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Fall 2008 Newsletter

The Mayor's Luncheon

In early June, I was invited to lunch with Mayor Korpan at City Hall in Nanaimo. There were 10 of us from various non-profits and community services who were fortunate to be able to speak about the programs and services we offer in the Nanaimo community. It went very well and I decided to invite Mayor Korpan for lunch at PacificCARE and he accepted. Needless to say, we were all delighted.

The date was set for July 25 at 1pm and the whole team worked very hard to ensure that we had a well organized, attractive and welcoming environment!! Everything looked great. Fresh cut flowers from the teams' gardens were brought in to brighten up our space.

We were pleased to see that Mayor Korpan brought along MLA Ron Cantelon and MLA Leonard Krog! We hoped the Mayor would bring guests and I was personally delighted with his choice, because both individuals are very supportive and concerned with the welfare of children & families.

Introductions were made and after lunch we presented a power point presentation for our visitors. Carmen, Coordinator of Programs, presented an overview of the CCRR program. Margaret, Insurance Coordinator, followed with an Overview of the Insurance Program for child care providers. Sandy and Lori, Coordinators for Nanaimo and Ladysmith Early Child Development program, gave an overview.



Carmen Barclay, Mayor Gary Korpan, MLA Leonard Krog, Margaret Sinclair and Dianne Magor at recent Mayor's Luncheon at PacificCARE.

I presented our new vision and mission statement and gave an overview about expanding our services through collaboration with community services and developing partnerships, to contribute even more to the communities we serve.

We answered their questions and the feedback was excellent. I was invited to speak at City Council about PacificCARE and its programs and have been invited for lunch meetings by both Ron Cantelon and Leonard Krog (MLA's).

It was a great networking opportunity for our team to demonstrate how important our role in the community is for child care needs and what great services and education we share with them.

Dianne Magor, Executive Director, PacificCARE

Dianne, meeting with Ron Cantelon (below), Margaret, and Carmen receiving donated car seat from Elise of Coastal Community Insurance Agencies Ltd. (left)



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See back page for Staff Listing

Please note: if you are unable to reach your area consultant and must talk to someone, you can call the Nanaimo office and speak with a consultant or the Coordinator of Programs and Services.

Highlights...

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Bulletin articles include: Insurance Update and Renewal Reminder, What it means to be a Board Member, New Fee implemented for Group Care, New Smoking Guidelines for Child Cares, Capital funding forms update, and National Child Day.

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Bulletins!

Insurance Rates to increase slightly for 2008-2009 season

As you will see with your liability insurance renewal package included with this newsletter; effective October 1, 2008 we have been given an increase in insurance rates of 5% by our insurance provider. The effect is only slight and ranges from \$5.00 for LNR's to a maximum of \$40.00 for group facilities. I should mention that this is our first increase in three years.

I am pleased to advise that Coastal Community Insurance brokers have assured us that after checking around these are still the most competitive rates they can find for child care providers in BC. We were advised that some insurance companies are amalgamating making it difficult to find individual insurance companies open to negotiation.

If you are continuing to purchase insurance through **PacificCARE**, please complete and return the forms provided to you along with your payment.

Margaret Sinclair, Administrative Coordinator

Becoming a Society Member, or Board Member offers great rewards

Replace with Printer's Final

Reminder: Registration Fee for Group Facilities

It was mentioned in our last newsletter that Effective October 1, 2008 a fee of \$30.00 will now be charged to Group facilities to enable us to continue providing the same level of service.

Services covered by this fee are:

- Access to Liability Insurance and Group Benefits Package.
- A mailed copy of our quarterly newsletter
- Referrals to parents from our computerized registry
- Access to courses and workshops provided through PacificCARE at special rates for registered members.
- Access to our library, toys backpacks theme boxes and resource materials.
- Employment advertising on our website.
- Advice and support from our local consultants as needed.

Smoking Guidelines for Care Providers

PacificCARE would like to remind their Licensed Not Required child care providers about the standards in regard to smoking around children when providing child care.

It is noted in the Health and Safety Home Assessment "Designated Smoking Areas" that if the child care provider chooses to smoke, there must be a written plan that parents sign, minimizing the risk to children's health" **The child care provider must continue to meet health and safety requirements to maintain registration with their CCRR.**

Updates to Capital Funding Forms

The application forms for the Child Care Programs and Services Capital Funding Program - *Major Capital Funding for Creation of New Family Child Care Spaces* and the *Minor Capital funding for Emergency Repair, Replacement and Relocation* have been updated. Applicants are now able to either complete these forms online and print or they can be printed first and then completed by hand. These forms can be viewed at: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/capital.htm>.

Celebrate National Child Day on November 20

National Child Day is a day to celebrate children and their rights. We recognize the rights of children under the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child" In the past we celebrated children's rights to be active, to play and their rights to be heard. For more information and activities on National Child Day Please Visit http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/ncdnov20_en.htm.

Fun Page

Leaf Stamps

What you'll need:

3 leaves that have not yet fallen, Heavy, thick book , Paint brush
Acrylic paint in yellow, tan and red, white paper or construction paper

How to make it:

- The best leaves for this project are still attached to the tree. Find leaves that are turning colors but aren't completely dried out. You need one leaf for each color you will paint.
- Press the leaves in the pages of a heavy book. Leave overnight.
- Remove leaves from the book. Look at the underside of the leaf. Brush off any debris, pollen or dust that may have gathered there.
- Using a paint brush, paint the underside of the leaf with a generous amount of paint. Be careful to paint only the leaf.
- Using the leaf as a stamp, press it down carefully onto the white paper. Hold it in place and gently rub so that all areas hit the white paper.
- Carefully remove the stamp and repeat this process with your other leaves and colors.
- Allow to dry completely.



Tips:

- Try this project with an assortment of different leaf shapes and a variety of colors. A great way to decorate your own wrapping paper or paper bags for a Fall party!
- Be sure you gather leaves that still have some life in them. Try gently bending the leaf. If it breaks easily, it's too brittle for this project.
- If you plan this as a class project, either do it in steps or prepare ahead of time. To do it in steps, have children gather leaves and press them in books the first day, the next day paint.

This article has been slightly modified

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Parksville Kidzfest



Kaelen Pedersen Saunders of Lantzville enjoys fishing at the PacificCARE booth during the Parksville Kidzfest, Sunday, August 16.

Field Trip ideas:

If possible take the kids to an apple orchard get them to help pick apples, then return home and make apple sauce or cut apples in half and paint with the halves.

On a nice fall day, take the children for a walk. Before the walk talk about the season fall and what changes they could see. Then while on the walk have the children tell you everything "fall" they see and write them down. Then when you return, write out all the things on the list and post for parents to see. This is a great way for kids to observe the environment and a great thing for the children to show their parents what they did that day.

PacificCARE Booth Door prize winner!

Sandell Bowler was the proud winner of a Car First Aid Kit , courtesy of Coastal Community Insurance Limited recently at the Parksville Kidzfest. Congratulations Sandell!!!

Winners announced for Theatre Tickets!

The Chemainus Theatre KIDZPLAY SERIES Tickets Draw was held this past June and we are pleased to announce that the winners were Janet Birch and Maxine Cornell . Congratulations to all the Winners!

Statistics for April 2008 to June 2008

322	Parents received referrals to all PacificCARE's registered child care services
23	Workshops and courses provided
1488	Providers and parents who were provided resources
130	Providers and parents who borrowed from the Toy and Equipment Library
9469	Individuals receiving consultations
38	Home/support assessments
166	Parents assisted with subsidy Forms

The PacificCARE Family

Executive Director: Dianne

Coordinator of Programs and Services: Carmen

Administrative Coordinator: Margaret

Insurance Support: Bev

Accountant: Dean

Administrative Support : Danielle, Shanda

Child Care Consultants:

Kathy , Bonnie	Campbell River	286-9790
Sandra, Sarah, Hollie	Comox Valley	338-4288
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Lori	Nanaimo Liaison	716-2022 Loc 32
Sandy	Ladysmith Liaison	245-8183

Hello and Goodbye...

This month PacificCARE is pleased to welcome Sheryl Harding-Greenway and Shirley Sugden to the Nanaimo Office and Bonnie McGill to Campbell River. Charlene Roulston of Nanaimo has taken a new position with strong start, however, we are happy to announce she will continue with PacificCARE part time. We are sad to say that Sarah Hoffman will be leaving PacificCARE. Good luck in your future endeavors Sarah, we will all miss you.

Meet PacificCARE's Newest Care providers

Nanaimo

Kids in Paradise Family Daycare
Little Green Thumbs
Turtle Time Daycare

Carla Paradise
Lisa Stevens-Fisher
Sharon Miller

Parksville/Qualicum Beach

Happy Feet Child Care
Island Early Childhood Centre-Centre 2

Ashley Hopper
Elsa Tagal-Willard

Courtenay

LNR

Brenda Barr



*Brown bag lunches now permitted for daycare groups. (We are a peanut free zone)

Important Reminder!!!

Age- and weight- appropriate Child Booster seats are now mandatory for all children up to the age of 9 years unless they have reached the height of 145cm (4/9") tall.



This month our roving baby reporter **Austin Harris** had the opportunity to meet with our **Mayor Gary Korpan** and our local **MLA Leonard Krog** during their recent visit to our office. Also showing is PacificCARE's own **Margaret and Shanda**.

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