**Training Opportunities in the Community:**

**12th Annual**

**Children, the Heart of the Matter Conference**

Friday, February 13th, 6:30 pm — 10:00 pm & Saturday, February 14th, 8:00 am — 4:30 pm  
Keynotes: Barbara Coloroso & Gary Anaka  
The Bell Performing Arts Centre  
Sullivan Heights Secondary School, 6250 144th Street, Surrey

Download a conference brochure from Child Care Options at <http://www.childcareoptions.ca/>

**Columbia Bible College presents  
Educators' Conference**

November 1st, 2008, 8:00 am — 3:45 pm  
2940 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, BC

Download a conference brochure from [http://www.columbiabc.edu/pdfs/academics/Educators\\_Conference.pdf](http://www.columbiabc.edu/pdfs/academics/Educators_Conference.pdf)

**Boy Smarts—Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys**

**Presenter: Barry MacDonald**

Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
Richard McBride Elementary  
331 Richmond Street, New Westminster  
Tickets: \$10.00

What are the varied needs of boys? How can we help boys navigate cultural realities like video games and Facebook? How can I talk with my boy so he'll listen and listen so he'll talk? How can we help our boys become more successful at school and life? Barry MacDonald is a teacher, counselor/coach and author who is a champion for strong families, strong schools—and boys. A sought-after speaker, he was identified as one of *25 Influential People to Watch* in BC by *The Vancouver Sun* and has presented to thousands at sold-out events. His best selling book, *Boy Smarts—Mentoring Boys for Success at School* will be available for purchase and signing. Contact Jo-Anne McBean at 604-524-0522 for details or visit [www.mentoringboys.com](http://www.mentoringboys.com) for information on upcoming events.

**BC Aboriginal Child Care Society presents**  
**11th Annual Provincial Training Conference**  
November 20—22nd, 2008 at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown

Download a conference brochure at <http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/>.

**ECEBC Burnaby-New Westminster Branch presents**  
**What is Environmental Art?**

Presented by Judy Olivieri  
Saturday, November 1, 2008  
9:00 am — 11:30 am  
Village Daycare, 3290 Ganymede Drive, Burnaby  
Cost: \$25 for members or \$30 for non-members

Environmental art is when the artist's work makes a connection with nature. Materials used in the work of art comes from the outdoor environment such as vegetation, sand, clay, shells, wood and stones. The art piece is created in the environment and left to the elements of nature. For further information contact Noella @ 604-540-2140 or by email at [c\\_monkey@telus.net](mailto:c_monkey@telus.net), or Roxenne at 604-522-2529 or by email at [rox\\_harding@shaw.ca](mailto:rox_harding@shaw.ca).

**ECEBC Burnaby-New Westminster Branch presents**  
**Infants & Toddlers—Back to Basics!**

January 14, 2009, 7:00 pm  
Ready Set Grow, 850 Queens, New Westminster  
Presenter: Geraldine Clevette  
Cost: \$25 members or \$30 non-members

This is a workshop to inspire those working with our youngest children, to become comfortable and not a “baby entertainer.” Some of the topics we will discuss are ages and stages of 0 to 3 years of age of development. For further information contact Noella @ 604-540-2140 or by email at [c\\_monkey@telus.net](mailto:c_monkey@telus.net), or Roxenne at 604-522-2529 or by email at [rox\\_harding@shaw.ca](mailto:rox_harding@shaw.ca).

**You are invited to participate in this BIC play safe! be safe! program.**

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Justice Institute Theatre, 815 McBride in New Westminster from 1 pm-4:30, BIC, The Office of the Fire Commissioner in partnership with the Justice Institute Fire and Safety Division and New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services, will offer a 3-hour seminar **play safe! be safe!** to day care providers, early childhood educators and fire and life safety educators. A three hour certificate of participation will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to get resources to deliver the important fire and life safety message to 3 – 5 year olds and network with your peers. All participants will receive a free **play safe! be safe!** kit which contain a 20-minute video and DVD featuring “Firefighter Dan, story cards, activity boards, a card game and a comprehensive teacher’s manual.

Advanced registration is required. To register, submit the registration form and the registration form to the Office of the Fire Commissioner by Oct 3rd, 2008. Registration is \$20.00. For registration contact: Ellen Pelto @ [ellen.pelto@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ellen.pelto@gov.bc.ca) or at 1-888-988-9488. For more information visit: [www.playsafebesafe.com](http://www.playsafebesafe.com).

**Community News**

**November 20th, 2008**  
**National Child Care**  
**“Being Free from Harm: Our Right to Protection”**

Visit Public Health Agency of Canada website at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncd-jne/kids-eng.html> for ideas on how to celebrate!  
Download the Canadian Child Care Federation’s “Celebrate National Child Day!” Resource sheet at [http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/pdf/NCD\\_Resource37\\_en.pdf](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/pdf/NCD_Resource37_en.pdf)

**Storytime Kits available at the Port Moody Public Library**

What are Storytime Kits? Storytime Kits are “programs in a box” that help early childhood workers present fun and effective storytimes. Each themed kit contains books, a felt story, puppets, music, a DVD and a resource and activity manual. Storytime kits are perfect for use in child care facilities, preschools, kindergarten classes and more. The kits are available to daycare operators, preschool teachers and other early childhood group leaders in the Tri-Cities. You will need an “ECE card” to borrow a kit. Kits circulate for 3

weeks and can be renewed twice by phone or by catalogue. Themes include: alphabet, family, pets, feelings, dinosaurs, and much more! To obtain your ECE library card phone or email Maryn Ashdown, Youth Services Librarian at 604-469-4635 or [maryn.ashdown@cityofportmoody.com](mailto:maryn.ashdown@cityofportmoody.com).

### **Learning with Nature Idea Book Creating Nurturing Outdoor Spaces for Children**

Designed in collaboration with **The National Arbor Day Foundation** and the **Dimensions Educational Research Foundation**, the *Learning with Nature Idea Book* guides you through field-tested outdoor classroom principles developed by Dimensions. The book is ideal for anyone wishing to create or re-create outdoor spaces that nurture children's sense of wonder and encourage rich learning. Available through Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre Marketplace at 2772 East Broadway, Vancouver. Call 604-709-5661 or visit [www.wstcoast.org](http://www.wstcoast.org) for further information.

### **BC Epilepsy Society presents Partners in Teaching Program**

The Partners in Teaching program provides educational in-services and information resources about seizures and epilepsy for individuals who work with children. This includes information on seizure recognition, first aid, and the associated learning and psycho-social issues. For information contact Elvira Balakshin, Program & Communications Coordinator, BC Epilepsy Society at 604-875-6704.

### **Greater Coquitlam Family Daycare Society**

Family child care providers are invited to attend meetings of the Greater Coquitlam Family Daycare Society on the last Thursday of each month from 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm. Meetings held at: All Saints Parish Church, Queen of All Saints School, 1405 Como Lake Avenue, Coquitlam, BC (meeting is held in the portable at the back of the church.) **Next meeting: October 30th, 2008.**

*Attention New Westminster Residents!*

#### **Liveable Cities Need Children & Families!**

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Queensborough Community Centre, Port Royal Room

How can Councillors and School Trustees ensure the best for our community? Come hear your future decision makers share their strategies for our evolving community as Liveable Cities Need Children & Families (LCnCF) hosts this year's City Council and School Board Trustee candidates, at an All-Candidates Meeting focused on the types of issues all city dwelling families face including: Quality and affordable childcare accessibility; Safe and engaging community neighbourhoods; Excellent school programs, multi-use of school space, and site planning; Health and wellness; Family services for all ages; Access to spaces (parks/playgrounds) and recreational facilities. For further information contact Jonina Campbell at [LCnFC@hotmail.com](mailto:LCnFC@hotmail.com)

### **Government News**

#### **Budget 2009 Consultation Have Your Say on British Columbia's Budget Priorities**

Since 2000, the Finance and Government Services Committee has conducted annual public consultations in accordance with the [Budget Transparency and Accountability Act](#). This year's consultations into the province's future budget priorities are guided by the [Budget 2009 Consultation Paper](#) (PDF), which the Minister of Finance presented to the Committee on September 15, 2008. In accordance with its terms of reference, the all-party Finance and Government Services Committee is empowered to "examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report" by conducting "public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year." All submissions to the Committee must be received by the Office of the Clerk of Committees by **Friday October 24, 2008**. The Committee must release its report by November 15, 2008.

**How to Participate:** The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services strives to promote an inclusive consultation process using a variety of interactive methods to reach the broadest cross-section of the province's population as possible. Building on the record number of submissions received during last year's budget consultation process, the Committee is pleased to again offer four distinct consultation methods. Visit <http://www.leg.bc.ca/budgetconsultations/> for further information on how you can participate.

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