



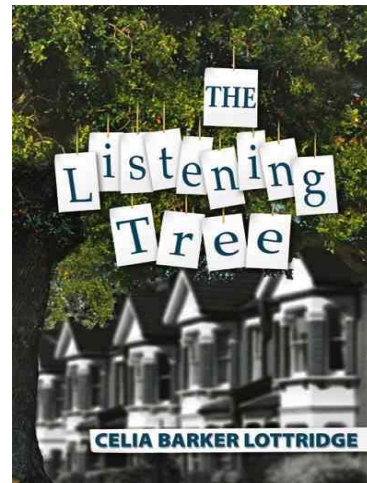
Parent-Child Mother Goose Program®
Programme la Mere l'Oie pour parents et enfants

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Network News

Mother Goose's own Celia Lottridge releases a new novel:

Celia Lottridge has recently released a new novel, The Listening Tree, which is written for a grade school audience. Celia is one of the founders of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program and a former Executive Director of the National P-CMGP. She has been the author, editor or compiler of many books of stories, rhyme and stories for all ages and audiences. Be sure to check out Celia's latest release at an online retailer near you!



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Mother Goose Around the World ...

Mother Goose in Beijing

Hoppy new year of the golden rabbit from Beijing!

My name is Susanne Zavratsky and after Helen Robertson's return to Canada I now have the pleasure to continue the Circle of the Sun.

My first solo sessions following the apprenticeship were held during fall and booked out even before they started - such was the reputation the program and Helen established. I must admit I was not really solo though as I was accompanied by either baby Teddy or toddler George and helper Bilinda.

At this point a big **Thank you** to all of them - and to my partner Tom - for being my practice partners and guinea pigs.

The success continues and the following winter session was again booked out with 15 families in both the baby and the toddler class each.

Feedback was positive and very grateful parents rewarded me with a voucher for a full day head-to-toe pampering session at a spa!

"We really enjoyed the class. Thank you so very much! You've given our family so many smiles and soothing sounds. We love all the songs!"

" A BIG thank you to you. It was so great to get out with Caia and your energy was/is contagious! :) We enjoyed every class and I will definitely continue to use the songs, bounces, stories, etc. with Caia. Will see you in the toddler class soon enough!

Some families fed back that there was too much material in too little time, so my mantra for 2011 shall be to "Do less, more often" and not let myself get carried away wanting to teach absolutely every single lullaby, song, rhyme, bounce. Hmmm, this will be tough.

While everybody is relaxing over the Chinese New Year holidays Circle of the Sun is preparing the spring sessions which are scheduled to commence on March 3rd.

Susanne Zavratsky

**Circle of the Sun Toddler class fall 2010
closely watching "Here's a little bunny".**



Helen Robertson's last Circle of the Sun Baby class in summer 2010 (Helen in center in turquoise, in front of her is Susanne with baby Edward)

... Mother Goose Across Canada ...

Mother Goose Across Generations

The partnership between Maggie's Place Family Resource Center and the Colchester East Hants Public Library to offer the Baby, Me & Mother Goose Program (A Parent-Child Mother Goose Program) is 9 years old this year. We have seen hundreds of babies, Moms and Dads over this time. We offer three 10-week sessions a year and vary the location with one at our centre, one at the local branch of the public library and one at a local long term care facility. This formula has allowed us to reach families who live in various areas of our community as well as increasing the accessibility of the family resource and library programs.

The program offered at a long term care facility is particularly near and dear to our hearts. Watching the resident's faces and hearing them talk to the babies as they are shown around at the end of each session is priceless. The residents who are able reach out to touch the babies and reminisce about their own families. We sometimes hear the residents singing along with us if we are using an old rhyme or if they are able to remember one we have taught and repeated each week. We have found the long term care facilities we have visited to be incredibly welcoming to our program and are anxious for us to return each year.

We look forward to continuing with this wonderful partnership and are very grateful for Celia Lottridge getting us excited about the P-CMGP all those years ago. It certainly is the highlight of our week to sing, rhyme and tell stories with our families!

Nancy Thurston
Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre,
Truro, NS

**Baby, Me & Mother Goose at
Cedarstone Enhanced Care Centre, Truro, NS.
We're playing Peek-a-boo with Doodly Do.**

Doodly Do

Doodly do, doodly do
I've lost my baby, now what shall I do?
Doodly dee, doodly dee
I open my fingers and what do I see?
My baby!



... Things to share ...

The Grandfather Clock -

(sway from side to side on lap)

The Grandfather clock goes tick, tock, tick, tock (slow)

The Kitchen clock goes tick-tock-tick-tock (faster)

And Mommy's watch goes ticka-ticka-ticka-ticka (faster or tickle)

The Hanky Panky

(a simple bouncy rhyme)

Down on the banks of the Hanky Panky,

The bull frogs jump from bank to banky

With a hip hop, hip-pity hop,

Jump off the lily pad and Ker plopl!

What our Teachers Say

One mom attended for the first time with her little one and we sang the Italian lullaby. It turns out her mom speaks Italian and she got the words from us to take to her mom. She felt so comfortable she now attends our program on a regular basis and reports sharing and learning other Italian rhymes from her mom. "it's brought my mom and I closer together." she reports.

Pam Lillico,

What our Teachers Say

Thank you, Mother Goose is a beautiful program. I try my hardest to live up to the wonderful philosophies – imperfectly, but what I love about Mother Goose is that it is practical and made for imperfect days.

Shelly McElroy,
Calgary, AB

Momma's Little Baby

Tune: Skip to my Lou

Momma's little baby can blow a kiss

And rub noses just like this

Two little hands can clap, clap, clap

And ten little toes can tap, tap, tap

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program story and rhyme books, CDs, DVDs and posters can now be purchased through the Mother Goose website using PayPal: <http://www.nald.ca/mothergooseprogram/resource.htm>. Be sure to check out the great resources that are available! Orders may still be placed by phone or by downloading an order form and mailing or faxing it to the Toronto P-CMGP office as indicated on the order form.

This is a great gift idea for staff . Please share the news with your friends, family, and colleagues!

Share your program with the rest of the P-CMGP Network!

Write about your program for the Network News newsletter. It brings joy, strengthens the Network and creates new energy when you share your stories across Canada and around the world.

We love to include your stories, rhymes, pictures and news.

Please send submissions to Nancy Thurston, Newsletter Editor: nancy@ns.aliantzinc.ca

... Saying Good Bye to a few friends of Mother Goose ...

Doreen Hamilton, who passed away suddenly on January 3rd, 2011 was a long time and hard working supporter of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. She served as a board member from the early days of the program and was a member of the National Council when it was first formed.

Doreen's determination to find funding sources and make government bodies and other agencies know about our program were extremely important. She worked with three successive Directors and never failed to be innovative and energetic.

She really appreciated the beauty of the rhymes and stories we use and one of her joys was that her grandson Oscar attended our Parkdale program when he was a baby. Her house on Toronto Island was simple and peaceful with a lovely Japanese garden. Many of us here in Toronto visited her there and the last board meeting of every spring was held on her deck, with a delicious pot-luck picnic. We will miss Doreen and remember her lasting contribution to our program.

Deborah Berman, a member of the board of the Toronto P-CMGP for many years, died in February, 2011 after a short illness. She brought with her a useful background in the personnel department of the Toronto Public Library and a deep commitment to the welfare of young children and their families.

We will miss her enthusiasm for the program and her cheerful willingness to undertake many jobs for the board. Deborah worked especially hard on the Toronto Region's fundraising evening last October 2010 and contributed greatly to the success of that event.

Celia Lottridge

... Stories to Share ...

“Bye-Bye” A story from Haiti

All the birds were going to fly from Haiti to Toronto. Turtle wanted to go with them but he had no wings. .

Pigeon was Turtle's good friend. Turtle said to him, “Please, Pigeon. Take me to Toronto with you. Please.”

Pigeon thought and thought. Finally He said, “Turtle, here's what we'll do. I'll hold one end of a piece of wood in my mouth and you hold the other end. I'll lift you into the air and you can go with me. But Turtle, you must remember one thing. You must not say a word. Do not open your mouth! Will you remember?”

“I promise,” said Turtle.

So Pigeon took one end of the piece of wood and Turtle took the other end. Up into the air flew Pigeon and Turtle came right after him, across the land and toward the sea.

All the animals had gathered together on the beach to wave goodbye to the birds. They saw Pigeon and then they saw Turtle. They stopped waving and a great hubbub broke out.

“Look!” they cried to each other, “Turtle is going to Toronto. Even Turtle is going to Toronto!”

Turtle could hear them all talking about him. He was very, very pleased.

“They all see me,” he thought. “They know that I am going to Toronto.”

And he called out the one English word he knew:

“Bye-Bye!”

Oh-oh. Turtle had opened his mouth and when he opened his mouth he let go of the piece of wood and down he went, into the sea.

And that is why there are many Pigeons in Toronto but Turtle is still in Haiti.

Submitted by: Celia Lottridge

... Seeking New National Council Member ...

Treasurer Wanted for Non-Profit National Council

The National Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is seeking an accountant for the position of Treasurer on its National Council.

Start date for this volunteer position is ASAP.

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is an organization with more than twenty years experience sharing with parents the power of traditional rhymes, songs and stories. Rhymes and songs and stories are beautiful, practical tools that make daily life with a baby or young child easier and more joyful. Connecting through oral tradition via the rhyme, sound and meaning of language helps parents and caregivers experience joy with their babies and create positive family patterns.

Responsibilities

The Treasurer is a member of the National Council and as such is expected to:

- act as an officer of the organization
- participate in the overall governance of the organization
- attend regular meetings of the Council (every 4-6 weeks held by teleconference or Skype)

In addition to the above, the Treasurer

- oversees the management of finances of the organization, including the Council's review of and action related to financial responsibilities
- approves for payment and prepares cheques
- prepares monthly financial reports, and presents to the Council
- regularly reports to the Council on key financial events, trends, concerns, and assessment of fiscal health
- prepares and provides annual budget to the Council for approval
- acts as liaison with outside agencies, i.e. bank, auditor, CRA
- presents the audited financial statements to the members at the annual general meeting
- prepares statutory reports, i.e. Charity Return, T4's, H.S.T., etc.

Qualifications

- Accountant with a professional designation
- Experience preparing and presenting financial information
- Volunteer experience in the non-profit sector is an asset

Application Process

Please email resume with a cover letter stating your interest by August 15th, 2011 to Treasurer Ann Stafford at [ann.stafford260@gmail.co](mailto:ann.stafford260@gmail.com)

... Mother Goose News ...



February, 2011

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program

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Dear Members and Friends of Mother Goose,

In the twenty years and more I have been involved with the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program I have had the pleasure of watching our programs grow and flourish in many communities across Canada and beyond. I know that we are all united in our effort to provide this unique program to families who need and love it.

I am writing you now to ask that you buy or renew a 2011 membership In the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. Your agency or individual membership enables us to send you quarterly newsletters that tell you about our workshops and resource materials and share news about programs in Canada and in other parts of the world. An Agency Membership will ensure that your program is listed on our website so that parents can locate it. It is not necessary for individual teachers to hold memberships, rather agencies that sponsor persons teaching the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program may have an Agency Membership that will cover all.

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is powerful because it creates connections between all the people involved, parents, children and teachers. It is vital that we also to keep the connections among the many programs and the central organization strong. Your membership will be part of this strength.

Please see our membership form at the following URL:

<http://www.nald.ca/mothergooseprogram/membship.htm>

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Celia Lottridge

... Training Opportunities ...

Alberta

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS

- **Calgary**, Families Matter, August 18 & 19, 2011, Corinna Totino, 403 205 5197, corinnatotino@familiesmatter.ca
- **Calgary**, Centre for Family Literacy, August 22 & 23, 2011, Pat Halewich, 780-421-7323, pat_halewich@famlit.ca



British Columbia

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS

- **Tsawwassen**, Tsawwassen First Nation, October 18 & 19, 2011, Andrea Thompson, 604-730-4876, andreathompson@seabirdisland.ca

STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

- **Williams Lake**, Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy, March 4, 2010, Sheila Cohen, 250 392 9458, sheilacohen@hotmail.com

Ontario

For all Ontario workshops, contact Renita Fillatre, 416 588 5234 x 21, mgoose@web.net

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS

- **Toronto**, National Office of the P-CMGP, September 30 & October 1, 2011

STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

- **Toronto**, National Office of the P-CMGP, October 21, 2011,

Please Note: All workshops are booked through the Toronto Office.

Please contact the Toronto Office Manager Renita Fillatre, 416-588-5234 x 21, mgoose@web.net if your Agency would like to host a Teacher Training Workshop or a Storytelling Workshop.

We have said good bye this spring to Natalia Crowe, Toronto Office and Workshop Manager as she returns to school to further her studies. We thank her for her hard work on behalf of the P-CMGP and wish her well.

We welcome Renita Fillatre as Toronto Office and Workshop Manager and will look forward to working with her. Please be sure to contact Renita with any workshop or resource purchase enquiries.