

The Valley Educator

Keeping in touch with teaching
and learning.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ottawa Valley Branch

Box 8922, Station T, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 3J2

Email: aeceoovb@magma.ca Website: www.aeceo.ca/Branches/OVB/default.htm

Phone & fax: (613) 761-8607

For your Information...

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 For your Information
- 2 President's Report
- 3 Week of the Child
2010 Events
- 4 ECE/CCW
Appreciation Day
- 5 Gala Details
- 6 AECEO 60th
Anniversary
- 6 The Children's
Service Pin
- 7 The 2010-2011 OVB
Board
- 8 Notice Board and
Important Dates

- Time to renew your AECEO membership? Click on the following link http://www.aeceo.ca/files/user_files/individual_membership.pdf to fill out and download a Membership Application form. Application and Renewal Forms must be faxed or mailed to the AECEO provincial office. For contact information, [click here](#)

- View new ECE merchandise for sale and discounted prices on select items at the Ottawa Valley branch website, accessible at www.aeceo.ca The order form is available for downloading under Newsletters/Bulletins on the menu.

- November 5th marks the 60th Anniversary of the AECEO. Read more about it on page 6 of this issue, and visit the AECEO website for more information. The 60th celebration is an opportunity for you to let people know why you are a member of the AECEO. Tell them that as an early childhood professional you are:
 - staying connected with other ECE professionals
 - keeping abreast of current information and research on ECE
 - participating in on-going professional development and training
 - contributing to the provincial voice for ECEs



REDUCE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT!

This issue of the Valley Educator has been sent electronically to all OVB members with an email address listed on the membership list provided by the Provincial Office. There are many reasons for this decision, including: the benefit of disseminating the newsletter efficiently by email, complications with the Provincial Office's database system, and the cost savings for the Ottawa Valley Branch. If for some reason you still require a print copy please contact the Editor at karen.omeara@gmail.com to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Members with no email address listed on the database will continue to receive the newsletter at the postal address listed on the membership list.



Message from the President – September 2010

Dear fellow Early Childhood Educators:

As summer comes to an end we look forward to settling back into routines and getting back in touch with those whom we haven't seen for a while. I hope you all found the time to sit back, relax and focus on yourself and family during the warm summer weather!

This year promises to continue to be a year of change and adaptations. Full Day Learning has begun in many schools across the city and through out the province. This is a new career frontier for Early Childhood Educators and those not directly involved at this time are anxious to see the paths that the "pioneers" will be busy laying down for the rest of us. It will be a time of trial and probably some error as all new ventures are, but also one of excitement and challenge as we learn new ways to work together to continue to provide what is best for young children and their families

Please join us during the Week of the Child, it promises to be another excellent week with the support of the Variety Child Care Centre staff. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of them for their commitment and involvement.

Ottawa Valley Branch is well recognized as a hard working organization. Our strength is in the dedication and commitment of the individuals in our organization, and I encourage all of you to become involved in what ever capacity works well for you. We would like to hear from you. Suggestions for keynote speakers at the Annual General Meeting, Professional Development opportunities you would like us to investigate, articles for your newsletter are more than welcome.

The board consists of some very dynamic and caring individuals who volunteer their time to support the field of Early Childhood Education and on behalf of the Board of the Ottawa Valley Branch of the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario, I would like to express our on going commitment to continue to work to support our members.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions I can be reached at 613.830.4199 x19.

Respectfully Submitted
Beverly Renaud RECE, ECE.C



Editor's Note: The opinions and information published in The Valley Educator's newsletter articles and submissions, are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ottawa Valley Branch of the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario.

Changing your address or e-mail?

Please contact the AECEO Provincial Office!

If you are planning to move or have moved recently, please let them know immediately. Your Ottawa Valley Educator is sent to the address or e-mail on the Provincial Office's database. Call, fax, or e-mail the changes. **Phone:** 416-487-3157 **Fax:** 416-487-3758 **Ontario Toll Free:** 1-866-932-3236 **Email:** info@aeceo.ca





The AECEO Ottawa Valley Branch Presents:

The 2010 Week of the Child Celebration Events

October 16 to October 24, 2010

WHAT IS THE WEEK OF THE CHILD?

The Week of the Child is an annual celebration hosted by the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario (AECEO). It originated in 1980 following the United Nations International Year of the Child, Proclaimed in 1979. The Week of the Child is designed as a time for communities to focus on the needs, rights and interests of the young children in our province and to heighten public awareness of quality early childhood education. The year 2010 is a special milestone and marks the 30th annual celebration of the Week of the Child in Ontario!

We invite all Centres to join in the celebration and to promote the excitement! In past years many Centres have enjoyed hosting their own events such as morning juice and muffins to share the fun with families and colleagues. Please share your activities and pictures with us so we may include them in the AECEO-OVB December newsletter.

AECEO NETWORKING BRUNCH

A NETWORKING BRUNCH will take place this year on:

Saturday, October 23, 2010

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Youville Centre's Kinsella Hall

You are invited to please join local Early Childhood Educators for a fabulous Brunch and Silent Auction with our special guest speaker, **Leslie Kopf Johnson** from Algonquin College. She will be sharing information about the future degree program to be offered at Algonquin, tentatively entitled "Early Learning and Community Development". We will also be honouring the Children's Service Pin recipient (TBA). The cost is \$10 for AECEO members/students and \$15 for non-members payable at the door. AECEO promotional items will also be on sale at this event, including our fabulous blue pottery mugs for only \$12 each. Bring a friend, share, network and celebrate!!

Please e-mail variety@osdn.ca or call 613-828-4094 with your name and phone number to register by: **Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

October 27th is ECE Appreciation Day!

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness"
~Dalai Lama

How will you show your appreciation?

The AECEO OVB is looking for examples of how our community will celebrate the 10th Annual ECE Appreciation Day.

Ways to say "Thank you":

- Parents can be encouraged to share stories or notes of appreciation with the Educators. Post notes in the staff room for all to enjoy!
- Supervisors can arrange for a special treat to share in the staff room at lunch. Pick a theme and build a lunchtime that won't be soon forgotten.
- Hire a local professional for some lunchtime pampering- mini back massages are surprisingly refreshing!
- Place a small note of appreciation in each staff members mailbox, just a few words of encouragement means so much!

We are encouraging supervisors to submit a brief reflection or photographs of activities they organized for the Educators in their programs. As well, we would love to hear the Educators perspectives on how meaningful these experiences are! Please send your submissions to Lisa Lalonde, llalonde50@hotmail.com by November 15, 2010. Stories will be published in December's newsletter.

A special thank you to the Kanata Research Park Family Centre for sharing some of their creative and thoughtful ways of appreciating their educators!

THANKSGIVING IDEA: CHAIN OF THANKS

If you have a big get-together at Thanksgiving, here's an activity that can involve everyone – young and old together. Cut (or ask an older child to do this) a bunch of 2 x 6 in. (5 x 15 cm) strips of construction paper in fall colours. As people filter into your home, delegate an older child to hand out a strip or two or three to each guest, along with a marker. Each person can write a personal thank you on the strip of paper. Link them together like the chains that decorate Christmas trees. Ask the older children or adults to help the little ones – they can dictate their words of thanks or draw a picture. At the Thanksgiving table, you can lay the chain down the middle, or undo each link and read them out to share your thanks with family.



You are invited!

**10th Annual ~Early Childhood Educator Child Care Worker
Appreciation Day**



**Gala Celebration!
Wine & Cheese**

Join us for an evening of appreciation and celebration

Musical Guest ~Maria Hawkins

Date: Wednesday October 27th

Time: 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Location: St. Elias Child Care & Family Resource Centre

Lower Level – North Entrance

700 Ridgewood Ave

The 10th annual Early Childhood Educator Child Care Worker Appreciation Day provides our community an opportunity to celebrate as governments begin to lay the foundations for an early learning and care system where all children have the best opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential.

This evening is dedicated to expressing appreciation to all child care staff for the important work they do in caring for our youngest members of society.

Presentation of Proclamation

Raffles – Slide presentation in celebration of ECECCW

RSVP – Orllie Gogolin (613) 828-8743 reksap@sympatico.ca



The following article is an excerpt from the AECEO 60th Anniversary Package.

We are celebrating sixty years! Imagine that! Our 60th Anniversary represents a major milestone for our organization and is a huge testament to your dedication. On November 5th, 2010 we will celebrate the achievements of yesterday and today and look forward to tomorrow.

Throughout its history, the AECEO has organized and administered important developments in Early Childhood Education in the areas of training, public awareness, certification, equivalency, networking, professional development, supporting quality early learning and care and gaining recognition for the profession. As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration we wish to recognize a rich history of accomplishments, made possible by many dedicated individuals.

The Association prides itself on the collaborative efforts that have allowed us to forge valuable relationships and to achieve our mission throughout six productive decades. We are very proud that our 20 year

campaign for the advancement of early childhood educators in the province through the creation of a professional regulatory body for ECEs was a resounding success, culminating in the historic establishment of the College of Early Childhood Educators in 2007.

The AECEO has also played a leadership role in the development and implementation of Ontario's Full Day Early Learning program, the biggest change in early childhood education in a generation, and a major development for ECEs in this province. We see the changes to come as the vehicle with which to continue to realize our mission and we are proud to represent the voice of ECE professionals as we move forward on this transformational journey to change early learning in Ontario. We know that there will be obstacles to overcome, but we are committed and will make sure that our voice is heard at all times.

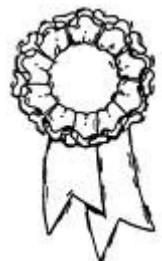
The seeds we plant today will help us to grow new roots and thrive in the future.

Week of the Child 2010 - October 16-24: The Children's Service Pin Award -

During the Week of the Child, the Children's Service Pin is awarded to a member of the local community for his/her distinguished service in the field of Early Childhood Education. Three people from the community will act as judges. They will select a recipient from submitted resumes outlining nominees' achievements and their contributions in recognizing and improving opportunities for the development of young children.

Please submit written nominations for the Children's Service Pin stating achievement of that individual based on the following criteria.

- Describe how this individual has improved life for young children
- Describe leadership qualities (i.e. academic, artistic, athletic)
- Describe any agency, organization, political, volunteer or government service which this individual is/has been involved in
- Overall achievements of individual



**~ See nomination form included with this edition of the newsletter ~
The award will be presented at the Networking Brunch on Oct 23rd.**

AECEO-OVB

Answering & fax machine: (613) 761-8607

Mailing address: Box 8922, Station T, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3J2

Email: aeceoovb@magma.ca Website: www.aeceo.ca/Branches/OVB/default.htm**2010-2011 AECEO - OVB BRANCH EXECUTIVE**

Executive			
Past President	Charlyn Monahan	W: 613-239-2472	charlyn.monahan@ocdsb.ca
President	Beverly Renaud	W: 613-830-4199 x19	renaud4@sympatico.ca
President Elect	Jennifer Kinsella	W: 613-733-0070	jtkinsella@rogers.com
Secretary	Heather Kerr-Gauthier	W: 613-733-0553	chaufrette@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Cathi McLean	W: 613-828-4094	variety@osdn.ca
Standing Committee Chairs			
Human Resources	Executive Committee		
Membership	Eleanor Heap	W: 613- 852-6484	eleanor.heap@ocdsb.ca
Newsletter	Karen O'Meara	H : 613-425-4191	karen.omeara@gmail.com
Professional Development	Lisa Carry	W: 613-526-1541	lcarry@afchildcare.on.ca
Professional Issues	Lisa Lalonde		llalonde50@hotmail.com
Promotional Items	Anna Kyriakakis	W: 613-293-7302	anna.kyriakakis@ocdsb.ca
Special Events	Megan Bell		nutmeg_bell@hotmail.com
Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs			
Week of the Child	Variety Child Care Centre	W: 613-828-4094	variety@osdn.ca
Member at Large	Silvina Alves		Salves74@rogers.com
	Shelley Bond	W: 613-823-7088 x224	s.bond@cityviewcentre.ca
	Nancy Strachan	W: 613-737-3325	southkeys@osdn.ca
Algonquin College Liaison	Leslie Kopf-Johnson	W: 613-727-4723	kopfjol@algonquincollege.com
Heritage College Liaison	Laura Massie	W: 819-778-2270	lmassie@cegep-heritage.qc.ca
OVB Provincial Board Members			
Treasurer	Kim Hiscott	W: 613-736-1913 x223	khiscott@afchildcare.on.ca

OUR PURPOSE*We are the professional association for Early Childhood Educators in Ontario.*

NOTICE BOARD

AECEO-OTTAWA VALLEY BRANCH Monthly Meeting

September to June, the first Monday of each month,
4:00-6:00 pm
OSDN Inc. at 20 Rossland Avenue Phone: (613) 225-5115
aeceoovb@magma.ca

CHILD CARE COUNCIL (CCC) Bi-Monthly Meeting

September to June, the second Tuesday of every other
month, 2:00-4:00 pm
OSDN Inc. at 20 Rossland Avenue
Phone: (613) 225-5115

OTTAWA CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION (OCCA) Monthly Mtg.

September to June, the third Monday of each month,
1:30-3:30 pm
The Youville Centre at 150 Mann Avenue
<http://www.ottawakids.ca/site/occa/>

IMPORTANT DATES

December 10, 2010 - Newsletter Deadline
Please email Karen O'Meara RECE with submissions
karen.omeara@gmail.com

October 16-24 - Week of the Child 2010

October 23, 2010 - Networking Brunch
at the Youville Centre - see page 3 for details

October 27, 2010 - ECE/CCW Appreciation Gala - see
page 5 for details

November 19, 2010 - National Child Day Luncheon
hosted by the Child Care Council at the St. Elias Centre.
Look for details to follow in the community.



The Association of Early Childhood Educators,
Ontario

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 211
Toronto, ON M4R 1B2

Phone: 416- 487- 3157

Ontario Toll Free Phone: 1-866-932-3236

Fax: 416-487- 3758

E-mail: info@aeceo.ca

Website: www.aeceo.ca

A PLACE FOR YOUR ADVERTISEMENT

EMAIL: aeceoovb@magma.ca

Our rates for advertising in the Valley Educator
are as follows per issue:

Business card	\$20.00
¼ page	\$30.00
½ page	\$40.00
1 page	\$55.00
2 pages	\$75.00
Inserts 8.5 x 11 with copies provided	\$25.00

If you are interested in placing an ad please
contact Karen O'Meara RECE at
karen.omeara@gmail.com

We can arrange to pick up your advertisement
and will invoice you when we send you your
complimentary copy of the newsletter.



AECEO-OVB PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

PRICE LIST

Call the AECEO-OVB at (613) 761-8607 to order or visit:

<http://www.aeceo.ca/Branches/OVB/News.htm>

NEW- Circle of Children Pin	\$10.00
1/4 Zip sweatshirt with ECE logo (Black, Navy, Grey)	\$25.00
Fleece Vest with ECE logo (Black, Navy, Sand)	\$40.00
Inuksuk Logo Golf Shirt (Green, Blue, White)	\$25.00
Navy Baseball Cap	\$18.00
ECE Pottery Mug	\$12.00
ECE Travel Mug	\$10.00
Tote Bag with OVB logo or 2005 Conference logo	\$10.00
ECE Gold pin \$6.00	
Inuksuk Brooch (Pewter, Copper)	\$6.00
Inuksuk Keychain	\$4.00
Navy & Gold pen	\$3.00
ECE Pen on a rope	\$2.00