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## FAMILY LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

Each year, across Canada, literacy organizations celebrate Family Literacy Day on January 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a time to encourage families to read together each day for 15 minutes and reinforces the importance of literacy activities within the family.

This year in collaboration with Sacred Heart Catholic School and the Success by 6<sup>@</sup> Community Team we organized a "Wonder of Words" Family Event held at the school on the morning of January 28<sup>th</sup>. We invited our patron, Lieutenant Governor, Lois Hole to share a family story with the

students and help distribute a new book to each of the children. She kept the children enthralled as she delighted them with stories about her children when they were young. Councillors Michael Phair, Jane Batty, Janice Melnychuk, and Doug McNally, Edmonton Community Foundation Executive Director shared stories in several of the classes along with In-School Mentors, Bill Pechtel, Lanna Kelly, and Mary Paranchych. The Kindergarten and Grade One classes were treated to stories in Chinese and Vietnamese by Mimi Chan and Hoa Nghiem and Grade 6 students heard a wonderful story from Aboriginal storyteller Rocky Dumais, Global News' Lynda Steele, Dr. Ruth Hayden, and Edmonton Public Libraries' Alex Stephenson also brought favourite stories to share with their classes.

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Lieutenant Governor, Lois Hole, Randy Boissonnault, and Maureen Sanders at Sacred Heart School



"Will you promise me to read at home a little bit every day?" the Lieutenant Governor asks the children.

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This wonderful show of support from the community and Sacred Heart School enabled this event to be a great success.



Children and guests gather in the hallway of the school

Thank you to our sponsors for their donations of books, posters, and snacks for the children:

Canada Safeway, Callingwood Chapters, Westend Coles, Kingsway Garden Mall Greenwoods' Small World Indigo Books, Music & Cafe Save-On-Foods, Kingsway



Her Honour and Randy Boissonnault visiting one of the classrooms



Photo courtesy The Edmonton Sun

The Lieutenant Governor reads to Sacred Heart students on our COW bus on Family Literacy Day

## COW STORYBOOK BUS

2001 saw tremendous growth in the number of communities being served by the C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) bus. At the end of June, the bus was visiting five locations around Edmonton: Athlone, Eastwood, Bannerman, Sakaw and Richfield. Two new sites were added at the beginning of November, McCauley and Youngstown. In December, Canora was added to the communities we visit, and on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Balwin and Caernarvon completed our schedule. We currently serve 108 families and loan out approximately 650 books per month.

The C.O.W had a few illness during the fall but a new engine and lots of T.L.C. from Earle, who is driving the bus, have her MOOving along nicely. We know this year will see new families visiting the bus and sharing the many wonderful children's stories.

Darrell Giraldeau

## OUR OPEN HOUSE

Last November we held our Open House and were delighted to play host to over 150 guests who dropped by to visit our new location. It was great seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Local businesses Kyoto Japanese Restaurant, Badass Jack's Subs & Wraps, and A Capella Catering generously supplied lovely trays of hors-d'oeuvres for our event. Starbucks staff volunteered their time to help us with our event and also supplied the great gourmet coffee for all of our guests.



*Vitalize 2002* will be held in Calgary on June 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Telus Convention Centre.

This conference is organized each year by The Wild Rose Foundation to give volunteers in Alberta the opportunity to network and learn new skills. "Our Future is Now" is the theme for *Vitalize 2002*.

The registration fee is \$120 and includes all educational/keynote presentations, all conference meals, a delegate kit bag, entrance to the Exhibitor's Fair and transportation to and from *Vitalize 2002* on chartered Greyhound buses from designated centres within Alberta.

For more information please call June Hughes 421-7323 ext: 232

A big  
**THANK YOU**  
to our 38  
volunteers who  
came out to  
help us with our  
casino in  
January



Photo courtesy Lyle Southam

## Patron

Lieutenant Governor  
The Honourable  
Lois Hole

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**WHAT'S  
NEW!****In-School Mentoring Update:**

Since September Shirley Hill has presented 20 initial training sessions and 7 supplementary training sessions for 154 mentors. She has presented workshops on phonics, reading comprehension, spelling, writing and activities.

**Upcoming Volunteer Tutor Workshops:**

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Each session will be held in the Training Room at the Centre. Please call June at 421-7323 Ext. 232 for more details.

**Books for Babies Update:**

There will be a training session for New Facilitators on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Call Ann Wylie at 421-7323 Ext. 235 if you wish to attend.

**Office hours**

Monday &	
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Please call the office for dates and sites for family literacy programs. Phone: 421-7323



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