

Mission ECD Committee Grant Selection 2005

The Committee budgeted \$15 000 from Make Children First funds to provide to the community at large for projects, events or information sharing that would benefit children from birth to six, their parents and caregivers.

We had 13 applicants with great proposals. We decided to divide the funds among 6 outstanding ideas. They are as follows:

1. The Mission Child Safety Committee - To provide staffing for information sessions, car seat safety clinics, administration and program development.
2. Hillside Little Readers Resource Binder - To provide for publication costs and for Teacher/Librarian release time to develop, publish and distribute a "Little Readers" preschool literacy program to every elementary school in Mission.
3. Mission Library Storytelling Kits - To refurbish old kits and to build 2 new storytelling kits that include books, games and puppets.
4. Kindergarten Readiness Program, Future 4 Nations - To provide extra support to children and families living at St'at'xwaya, through books, games, art supplies and refreshments.
5. Fraser Valley Children's Festival - To hire Al Simmons, a quality children's entertainer to headline the July 2nd Children's Festival.
6. WHIN Resource Corner - To provide staffing at the early literacy drop in program and for parent, literacy and educational resources at West Heights Inclusive Neighbourhood Project.