

# Bee Haven Child Care Centre

October 2010  
Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I have decided to write to you this month as a parent not as a childcare operator.

Some of you may know that I have a 6 year old daughter, Alexis. She attends grade 1 and a school- age program 5 days a week near our house.

I remember her first day at her new daycare. I had the same concerns that I am sure all of you had – Is she going to be happy? Is she going to be included and make friends, will she be safe? What if she gets hurt, who is going to wipe her tears? And of course the list went on and on! You put complete trust in the caregiver's at that centre to take care and look after the needs of your child.

Being in the childcare field I am familiar with Childcare Licensing Regulations, and know who they are and how to get a hold of them to express any concerns. As a parent, it is your right to know of all regulations and they can be found at the following website:

[http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/ccf/child\\_care.html](http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/ccf/child_care.html)

I truly believe that if you are providing quality childcare then why not post the information. The purpose of the Child Care Regulation is to protect the health, safety and well-being of children in licensed settings. The Child Care Regulation defines the Ministry of Health's expectations concerning the minimum acceptable quality of service to be provided to children and families. Regulations are not intended as an intrusion, but as necessary protection for children and families.

I wanted to share this with all of you to get the message across that if something doesn't "sit" well with you about the care your child is receiving, then you can do something about it. You have every right to contact a childcare licensing officer to voice your concerns or have them answer any questions. I would hope that first and foremost you would contact myself, if you have any concerns, and I will do my best to address any concerns as quickly as possible to resolve any issues.

You can contact Vancouver Coastal Health and ask to speak to a childcare licensing officer at 604-983-6700

Or directly to our assigned licensing officer; Kitty Roberts at 604-983-6845 or [kitty.roberts@vch.ca](mailto:kitty.roberts@vch.ca)

## Mt.Olivet Location

1700 Mt.Highway  
North Vancouver, BC V7J 3S2

Phone:  
604-924-4837

## St. Clements Location

3400 Institute Road  
North Vancouver, BC V7K 2K9

Phone:  
604-980-6833

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North Vancouver, BC

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All of Bee Haven Childcare  
Centres are  
**NUT FREE FACILITIES**

*KIM*



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT BEE HAVEN

### **FREE Parent Education Night!!!**

**DATE: Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 7:00-9:00pm**

**WHERE: Mt. Olivet location  
1700 Mountain Hwy, North Vancouver**



**Please RSVP by October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Come meet Bee Haven's licensing officer from VCH, Kitty Roberts. She will begin with a power point presentation on the role of licensing, their involvement in the centres and what they look for when they do inspections of childcare centres. Come with questions!

Childminding will be available (must sign up prior to the evening)



### **Bee Haven's Cottage**

1151 Heywood Street  
North Vancouver

**Saturday October 16, 2010**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Come join us and view the newly renovated Bee Haven -The Cottage.  
The premier childcare centre for 0 to 3 and 3 to 5 year olds.**

**Meet the staff and find out about our new ½ day program for 0 to 12 month olds  
Come play in our pumpkin patch and enjoy Halloween crafts**

**Receive a free pumpkin for a donation to the Harvest Project of size 3, 4 or 5  
diapers, baby wipes or formula.**

**For Information or Enrollment enquiries please call 604-908-6626  
Or visit us at [www.beehavenkids.com](http://www.beehavenkids.com)**



Twas the night before school started  
When all through the town  
The parents were cheering  
It was a riotous sound.  
By eight the kids were washed  
And tucked into bed.  
When memories of homework  
Filled them with dread.  
New pencils, new folders, new  
notebooks too  
New teachers, new friends-their  
anxiety grew  
The parents just giggled when they  
learned of this fright  
And shouted upstairs-  
GO TO BED-IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT!

Just a reminder .....

If you haven't already entered in to our "Bee Haven Anniversary"  
Contest, please do so by Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Contest details and  
entry form was in September's newsletter.

The draw will take place at the Parent Ed night on Wednesday  
October 13<sup>th</sup>.

GOOD LUCK!!!!



Add us as a 'friend' on  
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*Bee Haven Childcare*



## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please watch by the sign in/out sheets in your child's program for October's calendar. (If it isn't posted already it will be in the next day or two) The staff have worked hard planning fun and exciting activities for the programs. Please let the staff know if you would like a hard copy of this calendar.

Hello, my name is Trey and I have just begun as a school age care leader at the St. Clements Bee Haven location. I have previously worked at Parkgate Community Centre in North Vancouver as a school age care leader and supervisor, sports instructor, youth leader, and kinder care assistant. I am very excited to bring my 10 years of experience in the sports, childcare and summer camp settings to the programs at St. Clements Bee Haven. When I'm not at Bee Haven I am busy playing various sports, such as hockey, golf, basketball, and racquetball, as well as working on completing a degree in public relations from BCIT through part time studies. I have already completed a BA in political science from Acadia University in Nova Scotia. I look forward to getting to know all the kids and families better over the next year, and will strive to bring my energy and excitement to the program at St. Clements.



District Wide PRO D DAY  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND**

