



Early Learning & Child Care ~Highlights~

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Community Planning~Whats New?

Information Links...

Ministry of Education: www.edu.gov.on.ca

PVNCC Board: www.pvnccdsb.on.ca

KPR School Board: www.kprschools.ca

OCBCC: www.childcareontario.org

Ministry of Children & Youth Services:

www.ontario.ca/en/initiatives/early_learning

Welcome to the first edition of "ELCC Highlights" a newsletter that will be produced and circulated quarterly through-out the year. It is my hope that you will find this newsletter informative and useful. Identified in the community consultation process was the need for the municipality to provide regular information updates and memos. I believe this will be one way to keep everyone informed of Ministry of Education, MCYS and local board announcements, Municipal initiatives and community events in a timely manner. Information that requires a more immediate circulation will be forwarded via email as needed. If you have suggestions to make this newsletter a better resource for you please let me know. I would love to hear from you.

Board of Education...

Just last week both the Public and Catholic Boards of

Education for the City & County of Peterborough formally announced that they will not be offering before and after school care for 4 & 5 year olds during phase one of the Early Learning Program. Both boards determined that based on expressed need/interest it would not be cost-effective to offer this program. Next year they will re-assess the need and are hopeful to offer this program in the fall of 2011. During phase 1, a third party child care provider will provide before & after care at Apsley Public School and Prince of Wales.

operate. A tour also provides the opportunity to glean from these agencies their successes and challenges. As we move forward, it will be important for agencies to consider alternate methods of service delivery. This tour will provide an excellent opportunity for exploration and networking. Tour options are currently being researched and possible dates are being determined. If you would be interested in attending this tour, please contact Sylvia Whelan @ swhelan@peterborough.ca to confirm your interest. More details will be available soon.

Coming this fall...Child & Family Centre Tours

In the Child Care Service Plan, the Municipality committed to examining service delivery models in other communities. A great way to explore other successful models is to tour facilities to see first hand how Child & Family Centres



Important Dates to Remember...

- July 31—Agency Audited/Non-Audited Financial Statements due.
- August 26—Facility Partnership meeting—KPRDSB
- September 22—Business Partners Meeting
- September—United Way Kick Off
- October 6—Supervisor's Network Meeting
- October—Otonabee Valley Child and Family Centre Opening
- October 18-22—Week of the Child
- October 21—ECE Appreciation Day & Banquet, Peterborough Navel Club

Fee Subsidy Waitlist Update

As you are aware, the City of Peterborough has been in a waitlist situation for a year now and as recently reported at the Business Partners meeting there are approximately 280 children on the list and it continues to grow daily. Fortunately, at the beginning of June we were able to ease some of the pressure by pulling 65 children from the wait list. Just last week we were able to

pull another 40 children. We are now at a point of offering care to families who called in 2010 looking for care this past spring and into the summer. Some of the volume of children on our waitlist need care now while others do not require care until the fall. The Case Managers are working hard to move families through the assessment process quickly in order to provide fee

assistance as soon as possible. Please continue to provide your vacancy information each month when you submit your fee subsidy claim forms. This information allows our Case Managers to provide accurate vacancy information to families who are still searching for a child care space. We will continue to keep you apprised of the waitlist status as things change.



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Facility Partnerships - KPRDSB

As part of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Boards new initiative to encourage cooperative and collaborative partnerships for facility sharing the board has recently developed and approved a new policy to support facility partnerships. This policy, along with approved administrative regulations have been posted on their web site, www.kprschools.ca under the Boardroom link, for your review and consideration.

In keeping with the policy, the board has notified identified partners of Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board of school facilities under consideration for potential facility partnerships.

The board has identified the following schools as having under-utilized space:

Highland Heights Public School, Peterborough
Queen Elizabeth Public School, Peterborough
Lakefield District High School, Lakefield
Norwood District High School, Norwood

Parties interested in a potential co-build opportunity, or in locating within an under-utilized school site are encouraged to attend an upcoming public meeting, and/or submit an application (see link above) for Board consideration.

The first public meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 26 @ 2:00 pm** in Room 158 at the Peterborough Education Centre, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough. Please RSVP your attendance to mary_mcgee@kprdsb.ca by August 23.

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. (Henry Ford)

Best Start Child & Family Centres—Next Steps

The vision, as outlined in Dr. Pascal's report "With Our Best Future in Mind" was to create a comprehensive service system for children from 0 –12 years. Part of that vision is already underway with the implementation of full day learning for 4 & 5 years olds. The next phase in achieving the Best Start vision is to develop Child & Family Centres so that Ontario's families are better able to access timely and seamless supports for their children. The government has committed to ensuring that every community has access to an integrated system of services that support children's earliest development. Just last week, MCYS announced the next steps for achieving this part of the vision.

To start, Dr. Pascal and Laurel Broten, Minister of Children & Youth Services, along with local MPP's , will host a number of community engagement tables across Ontario in order to learn about the current experience of families in accessing children's services. This process will include identifying what is working well and how to build

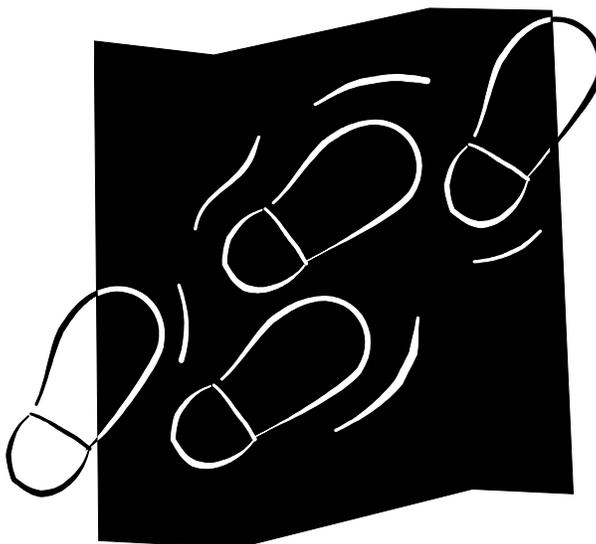
on it, as well as ideas on how to create a genuinely integrated and more accessible system for children and their families. Dr. Pascal and Ms. Broten will also chair a

province-wide reference group to advise on key areas related to the development of Best Start Child & Family Centres(BSCFCs) This will be a multi-disciplinary group with broad representation from across sectors including: early education, health, children's services, special needs, system planners, and others. Within government they have started to develop an inventory of all current programs and activities that support healthy early child development, across all Ministries. This information will help to identify the kinds of services that should be offered in the BSCFCs. This first phase of planning will result in policy framework that will drive the implementation of BSCFCs, along with a plan to further implement the Best Start vision for Ontario's children.

Coming soon...Otonabee Valley CFC

A collaborative partnership between KPR School Board and Peterborough Family Resource Centre. This pilot CFC will host a variety of services and resources to support neighborhood children and families.

Watch for their opening in October.



"Creating a comprehensive service system"