



# North Okanagan Child Care Society

## December 2010



Dear Parents

As I look back on 2010, I remember all the wonderful things that took place this year at NOCCS. We have had amazing guest speakers for the children, a fantastic year end celebration in June, a silly crazy hair day, a visit from Mayor Wayne Lippert, a wood working seminar, a centre wide pancake breakfast, a visit from Santa himself...just to name a few. The children enjoyed many special field trips including: the Coldstream salmon run, Farmer Vals, Kin Beach, Bowling, the Olympics Parade, the Science Centre, Schubert Centre, Planet Bee, Bella Vista Orchards, and Safeway etc. We also had four successful fundraisers and the grand opening of the community garden. We were also faced with some significant challenges this year; our Board of Directors can be proud of their achievements as together with the staff our accomplishments have been remarkable. Our community too, has been extremely supportive of our society with both donations and volunteering. What a wonderful year and how lovely to know we are valued within our community.

Now we are in the exciting festive season which brings a whirlwind of activities. It is my hope that in all the "things" we do at this time of year, that we remember the true meaning of Christmas... s-l-o-w down and savor this wonderful season. Take time to love and enjoy your family and friends.

I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Hollie Henderson, Manager

### EXPRESS YOURSELF

#### Children's Carnival & Family Dance

What a great day! The staff were busy setting up at 9:00 am, the doors opened at 11:00am and the action didn't stop until 9:00 pm at night. The carnival and dance were enjoyed by all with a few favorites being Uncle Chris the Clown's magic show, drumming with Angela and the Rhythmic Gymnastics demonstration. There are so many people to thank for their contributions - suffice to say it was a good reminder of what a supportive community we live in. Thank you for all those who attended our first ever carnival.

**IN THE BACKGROUND...** There are some services provided to the society that are so invaluable but often not noticed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jamie at PCM Computers**, and **Matt & Marty at Vernon Telecom** for their continued support over the years - they really do help to keep the technical wheels moving - and we truly appreciate their generous support and service.

#### LUNCH PROGRAM

Due to several requests (and the feedback regarding wraps), we are introducing a 'hot lunch' choice for our lunch program on Thursdays. The entrées are home made by a catering company and will be accompanied by an applesauce and mini muffin for dessert. We hope you will try this new option, and we look forward to your feedback. If it is successful we may introduce it for a second day.

#### ! THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS !

Words cannot convey the gratitude we feel towards this group of hard-working, tenacious and visionary group of people. They faced the (many) challenges head on, used their skills, professional expertise, along with their great enthusiasm to achieve stability and lay the foundation upon which our Society can continue to prosper.

*Thanks...  
For the computers donated by the Calado and the Smith family  
Much appreciated!*

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thank-you to all the members who attended our Annual General Meeting, your participation is appreciated and a valuable part of the success of NOCCS. We are happy to report that we had our best attendance to date. Last week we sent the minutes to all members for your reference, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [boardofdirectors@noccs.ca](mailto:boardofdirectors@noccs.ca).

In summary, last year was a very successful year for the North Okanagan Child Care Society in many ways. We officially closed the CRISIS chapter for our Society at the AGM and are pleased that we are now a stable and sustainable Society. We have reset the foundation with new By-Laws and a new Mission Statement which better reflects the Society's current work. As we move forward we are excited for the opportunities ahead for NOCCS and are enthusiastically looking forward to 2011.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the past Board of Directors for their outstanding contributions and achievements in 2010. We are very grateful for their determination and commitment to redirecting the Society.

We are especially excited to welcome and introduce our Board of Directors for 2011.

**Autumn Storey**

**Rebekka Lindskoog**

**Cathrine Beck**

**Rollen Lee**

**Rosemarie Muto**

**Lee Leachman**

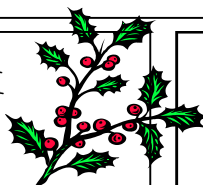
**Liesha Jolly**

We very much appreciate their interest, expertise and enthusiasm offered to NOCCS and the Board of Directors. We are excited and look forward to the value they will provide in governance and direction as we move forward into 2011.

From all the Board of Directors, past and present, we wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and all the best in the New Year.

### **OPEN HOUSE WITH SANTA**

Please join us for our Open House on



**Thursday 16 December 3-5pm**

A chance to visit with the staff and families in your child's program and speak to the big man himself - don't forget your camera!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **CHRISTMAS CLOSURES**

**Fri 24 Dec- Mon 3 Jan**

(last day open is Thursday 23rd Dec -  
first day back is Tuesday 4th Jan)

### **Lunch Orders for January**

Wednesday 22st December

### **Open House**

Thursday 16 December 3:00pm-5:00pm

### **Summer Solstice**

Friday June 3rd, 2011



### **THANK YOU to Mom's Making it Happen!!!**

The Iron Chef Competition between Gumtree Catering and Intermezzo was a very close call. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and the turnout far exceeded our expectations. It was a culinary treat displaying the skills within our community and was such a fun event! Preliminary figures say they raised \$4000 for NOCCS.

We are pleased to announce our new mission statement. We feel it reflects the growth and development of the Society.

*NOCCS enriches children's lives by engaging passionate professional educators that provide nurturing childcare, leading edge learning opportunities and support for families, while working in partnership with the needs of the community.*