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Happy New Year Message

We hope all of our members have had a great start to 2009. It is important that all ECEs have registered with the College of ECEs as the deadline for registration was Feb 14th and is legislated by law. In order to be recognized as an Early Childhood Educator you must be registered with the College of ECEs.

We are looking forward to our first workshop of the New Year. Shawna Lee will be facilitating an informative and exciting seminar called "Beyond Banning Batman". Please stay tuned for more interesting workshops still to come.

The 2009 Annual General Meeting will take place at Richmond Hill High School on Wednesday April 22nd. Elections for the new executive committee will take place along with a special guest presenter. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

Co-Presidents of the AECEO York Branch
Marisa Giancaspro and Marc Marasco

Register for the College of ECE before February 14th

The Early Childhood Act has been fully proclaimed, this means it will be illegal to use the title of Early Childhood Educator or Registered Early Childhood Educator without being registered with the College of ECEs. If an unregistered individual uses the title of ECE/RECE or is practicing within the scope of practice (as defined by the College), there may be legal action as well as a \$5000 fine.

The Ministry of Child and Youth have issued a statement claiming all Early Childhood Educators working in licensed childcare and home child care agencies will be required to show proof of registration with the College within 10 days of February 14th otherwise a "terms and conditions" notation will be placed on the centre's license.

For more information, visit the College website www.collegeofece.on.ca

Certification Meetings

For members who have already begun the certification process there will be two (2) certification meetings in the month of February. You are encouraged to bring your portfolios and essays as well as any questions you may have.

*There will be a meeting held on **February 25, 2009** at **Kids Come First Childcare Centre**, located at New Westminster and Steeles. If you will be attending this meeting please contact Marisa Balesarra at mar_baldi@hotmail.com or Kristi Vanspall at krusto2@hotmail.com*

If you are interested in applying for Certification the next intake period will be from March 1-31. Please contact the AECEO provincial office directly at 1-866-932-3236 xt.30 or email coliveira@aeceo.ca

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Service Pin and Bev Bernier Award

Each year we recognize members who have shown exemplary qualities in the field.

The *Children's Service Pin Award* and the *Bev Bernier Award* are presented to individuals who have been nominated by their peers for outstanding achievement in the field.

This event acknowledge the recipient's personal

and professional achievements and are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Service Pin Award
Nominees will have demonstrated:

- leadership qualities (i.e. Director, Supervisor)
- involvement in various areas such as: PD, Academic Leadership, Mentoring, Promoting and Encouraging children, staff, families, etc

Bev Bernier Award

Nominees will have demonstrated:

- Involvement is various areas such as: Curriculum Planning, Advocating for children, families and co-workers, PD, etc.

Nominations were accepted on **February 12, 2009**. If you have any feedback regarding the nominee's you can contact st.rene@uppercanadachildcare.com **Due date extended until Feb.26th.**



Mark your Calendar!



York Region Annual General Meeting- April 22- Details to follow



AECEO Annual Provincial Conference-*Building on Foundations for a Stronger Profession* May 21 - 23, 2009 at Ceasars in Windsor, ON A preliminary program for the AECEO's 59th Annual Provincial Conference is now available online.
http://www.aeceo.ca/files/user_files/conferencesection.pdf



Speech and Language : two part workshop- details to follow

Update your Information: Have you moved? Changed email? Not receiving information?



We are continuing to receive bounce back emails and returned mail. To ensure that you are receiving up to date information as it relates to the AECEO please send your updated information to membership executive Carla Williams c_twilliams@yahoo.ca