

MOMS Newsletter

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Ode to Summer

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"Canadian children are very free"

At this point of summer it seems as moms we are torn between "Where did summer go, I haven't done half of the things I wanted to do with the family, and I'm going to blow if my children don't stop getting on mine and each others nerves."

I love summer for many reasons. The first being the rest of the year I'm freezing cold. My husband says it's because I'm cold blooded. Very funny! My mother says just wait until menopause, then you'll wish you were cold. "Bring it on I say, I'll finally be warm!"

I love being home with my kids in summer, having an easier schedule, picking berries, making pies and cookies, hanging out at the river with friends and family, swimming, biking, long walks, gardening and enjoying the outdoors. Even as I write this I'm sad summer's winding down.

Our family had a first experience this summer, we added another member to our family for a month, a Japanese student. What a great experience. We had a chance to teach Ayumi about our culture and she taught us about hers. I think she may leave us thinking Canadian children are a bit crazy. Sometimes around our dinner table it seems more like Comedy Central than an eating time. Almost daily I can be found at the table saying "Girls, stop singing, no I don't remember that line from the movie, you're singing again, yes humming counts as singing, that was inappropriate, yes that impersonation sounds real ..."

One day this summer we went to the river with friends. All the kids in our group were smearing black berries on their skin and putting mud all over themselves. I asked Ayumi if Japanese children would act this way. She said "No". When I asked her later how Canadian and Japanese children might differ she said, "Canadian children are quite hyper, but very free". I thought long and hard about that statement. As Canadians I think one beautiful things about our culture is the fact that our children are encouraged to be themselves, to spend time doing sports and activities that they enjoy, and not to take themselves too seriously.

Having our student was an excellent experience and I know we learned as much from her as she did from us. If any of you have the chance to host a Japanese student I would encourage you to do so.

MOMS ...
Strengthening
Canadian
families, one
Mother at a time

MOMS Purpose Statements

1. To provide a network that encourages and equips moms to be the best mothers they can be.
2. To provide mothers the opportunity for personal growth through developing their skills and talents.
3. To provide a safe place for women to share their struggles and concerns related to raising a family.
4. To provide experienced women the opportunity to mentor other mothers.

Where do you fit in MOMS?

MOMS desires to help strengthen Canadian families, one mother at a time. Every woman can play an important role in MOMS. How?

- Give the gift of encouragement to another mom
- Invite a neighbour or friend to your MOMS group
- Offer a ride to a mom who needs transportation
- Encourage your leadership team by being a regular attendee of your group
- Offer to help on the leadership team

Every mom helps make a difference. Thanks for doing your part!

MOMS Corporate Vision

MOMS hopes to continue to spread Chapters across Canada in order to strengthen Canadian families. Corporate needs include volunteers for corporate events and funding for administrative needs.

MOMS projected corporate budget for June 2006-June 2007 is \$28,200.00. We project that about ¼ of this amount will be raised through corporate events this year and the rest we will seek to raise through donations and grants. This is no small or easy task.

MOMS is a registered charity and therefore all donations to MOMS are tax deductible. If you are interested in making a donation to MOMS or have inquiries about how monies will be spent please contact Kelly Rader moms.ca@telus.net
Or send your cheque to:

*MOMS
4383 Wilson Rd. Chilliwack, BC, V2R 5C6*

Thanks for helping us, help others.

Do You Collect HBC Points?

One of our fundraising volunteers has heard of a program called the **HBC Community Program** where moms like you could donate a portion of your HBC reward points to the MOMS corporate account. In turn these points would be used to acquire products, which would be sold at the MOMS Auction or as door prizes for MOMS events.

We would need at least 50-100 interested persons before signing up to do this program because there is a start up fee, which MOMS would have to pay. **So far I have only had 3 responses.**

If you are interested please e-mail Kelly Rader moms.ca@telus.net and state "Yes to the HBC program". If we receive 50-100 interested persons you will be contacted with the information on how to donate points.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Upcoming MOMS Corporate Events

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

November 10th MOMS Silent Auction

February 10th, 2007 MOMS Annual Conference

MOMS Chapters Start Up

Northview Community Church Tuesday, Sept. 19th

Other MOMS Chapters resume beginning of October.

Please see September newsletter for dates and chapter locations.

Hope to see you there.