

# PARTICIPANT NEWSLETTER



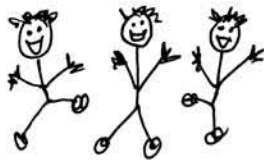
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Newsletter prepared by Parkdale PCMGP Teachers with photos from the Parkdale program.

Photo by Mina Kosar



Hooray for Baby  
Hooray for (child's name)  
Someone in the crowd is shouting  
Hooray for (child's name)  
1, 2, 3, 4  
Who are we for?  
(child's name)  
That's you.



(Hooray for mommy...etc.  
Hooray for daddy...etc.  
Hooray for grandma...etc.)



Photo by Mina Kosar

## Parents comment on the Parkdale Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, Toronto

What do you like about listening to stories?

*"Feel like a child again and my baby loves listening."*

*"The ability to be creative with my child, by me telling her stories."*

What would you like us to say about the program when we look for funding and other support?

*"Mother Goose is an extremely welcoming and warm program. The only program I would make the effort to go to even when my twins are little and it is hard to get out of the house."*



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Jeremiah, blow the fire.  
Puff. Puff. Puff.  
First you blow it gently.  
Then you blow it rough.



### Storytelling Events

Come to the **Artscape Wychwood Barns** to hear and participate in telling of stories. **Harriet Xanthakos**, a Teacher with the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, can be heard along with other storytellers. While you are there, enjoy the **Farmers' Market** with fresh baked goods and fresh fruits and vegetables. All takes place indoors rain or shine. Every Saturday morning.

**Artscape Wychwood Barns**

**Saturdays 10am-12pm**

**601 Christie St.**

**(one and half blocks south of St. Clair Ave. W)**

Come and enjoy storytelling at **Harbourfront Centre**. Every Saturday and Sunday with stories at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. All taking place in **Miss Lou's room** in **York Quay Centre**. **Mina Kosar**, a Mother Goose Teacher, will be telling on **Saturday, May 28** and **Sunday, June 12**. Also, Mother Goose Teacher **Maria del Carmen Ordonez** will be telling stories on **Saturday, June 18**. While at Harbourfront Centre, enjoy the beautiful waterfront and participate in diverse cultural programs.

**York Quay Centre, Miss Lou's room**

**Saturdays and Sundays 2pm, 3pm, 4pm**

**235 Queen's Quay West**

**[www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com)**



**Reflections from a Mother Goose Teacher**

**As we say goodbye to Sandra, who is spending time with her grandchildren, we welcome back Velrina to Parkdale!**

***By Velrina Alexander, Teacher at the Parkdale Community Health Centre, Toronto***

It was a scary moment for me at first as a mother in Canada. When one day I was introduced to the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, I knew I had a stress free and fun place to go to with my daughter to meet other parents and their children. This made my life easier. I started out as a participant and later became a co-teacher in the program. I have worked in many communities over the years. Now, I am back where I first started in Parkdale, co-teaching with Mina. I am enjoying every moment and sharing my stories, songs and rhymes!



Photo by Mina Kosar



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**Charlie Chaplin went to France  
(or child's name)  
To teach the Ladies  
How to dance**



**First you do the rumba, the rumba, the rumba  
Then you do the samba, the samba, the samba  
Then you do the kicks, the kicks, the kicks  
Then you do the splits, the splits, the splits.**



**In Memory of Deborah Miller Berman 1932-2011  
By Mira Adler, Toronto Board Member**

**I asked Deborah if she would come to a board meeting of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. Deborah decided to join our board and that was a very lucky day for us! She had a human resources background and had worked for Sunnybrook Hospital and the North York Library system.**

**Gradually, she participated in interviewing, hiring, and human resources matters which was a tremendous help to all of us. She never said "I can't do that." We felt able to ask her questions because of her willingness to help Mother Goose and her friendly and generous attitude. We miss Deborah very much here at Mother Goose. She will remain in our hearts and minds.**

**Toronto Office News**

**By Mina Kosar, Teacher at the Parkdale Community Health Centre**

**Natalia Crowe has been working for us as Office and Workshop Manager since February 2009. We will miss you. We have enjoyed your gentle spirit, which is filled with as much kindness. Thank you for being so helpful and giving of yourself. Natalia will be venturing on to a new journey by returning back to university full-time in Ottawa to pursue environmental and legal studies! We wish you the very best in all that you do. We welcome Ren Fillatre, who finished her apprenticeship at the Lakeshore program, to this new position and look forward to working with her some more!**

Photo by Renita Fillatre





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- Receive invitations to programs and events

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