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NEWCOMER FAMILY
RESOURCE NETWORK

FAST FACTS

Mosaic offers
parenting programs
for newcomer
parents all year long.

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to our many
generous
funders and
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*Thank you,
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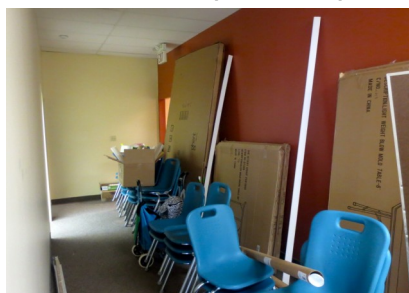
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Every Move Has a Story

Would it ever stop snowing? That was the cry that Kezia, our brand new Program Assistant, heard over and over. How could we move with all of this snow? Would the space even be ready? The renovation was delayed, for this and that reason, but we were patient and happy knowing that we would soon have a home. When the day came, and the renovations were close to being completed, a mover was called and the final complicated arrangements were made; 4 pick-up locations, lots of stuff, and one final destination. It started out with a bang, it was snowing of course, and the movers didn't show up; so into my little car went the first load. Then a panicked phone call to Brian, Brian our reliable handyman, his accent gives him away as being born in



Tons and tons of boxes!

England, always ready to help, him and his van. When news of the movers abandonment spread, Kezia and Tara, and Mahari, who had been in Canada for all of one week, came to the rescue, and somehow, this small troupe got it all done. And of course this was just the beginning, the unpacking, the setting up, the deliveries of new furniture, the year end madness, all descended upon us at that same time. This is Mosaic's first home. Before, our off-site locations were supported by travelling staff working from their homes, and cars; we've been a collection of dedicated, if itiner-



ant people, without a place to call our own. Many thanks to all of the volunteers, spouses and children included, who came out and helped unpack, organize and who brought flowers and tea to keep us going. I'd also like to thank the John Howard Society for providing an office for us for the last 3 years, where we started and from where we grew, and finally, the Adult Language Training Branch, especially Julie Fine and Jo-Anne Schick, who believe in Mosaic and who had the vision to support our goal. We survived the move, of course, it was over in a day or so, now we have the rest of our future to plan.

- Val Cavers



Our family room

Photo by Susan McDougall



Yasmeen, Asia, Zeinab, Secil, Susan, Maria, Seon Young, Ping,
David, Adnan, Adesuwa, Mihret, and Svetlana.

The Students and the Snow Bank! Bethel 2-4 Class

One day it was a very nice day and the teacher brought her camera.

It was winter and it was a snowy day in January 2013.

Our teacher wanted to take a picture of all the students.

It was a very good idea from the teacher. The teacher had a great idea because she wanted us to send the picture to our family and friends in our countries.

They will see snow and weather in Canada.

The class went outside and the teacher took our picture.

We were excited.

There was a very big snow hill in the parking lot.

Adnan said it looks like an ice mountain.

Yasmeen and Asia climbed up the snow bank.

The teacher's tripod broke so we needed some help.

Maria ran to school and brought our volunteer because we wanted a picture with all the students and teacher.

The students have wonderful poses and good smiles.

It was a nice photo.

We were happy to see our friends in the group pictures.

We won't forget our friends.

We will never forget this day.

In future, we will see this picture and we will think about this day.

It was a beautiful day in our life.

We were excited to see the picture in e-mail.

In the end, all the students thanked the teacher and went back to the class. We were very happy.

CanadaHelps is a charitable organization dedicated to help other charities in Canada. Their website has a database of organizations that people can give donations to. You can now give to Mosaic through CanadaHelps. For more information, visit their website and search for Mosaic. www.canadahelps.org



I'm had very nice and good time in this trip. It's a good idea get out and rest together. - Anon.

FGMB class goes on a walk!

Here's what students think of the trip to the River Trail

It was really good walk on the Red River. =) - Anon.

It was exciting to walking river trail for field trip with my classmates and teachers even though it was too cold. We walked river side that had skating trail and music orchestra with wind.

After walking trail, we got some snacks and hot chocolates. It was warm and make happy. This field trip was fun, happy and healthy. - Anon.

I was glad about the field trip we went on in river side. It was cold but I enjoyed the trip we was lead there by our teacher Barbara. She shows us every things in the older days how Red River was being. After we came to rest and enjoy tea and snack. - Anon.

It was exciting walking on the river. -- Jessica

I saw ice statue and wind chimes on the iced river. -- Aeja

It was wonderful field trip. I felt very good. I saw some statues. The children was very happy they liked sledes. They sit on sled and I pulled them. We were very good experience. -- Xue Mei

Riddles!!!

From students of Bethel 2-4 Class

1. It is bigger than a baseball. It is as round as the sun. It is as green as a pea. It is as hard as a water-melon. It is not as sweet as ice cream. What is it?
2. It is bigger than an orange. It is as round as a baseball. It is as green as a cabbage and as red as a raspberry. It is as hard as a grapefruit. It is as sweet as fruit. What is it?
3. It is as hot as a radish. It is as white as a mushroom. It is smaller than an onion. It has pieces like a mandarin. It has a strong smell. What is it?
4. It is bigger than an orange. It is as hard as a potato. It is as sweet as an apple. It is as oval as an egg. It is as juicy as a melon. It is as orange as a papaya. What is it?

Answers on the next page.

Skating - The Brave and the Wonderful!



Photos by Val Cavers

Staff Updates

Three ladies recently joined the Mosaic team.

Lisa Byfield is the new teacher for the CLB 4-6 class at Bethel. **Allison Wilcox** is the new teacher for the Literacy and CLB I class at Fort Garry. **Kezia Malabanan** is the new Program Assistant, and she's mostly at the Carlton office. Welcome to the team!

Photo by The Winnipeg Foundation



Literacy for Life held "Sharing Stories of Family Literacy" last February 8, 2013. Jean Tinling was the keynote speaker. She shared stories about her trip to Africa last year to give parenting workshops to women who work with families in the refugee camps in Kenya.



Mosaic Board of Director's meeting with guests Jane Huck and Linda Xie

Photos by Kezia Malabanan



Childcare space

our
new home



One of the classrooms before ...



... and after.

Volunteer Profile

Jane McGregor

Photo by Barbara Coombs



I first became interested in working with adult EAL learners after a family friend told me about her positive experiences as an EAL volunteer.

I started volunteering with the Winnipeg School Division Adult EAL program a number of years ago and for the last two years I have been helping out at Mosaic's Fort Garry Menonite Brethren Church location. Volunteering has enriched my life in so many ways. It is rewarding to watch the students' progress over the course of a year. Many of the women have young children and I have such admiration for their motivation to study English while raising a family and adapting to a new country. We share a lot of laughter and stories at monthly birthday celebrations and potluck lunches. Barbara Coombs and Jane Huck are knowledgeable and enthusiastic teachers who create a very positive learning environment. Next year I hope to begin the EAL Teaching Certificate program. I am also a music lover and in my spare time I take piano lessons and sing with my 18 year old daughter in a community choir.



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Newcomer Family Resource Network

We would like to invite you to our open house on **April 26th**, Friday. Come and see our new location at **397 Carlton Street** from 3pm to 5pm.

The main event will be at 4pm.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Join us in celebrating our new home!

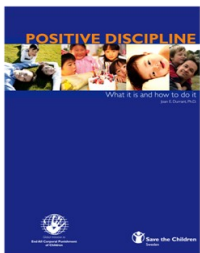
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See you there!

1. Cabbage 2. Watermelon 3. Garlic 4. Mango

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Spring 2013



Joan Durrant's

Positive Discipline Parenting Program

for Newcomer Parents

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

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30

April 24—June 19

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397 Carlton Street

Downtown

Benchmark 6+

Wednesdays 1:00-3:30

April 17—June 19

CMWI

Special program combining Nobody's Perfect and Positive Discipline for home day care providers—Full



Connecting Community Through the Arts

Creative family literacy fun

Thursdays 9:15-11:15

May 2—June 20

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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

April 18—June 6

John M King School

525 Agnes Street

Downtown



**Bounce Back And Thrive
Resiliency Training for Parents**

*A program for parents with children under the age
of 8 years. BBT helps parents build skills that increase their
capacity to role model resilience in their daily interactions
with their children*

Tuesdays 1:15-3:15

April 16—June 18

John M King School

525 Agnes Street

Downtown



FLAG/ IRCOM

*Families Learning & Growing Together
Family fun and games and an opportunity to
make a family book*

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30

Ongoing

IRCOM Community Room

95 Ellen Street

Downtown

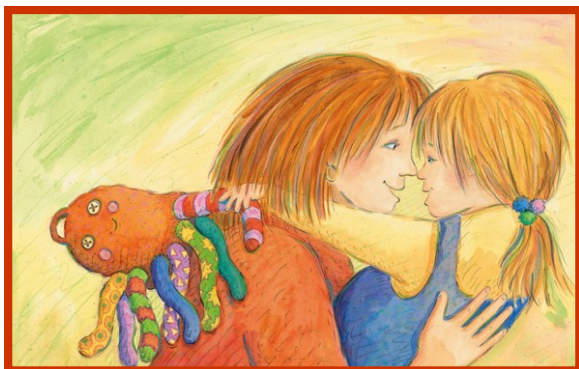
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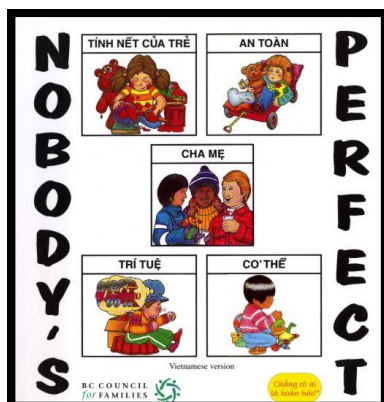
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**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program
for Newcomer Parents**

Parents Sharing & Learning

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



Wednesdays 9:15-11:15

May 1—June 19

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Downtown

Tuesdays 9:15-11:15

April 30—June 18

Turtle Island Neighbourhood Centre

510 King Street

William Whyte

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00

April 23—May 28

Waverly Heights Community Centre

1885 Chancellor Drive

Southwest



Grandfriends!

Sharing and caring across generations

*Prepare food together and take home
a multicultural recipe book*

Thursdays 1:15-3:15

May 2—June 20

Bethel Church

465 Stafford Street

River Heights



Handle with Care – Families Staying Healthy

*Helping parents and caregivers promote the mental
health of young*

children from birth to 6 years

Dates and times

to be announced

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