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465 STAFFORD
STREET
4:00-6:00 P.M.

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Mosaic—This Is What It's All About!



Photos—Jean Tinling

Gabriela with Lucas and leading a Wiggle Giggle and Munch group at Knox Church

My name is Gabriela. I came to Canada 2 years ago from Argentina with my husband and my two young children (1 and 3 years old at that time) looking for a better place to raise them and for a good future for my family.

At that time I didn't think about studying English because there were not too many daycares in Winnipeg. Fortunately I met two wonderful settlement workers who mentioned the Mosaic EAL program to me. The program also provided child minding, so I was there not only for English classes, but for a place where my children could play and meet other children.

During that time I met very nice people and I made a lot of friends from different countries.

Once, Jean Tinling from Mosaic came to invite the class to participate in "NOBODY'S PERFECT", a program for parents. Here we could share experiences with other moms, learn about Canadian culture and laws, and because we love our children, learn how to be good parents and do the best for them.

I continued looking for programs where I could spend more time doing something fun with my children, and I found WIGGLE GIGGLE and MUNCH. This program offers parents and their young children active playing and a healthy snack, and my children and I enjoyed it a lot.

Jean was my English teacher, and she knew how interested I was, and how much I loved to participate in those programs. She offered me the opportunity to be trained as a facilitator for Nobody's Perfect and WG&M.

Now, I'm co-facilitating two programs and I'm a lead facilitator in Wiggle Giggle & Munch at John M. King School helping new facilitators to gain experience and confidence.

I really want to thank Mosaic for giving me the tools and resources to be one of its facilitators helping other newcomer families to be part of the community and to establish themselves in Canada in the best way.

Gabriela Galli

May 14—Teachers Mini Workshop on writing student progress reports in multilevel classes.

12:15-1:15 at Bethel Church

May 18— TEAM Conference for Teachers, Professional Day for Child Care Workers

May 25— TEAM Quiz Night fundraiser to benefit Mosaic! 222 Furby Street 7:00-10:30 p.m. See below for contact information

June 14— Annual General Meeting 4:00-6:00
Bethel Church 465 Stafford Street

June 21— Annual Mosaic Picnic for all EAL classes 9:00-11:00 Assiniboine Park

June 21 last day before summer break!



An evening of trivia, fun and prizes! Test your team's knowledge of current events, sports, history and more! All for a good cause. Register a team (\$10 per player) by calling Liz Rowley 487-7231 rowleyliz@gmail.com



Hong Ji

It has been my privilege to be one of the board members of Mosaic since 2010. I have had a wonderful experience on the board. First, it broadens my knowledge and I've learned lots from the other members and Val.

They are amazing! The more you know them, the more you like them. As board members, we have undivided duties of loyalty, good faith and diligence to act on behalf of all participants of Mosaic. We all try to do our best. Second, I have a desire that is to help and serve people in my life.

Mosaic is a great place to fulfil my desire. It is an excellent opportunity to help and serve immigrants who really need it. I encourage everyone who wants to contribute to Mosaic, don't miss this opportunity and apply for it. Right now I have studied the engineering courses for Post-Bacc. at the U. of M.. I am thrilled with the program! After accomplishing, I am academically qualified for becoming a P. Eng. in Canada and then hopefully I will find a job related to it. Since the busy studies, I decided temporally leave the current volunteer position. I wish all the best for Mosaic!

Let us move forward and follow the dream, my friends of immigrants!



Craftstravaganza!

MAWA - Mentoring Artists for Women's Art, Celebrated International Women's Day with a Mega-Workshop in Craft Practices from around the World. Mosaic was asked to participate and many students and staff turned out for hours of wonderful crafting, coffee, and chatting. The crafts included Rwandan basketry, Bhutanese knitting and our very own Maria Choi (Bethel 3-6, upper right) who taught very eager groups how to do reverse appliqué quilting. Maria is responsible for the Mosaic Quilt made by students and staff in 2009.



Grand Friends

My First Job Fair - Siping Chen

“The job fair last Thursday was very useful. There are many reasons why I like the job fair. First, It can improve my English and my courage. This is my first time to interview a lot of people in English. Then, the job fair had many different kinds of job you can choose. I enjoyed the whole process very much. Finally, the job fair made me meeting people with different age. It let me know how to communicate with them. So the job fair is important for me.”

The simulation job fair event was a result of joint efforts of Mosaic students and teachers, Bethel Mennonite Church staff and volunteers, and Grant Park High School students. At the end of each month, Bethel church seniors join Mosaic students for an hour of conversation circles. Every year at the end of April, teenagers from GPHS have a Day of Service, when they go into the community and volunteer their time and energy at various non-profit organizations. It seemed only natural to make our April conversation circles a bigger event that would bring different generations and cultures together. A job fair proved to be the right format that gave our students (CLB 1-5) a chance to practise their speaking and listening skills in a non-threatening environment that closely simulated a real life event.

Marina Grinko Bethel CLB 3-6 Teacher



Photos: Val Cavers & Marina Grinko

Nobody's Perfect at Sister Mac

What a treat it was last Thursday to be able to celebrate and enjoy homemade cultural food from Somalia, Pakistan, Nepal and Chad at our Nobody's Perfect ending party with the participants in our Sister MacNamara parenting program for newcomers. This incredible group of committed parents is becoming leaders in their community as they come together every Thursday to share their parenting skills with each other and learn new ones. The celebration marks the end of our twelve week program where we discussed parenting, child health and safety concerns, shared natural healing remedies, and games we play with our children and talked about the challenges of parenting in a new country. As always, we were reminded that no matter where in the world we come from, we shared the common bond of loving our children and wanting the best for them.

“It feels so good to make new friends,” said one participant; “And laugh” added another.

“I liked learning how to relax and get rid of stress. I don't want this program to end!” said a third.

Fortunately, we are able to follow the end of Nobody's Perfect with Joan Durrant's Positive discipline program so this group will continue to meet and many are also bringing their friends to the next program.

Jean Tinling—Director of Family Programs



Photo—Jean Tinling

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Mosaic is teaming up with Green Bean to sell Fair Trade Organic Coffee!

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If you would like to order some for you or your office, please call Val at 774-7311.

Mosaic Family Programs — All Mosaic family programs are specially designed to meet the needs of newcomer participants. We offer language and cultural support, and quality child care. All of our programs are Free.

Spring 2012



Joan Durrant's

Positive Discipline Parenting Program for Newcomer Parents
For parents of children birth—18 years

Positive Discipline” describes a non-violent approach to teaching our children, while being respectful of the child as a learner and individual human being

Thursdays 1:15-3:15

May 10—June 21

Sister MacNamara School

460 Sargent Avenue

Downtown



Nobody's Perfect - Parents Sharing & Learning

*Rhymes and songs in English and your language
and a time to talk about being a parent in Canada*



Newcomer Nobody's Perfect for family day care workers- Location: Hugh John MacDonald School, Tues 1:00-3:30, April 10 -June 19, 2012 - FULL

Wednesdays 1:00-3:00

April 18-June 23

Renee Deleurme Centre

Tuesdays 1:15-3:15

January 31-May 22

Bethel Church

465 Stafford Street-**River Heights**

Thursdays 1:15-3:15

February 9—May 3

Sister MacNamara School

460 Sargent Avenue-**Downtown**



Wiggle, Giggle & Munch – Fun & Physical
Spend time with your child playing games having fun A physical activity & nutrition program for pre -school aged children and their parents

Thursdays 1:15-3:15

January 19—June 6

John M King School

525 Agnes Street-**Downtown**



Playback Theatre—Creative & Fun

Thursdays 4:00-6:00

April 26—June 14

Sister MacNamara School

460 Sargent Avenue-**Downtown**



FLAG/ IRCOM

Families Learning & growing together

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30

until June 12

IRCOM Community Room

95 Ellen Street-**Downtown**

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