

**Southeast Kootenay
Child Care Resource & Referral
Monthly Bulletin**



September 2025

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Information and Resources**

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please call the office at:

250-426-5677 or 1-800-661-2445

**prior to coming, in case of
unexpected office closures or
meetings, to avoid disappointment!**

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SKCCRR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important SKCCRR office hours for September

SKCCRR will be closed the following days:

- Monday September 1st and Tuesday September 30th



Toy Lending Library

- Toy Lending Library Memberships are now due for the 2025 - 2026 borrowing year
- Please ensure that all items - including the bins (inside and out) are cleaned before returning.
- The checklists in the bins are for the borrowers to fill out before the toys are played with and again before they are returned. Please take the time to fill them out completely.



EVERY CHILD MATTERS

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY
SEPTEMBER 30TH**

Orange Shirt Day recognizes the harm done to generations of children by the Indian Residential Schools and is an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that **every child matters**. Orange Shirt Day also recognizes our commitment to reconciliation, anti-racism and anti-bullying in general.



Presents:

Laurie McIntosh

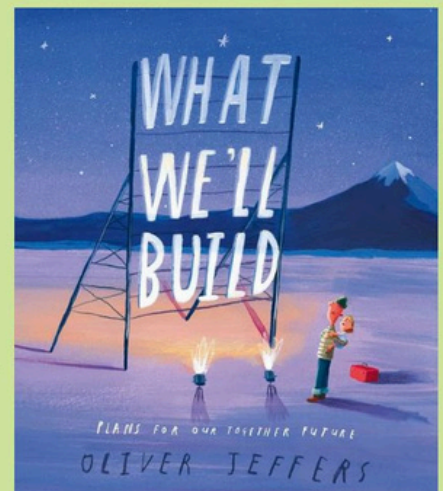
WHAT WE'LL BUILD:

Stories and Strategies to Help
Build Connection, Skills and
Community in the Early Years

WHAT WE'LL BUILD: Based on the book of the same name by Oliver Jeffers, we will reflect on key questions relating to how we can continue to affirm, celebrate and challenge one another to continue to build up early education with wellness, books and community so no one is left alone. Attendees can expect to leave with strategies that will help build connection to themselves, their community, the kids in their care and the families they serve.

What people will remember most about you, your legacy, will have so much more to do with a felt sense than it ever will with words or numbers. This day will remind you that whatever you've got on any given day is (more than) enough which is something we all deserve to hear and feel right now.

Let's see what is possible to build together.



Presented by: Laurie McIntosh

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (MDT)

Location: Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort
209 Van Horne St S, Cranbrook, BC

Conference registration fee: \$40.00 per person

Payable to Community Connections Society by: cash, cheque, credit, debit, e-transfer.

Includes: lunch & afternoon snacks - SKCCRR will be covering the remainder of the costs

See conference cancellation policy

Register via email: skccrr@ccssebc.com or 250-426-5677

Required for registration:

- Legal name for certificate
- Email address
- Phone number
- Notable allergies (lunch and snacks provided)

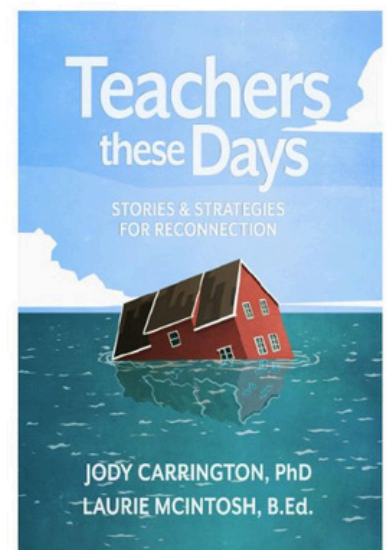
Deadline to register: Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

SKCCRR conference cancellation:

Request for conference cancellation must be received by 4:00 PM on Thursday, September, 25, 2025. Cancellation requests received by this deadline will receive a credit voucher (no refunds) to be used towards future conferences/workshops at SKCCRR. Cancellations after this date will receive no credit voucher; however, you can send a substitute in your place. Please call the office to inform us of the substitution.

Some of the best lessons are anchored in the golden moments of kindness, connection, and community... and these are the moments that Laurie lives for. With compassion and thoughtfulness, Laurie acknowledges and affirms the accomplishments of teachers and students through connection and relationship. A cheerleader, storyteller, light bringer, and dreamer, Laurie McIntosh uses her twenty+ years in education to build connections and forge new paths.

With the stories of writing "Teachers These Days" with Dr. Jody Carrington, her appearances on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and The Traitors Season 2, and now a member of the Outside Pin Team with Dr. Shelley Moore, Laurie strives to build community to define and exemplify what it truly means to be a "teacher these days."



Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

Pedagogical Narration in Practice Part 5 of 5

Make Pedagogical Choices

Pedagogical choices include the plans, materials, and provocations that educators choose in their daily practice with children. Through the process of engaging with a pedagogical narration, educators can think about why particular choices are made and can experiment with ideas. Choices and experimentations will likely lead to further documentation, reflection, continued collaborative dialogue, new links to the Early Learning Framework and theory, and new and more pedagogical choices in practice. Together educators and children can invent new ideas or try different materials or processes, all the while remaining open to other possibilities. In this way pedagogical narration can support emergent curriculum.



Expanding on an idea:

Thinking with multiple perspectives: Pedagogical narration offers the opportunity to make the complex thinking of children and educators visible and to place this thinking alongside thinkers in other disciplines, such as (but not limited to) artists, scientists, philosophers, musicians, anthropologists, sociologists, environmental scientists, technicians, tradespeople, and educators. For example, discussing a child's block construction with an engineer opens perspectives educators may not have considered.

Are you interested in supporting a fellow Early Childhood Educator?



Join your local peer mentoring group!

Get involved and share your experience, whether you are new to the field or more experienced!

Elements of the program:

- **Peer-mentoring**
- **Online support**
- **Monthly professional learning opportunities**
- **Local community of practice**
- **Certificate of Participation**

The purpose of the program is to support the ongoing professional learning needs of new and experienced Early Childhood Educators across British Columbia. A goal of the project is to reduce the number of Early Childhood Educators leaving the field. You will have the opportunity to meet with a peer-mentor, participate in monthly community of practice meetings locally, and increase your knowledge of emerging topics and issues in the field. You may be asked to submit reflections or participate in a focus group or interview that may be used to document and share the outcomes of the program.

Visit <https://www.ecebc.ca> for more information.



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Peer Mentoring PROGRAM

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Features of the Month:

Stacking Block Balancing Game 4-257



Animals Care for Mother Earth set 4-585

Metis Learning Guide and Culture Kits 4-497 & 4-498



Jumbo Weaving Frames 4-286

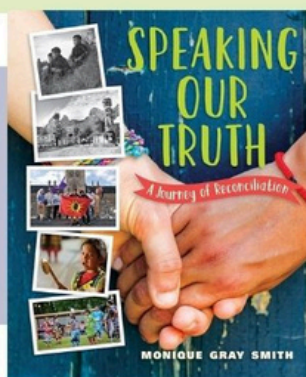
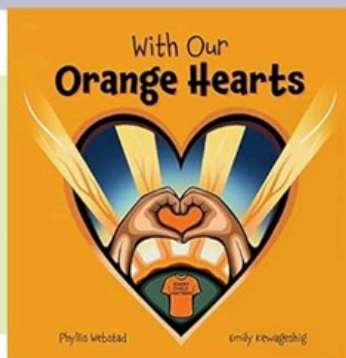


Features of the Month: Orange Shirt Day Books

“With our Orange Hearts”

by Phyllis Webstad

Both English and French versions available
appropriate for all children



“Speaking our Truth. A journey of Reconciliation”

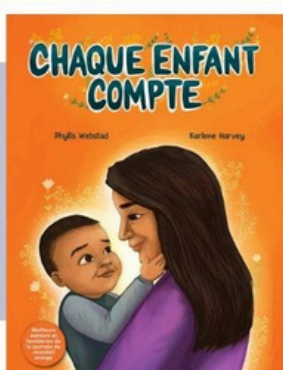
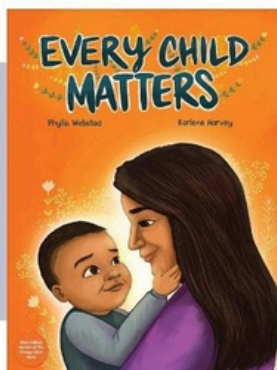
by Monique Gray Smith

appropriate for teens and adults

“The Orange Shirt Story”

by Phyllis Webstad

appropriate for school age children



“Every Child Matters”

by Phyllis Webstad

Both English and French versions available
appropriate for all children

“Orange Shirt Day, September 30”

“Beyond the Orange Shirt Story”

both books by Phyllis Webstad

appropriate for teens and adults



Activity Ideas



<https://www.pre-kpages.com/oatmeal-apple-sensory-play/>

<https://simplybeingmommy.com/2018/10/12/apple-pie-play-dough/>



Pom Pom Painting Trees

<https://jinxykids.com/pom-pom-fall-leaf-painting-craft/>

<https://toddlerapproved.com/fine-motor-skills-activity-with-beads/>



Ktunaxa Language:

First Voices

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/>

kuʔ#makaku- September (ripening of chokecherries)

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=September&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>



Çupnakutnamu- Fall, autumn time

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=fall&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>

kamakçi- Orange (color)

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=orange&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>



kanusnana / kanuhusnana - Apple

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=apple&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>

Ambassador Pilot Project

The Goal of the ECEBC Ambassador Pilot Project is to build local connections and enhance knowledge of ECEBC fostering increased linkages between ECEBC and local educators. Fostering alignment with the ECEBC mission, vision, obligations and society purposes; the 10 new Ambassadors across BC are here to support knowledge mobilization of ECEBC programs, services, mission, vision and messaging.

Through the two new Interior Region ECEBC Ambassador roles, will be working to:

- Share information about ECEBC programs, resources and services.
- Mobilize knowledge of ECEBC messaging and initiatives.
- Connect with local ECEs and sectors, ensuring voices are heard.
- Support local ECEBC branches and foster new local ECEBC branches.
- Encourage ECEBC membership.
- Determine local community's needs, desires, concerns and gaps and share back to ECEBC.
- Coordinator/attend events, professional development, conversation circles, COPs, etc. with local ECEBC branches and current ECE tables.
- Connect with the Provincial Ambassador team and ECEBC Coordinators.
- Bring forth multiple ECE voices for ECEBC growth and future opportunities (i.e. social media, journal and Podcast, programs).

For more info on the ECEBC Ambassador Program, please go to: <https://www.ecebc.ca/sector-initiatives/ecebc-ambassador-pilot-project>.

Meet the ECEBC Ambassadors

Leola

Interior Region

Leola has been an Early Childhood Educator and a passionate advocate and advancing the sector. By responding to current practices for 30 year she actively collaborates within her community, creating professional development and opportunities to connect with fellow Educators.

As ECEBC Ambassador of the Interior, Leola looks forward to building connections in her new role and expanding her capacity to advocate for the role of the ECE professional.

Welcome Leola!



Meet the ECEBC Ambassadors

Nadine

Interior Region

Nadine is a strong believer in the power of relationships, and is committed to uplifting and supporting ECE's through mentorship, training, and meaningful engagement.

As an ECEBC Ambassador, her hope is to amplify and support the voices of ECE professionals, to ensure that the Interior Region thrives in delivering high-quality early learning experiences.

Welcome Nadine!



Leola McMillan is located in Vernon, BC and can be reached at leola@ecebc.ca

Nadine Gagné is located in Peachland, BC and can be reached at nadine@ecebc.ca

Child Care Provider Outreach

September Outreach Information:

- Elk Valley Thursday September 4th
 - Cranbrook & area Tuesday September 9th
 - Kimberley & area Thursday September 11th
- * please note that all outreach is subject to weather and road conditions

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If you have toys that are being returned, please ensure that they are clean/sanitized, and that the inventory checklist has been completed prior to pickup.



Find the SKCCRR toy library at:
<https://can.accessit.online/EST21>

Crafty Creations:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/136469458@N07/albums/72157719629135450>



Services through SKCCRR

- **Monthly bulletin – includes up-to-date child care information, programming activity suggestions, and other resources.**
- **Consultation, monthly outreach, and support to all registered child care facilities/programs and the child care workforce - call us even just to chat, vent, brainstorm, and share ideas!**
- **Affordable Child Care Benefit application support (for both providers and families).**
- **Child Care referrals.**
- **Professional development, networking, and training sessions for child care providers, ~~child care workforce~~, families/caregivers, and community partners.**
- **Free toy/equipment/resource lending library.**
- **Information, resources and support in opening up a quality child care facility for Municipalities and Community Partners.**
- **Crafty Creations craft store – access to non-toxic, quality craft supplies.**
- **Community consultation, meetings and development.**
- **Laminating service every Tuesday - \$0.75 per linear foot.**
- **Early Years Teams supports.**

We gratefully acknowledge that the land on which we live, and work resides within the unceded traditional territory known as ʔamakís Ktunaxa, the homelands of the Ktunaxa Nation, while recognizing the Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous peoples who live here.



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of our region

VISION: A recognized leader in providing a wide spectrum
of services that support individuals and families

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