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Moon Festival 2007

Congratulations to the organizing committee and volunteers of the moon festival on another successful annual event. Several Renfrew-Collingwood residents came out to celebrate this autumn festival by participating in the harvest and healing fair. Many brought their various and unusual vegetables. I was honoured to participate as a vegetable judge, a task that I take pleasure in every year. I would like to send a special recognition to Carmen Rosen and Terry Tayler and many of the volunteers who have made this event a huge success.

Change in Homework Club Hours

This is a notice that the homework club hours of operation has changed to Fridays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Get assistance from volunteers of the Vietnamese Student society of BC. Children from grades 4 to 10 are welcome. Get extra tutoring in math or science or just spend time practicing your reading and spelling. For more information or to register, contact Que Tran Hoang at 604-660-0314. Space is limited, so sign up fast.

What is this Baby Bonus?

I received an inquiry this month about the Children's Education Fund, also known as the "baby bonus" that the provincial government is offering families who have children born on or after January 1, 2007. Many have inquired how they can be eligible for this fund. The Children's Education Fund is a \$1000 grant that will go to eligible parents who have children born during this time in the province of BC, and it will also include children born outside the province whose parents who ordinarily reside in BC such as Canadian Forces Personnel or mothers who travel outside of BC for specialized medical care. There is no need to apply or register for this benefit, because you would automatically be eligible for this grant if your child is born in BC on or after January 1, 2007.

However, when your child is ready to enter a qualifying post-secondary institution, eligible beneficiaries will simply have to apply for the benefit at the time as long as they are age 26 or younger. Qualifying educational institutions will include a wide range of BC-based institutions providing academic, trades or other vocational training. The benefit will be available to contribute towards the cost of tuition or other related educational expenses such as books and living expenses.

So therefore, the money will not be available to you once your baby is born, only when they will apply for a qualifying post secondary institution 18 years from now. For more information, you can visit the government website at www.gov.bc.ca.

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