

Keeping PACE



P.A.C.E. [Canada]

PROJECT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Spring-Summer 2011

Congratulations!

Lots of love and Congratulations
on the births of

- Kennedy Janae on January 12,
granddaughter of P.A.C.E.
Treasurer Totlyn Douglas' and her
husband Michael
- Alexander Kingston Scales on
February 10, son of Adopt-A-
School Sponsor Dr. Aisha Lofters

Best wishes and Congratulations
on the Wedding of Amanda
Kennedy (daughter of Adopt-A-
School Sponsors and P.A.C.E.
Director Dr. Fred Kennedy and his
wife Georgie) to Wayne Williams

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 1:

Walk for P.A.C.E. at the JCA Walk Good Walkathon

Details: www.pacecanada.org or email@pacecanada.org

Thursday, May 19, 6:00pm:

P.A.C.E. (Canada) Annual General Meeting

Speaker: Internationally acclaimed Educator Dr. Avis Glaze
Consulate General of Jamaica, 303 Eglinton Ave. East
Refreshments will be served

Sunday, June 5, 12:30pm:

**Annual P.A.C.E. (Canada) Strawberry Social and
Celebration of Adopt-A-School Sponsors**

Guest Speaker: Senator the Honourable Marlene Mahaloo, Minister
of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica
Featured Pianist and Vocalist: Anastasia Johnson
The Grand Luxe, 3125 Bayview Ave, Toronto
Lunch and Entertainment
Tickets: \$60 in advance

Calendar for Adopt-A-
School Sponsorship Funds
Transmission and Delivery
to Schools

Transmission:

Spring: Sent to Jamaica April
15th

Fall: Sent to Jamaica October
14th

Delivery:

Spring: Completed by June
30th

Fall: Completed by December
16th

P.A.C.E Board of Directors & Executives 2010 – 2011

ELECTED FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

President:

Dr. Mary Anne Chambers

Executive Vice-President & Chair Adopt-A-School:

Beverley Thompson

Secretary:

Charmaine Denton

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Diana Burke

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Newsletter Editor:

Fahad Martin Pinto



President's Message



*To leave the world a bit better, whether by
a healthy child, a garden patch or a
redeemed social condition;
to know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived.
That is to have succeeded.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

When I speak about P.A.C.E. (Canada), I find myself defining our organization as a connector. Our role is very simple. We bring caring people together with three to six year old children who deserve the opportunity to aspire to be the best they can be. This is what the P.A.C.E. (Canada) **Adopt-A-School** program is all about. It's about you and the children who live in underprivileged circumstances, but who are so rich in spirit and potential. P.A.C.E. (Canada) exists to give these children, their families and their communities, hope.

This issue of Keeping PACE is about how we provide hope. It's about the difference that our sponsors make when they adopt schools for three to six year olds in Jamaica. Here are a few examples of how your support can make a difference:

- **Teacher Training:** More than 5,000 teachers in the Early Childhood Education sector have had no formal training.
- **Nutrition Programs:** For many of the children in the Basic Schools and Early Childhood Institutions, the meal that they get at school is their main meal of the day.
- **Safe spaces:** Playgrounds and other spaces at most of the schools need to be refurbished in order to make them safe.
- **Tools for effective learning:** Most of the schools need furniture, educational materials and improvements to their classrooms.

Our most sincere *thank you* to those of you who have already been providing hope.

Since our Fall-Winter issue of Keeping PACE, there have been 36 new sponsorships bringing the total number of Basic Schools and Early Childhood Institutions in the P.A.C.E. (Canada) Adopt-A-School program to 290. That's approximately 1,500 more children in six months, simply because there are more caring people who have decided to play an important part in helping to ensure positive, safe and healthy developmental environments in which our children can thrive. The need is still great. And every bit of help matters.

We say an enormous "Thank You" for helping to ensure that the future is brighter for the children in our adopted schools. **Let's all work together to keep HOPE alive!**

~Dr. Mary Anne Chambers



Profile of an Adopted School

Brooks Level Basic School

Brooks Level Road Stony Hill, Kingston 9

Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Armand La Barge

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Head Teacher: Ms. Patricia Syles

Phone number: 876-756-0425

E-mail:
bethel.s.hill@cwjamaica.com

Number of Teachers: 7

Number of Students: 130
(69 boys)(61 girls)

Use of Sponsorship Funds:

In the past, the school has used the P.A.C.E. (Canada) funds to support the lunch programme and to purchase materials

The school plans to use this year's funds to help meet the registration requirements of the Early Childhood Commission.

Highlights of the School Year:

Field trips, Sports day, Career day, Luncheons, Child Day Services.

School Needs:

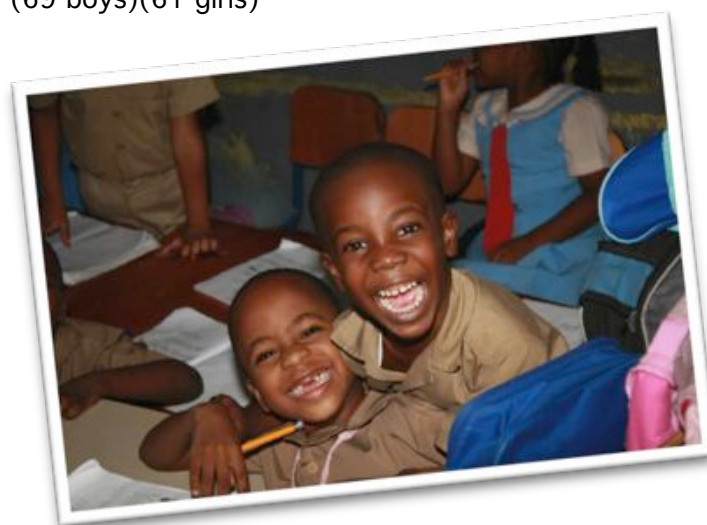
The physical structure of the buildings need renovation

Learning resources: play toys, crayons, books and building blocks, CD and DVD player

Kitchen: pots, shelves, utensils

Grounds: slides, jungle gym and outdoor playground equipment, paving of outdoor play area.

See www.pacecanada.org (Photo Gallery) for more photographs.



“The kids were thrilled. We left behind some colouring books, small children’s books, cardboard police cars they put together, pencils and rulers and of course, we gave the principal a Canadian flag. What a fabulous school. Everyone was so excited to see us. The York Regional Police team was so uplifted by the visit.

Mary Anne, PACE is really making a difference here and we are so proud to be part of it.”

*Armand La Barge
[Recently Retired York Region Police Chief]*

Adopt-A-School Brunch

Our annual Adopt-A-School Brunch was held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the Jamaica Canadian Association. We were particularly pleased to have had the Honourable Andrew Holness M.P., Jamaica's Minister of Education, as our special guest.



2010 Toy Drive [Visit pacecanada.org for more photos]





You asked the Honourable Andrew M. Holness, Jamaica's Minister of Education:

QUESTION: The present Government is implementing the recommendations of the Rae Davis-led Task Force on Education Reform. This report was developed in 2004. Targets were set for 2010, none of which seem to have been met. What is the Ministry's new plan to ensure that these targets are met, and by when?

RESPONSE: The targets were set for 2015 not 2010 and strategies are in place for targets set in respect of literacy and numeracy rates at primary and CSEC targets at secondary. A comprehensive literacy programme, including assessment, pre-service and in-service teacher training, data driven planning and

instruction, materials and support in the form of literacy (and numeracy specialists) serving neediest schools, has been introduced to facilitate meeting targets set. A similar comprehensive approach is being prepared for numeracy. In addition Enrichment Centres, staffed by special educators, are being established in the lowest performing schools to provide more individualized attention to students whose assessments indicate performance below AND above grade level.

QUESTION: Given the fact that only 1,000 of 2,800 Early Childhood Institutions have managed to meet the critical standards, what actions are you taking to increase Government support so that they may meet the requirements?

RESPONSE: Only 1,000 of the 2,800 ECIs have so far met the critical health and safety standards, in keeping with the Jamaica Public Health Act and the Fire Brigade Act. This number is expected to increase with time, as has happened in all countries that have implemented a regulatory framework. Identifying for ECIs the areas that need to be addressed, results in ECIs taking additional steps themselves to meet requirements. A common requirement, for example, is for exits to be clearly marked, fire hazards to be removed, etc. For more major concerns, the Early Childhood Commission (ECC) has been working with the CHASE Fund and JSIF (Government of Jamaica funded institutions) to renovate and refurbish ECIs. Additionally, the ECC has developed partnerships with other private entities, for example, the Council of Voluntary Social Services (CVSS) has committed to installing fire extinguishers in ECIs to meet safety standards. ECIs are also encouraged to use their inspection reports to identify critical areas of need for their existing donors or to seek additional funding.

QUESTION: Teachers in Early Childhood Institutions are not salaried by the Government, and many are not certified. What is your Government prepared to doing to get teachers at this level qualified?

RESPONSE: The Inspection and Regulation system has allowed the ECC to accurately assess the level of training of all teachers in the EC system for the first time (This process required that the ECC verify qualifications). We are now aware that 22.8% of our teachers at this level are qualified teachers, having a Diploma, Bachelors or higher-level qualification, and 50.5% have vocational training in ECD. In the last financial year, the ECC developed a Human Resource Strategy, aimed at improving qualification of teachers at ECIs. This will be implemented in the coming year. It should be noted that improving the qualifications of teachers is a long-term process. The USA, for example, had a 20-30 year plan. New Zealand reported that it took 25 years to achieve the level of qualification that they wished. Interim measures to improve the teaching at ECIs therefore have to be developed.

In view of this, the ECC has developed a new play based, child-centred curricula (for children 0-3 yrs, four year olds and five year olds), which have been provided free of cost to every ECI, and has been providing in-service training on the curriculum(again free of cost to ECIs) for all persons currently teaching children at ECIs.



Making A Difference

Please join us for our **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday, May 19th, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Office of the Jamaican Consulate General, 303 Eglinton Ave East. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Avis Glaze, Jamaican born, world-renowned Educator and a Patron of P.A.C.E. (Canada). The Agenda for the meeting will include the financial report for the year, April 2010 to March 2011, and the opportunity to learn more about P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s work. Refreshments will be served.

The following is a snapshot of **the generosity of sponsors** in the current financial year:

Adopt-A-School Sponsorships sent to Jamaica in April and October 2010	\$58,402
School Supplies sent to Jamaica in November 2010	\$4,785
Sponsorships for Adopted Child Care Centres in Canada delivered in November 2010	\$2,000
Adopt-A-School Sponsorships already in-hand to be sent to Jamaica in April 2011	\$32,204
School Supplies already in-hand to be sent to Jamaica in April 2011	\$4,000

We offer our **sincere condolences** as well as our gratitude to the families of the late Mr. Eric O. Shelton, Mr. Ronald Spencer, Mrs. Ruby Codner McLeod and Mr. Herbert Alexander Nation. These families chose to support early childhood education by selecting P.A.C.E. (Canada) to receive donations in Memory of their loved ones.

Donations and Adopt-A-School Sponsorships have also been the choice of several P.A.C.E. (Canada) supporters for **Birthdays and Christmas gifts** over the past year.

The number of individuals and families who have paid their **Membership Fees** has increased significantly over the past year. Even volunteer-run charitable organizations like P.A.C.E. (Canada) incur administrative expenses. Membership Fees help to support P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s commitment that donations designated to schools, will be sent to the schools in their entirety. If you have not yet been paying Membership Fees, please consider doing so. Membership Fees are treated as donations, and tax receipts are provided.

Early Childhood Commission Completes Disbursement of Funds

At the start of February, Michelle Campbell, Director, Sector Support Services, and Richard Williams, Early Childhood Development Manager, handed over to P.A.C.E. (Canada) a complete package of materials collected from 72 of our sponsored schools, which received their annual cheques from our sponsors. These included official receipts signed by the principals and development officers, completed information forms about the schools, letters of thanks to our sponsors for their contributions, and multiple samples of student work. The children's collections of paintings, maps, letters, drawings, and workbooks are a wonderful testimony to the dedication of the teachers and to the student learning taking place within the early childhood institutions.

P.A.C.E. (Canada) extends thanks to Winsome Johns-Gayle, Executive Director of the Early Childhood Commission and her team, for their commitment to the process of disbursement of funds to our schools, to the six Regional Supervisors and to the many Development Officers who took the time to pay site visits to the schools and to liaise with the principals.

Through this process, P.A.C.E. (Canada) has been able to strengthen its governance by ensuring full accountability not only in Jamaica, to our partners but also in Canada, to our donors upon whose generosity our organization wholly depends.

P.A.C.E. (Canada) Launches One Laptop Per Child Project

On Tuesday, January 18, 2011, the official launch of the One Laptop per Child project took place in Kingston at Providence Methodist Early Childhood Institute. The OLPC project began at the Massachusetts Institute for Technology with the purpose of creating educational opportunities for children, ages 3-6, providing each child with a "rugged, low-cost energy efficient laptop" with Internet access and learning programs.

Due to the initiative and vision of Diana Burke, Director and Past President, P.A.C.E. (Canada) is one of the major partners in funding the pilot along with Mona School of Business, San Francisco State University and the Early Childhood Commission. P.A.C.E. (Canada) provided 100 of the 115 XO laptop computers, which will be used by students of Providence Methodist ECI and August Town Primary.

Dr. Maurice McNaughton, Director, Centre for Excellence Unit, Mona School of Business, praised P.A.C.E. (Canada) for its significant contribution to the program. Diana Burke, Director of P.A.C.E. (Canada), took part in the official launch of the program by presenting laptops to the children who were present. To the surprise of everyone, at the end of the program, Mr. Errol Miller, Chairman of the LIME Foundation, presented a cheque to the Principal of Providence Methodist for one million Jamaican dollars, to help in the establishment of a computer server. This will provide full Internet service to the school and to each student who is to be given a computer.

The pilot will be monitored by the Mona School of Business, UWI. It promises to be an innovative means of enhancing the learning of children, ages 3-6, by providing them with direct access to internet and computer technology.

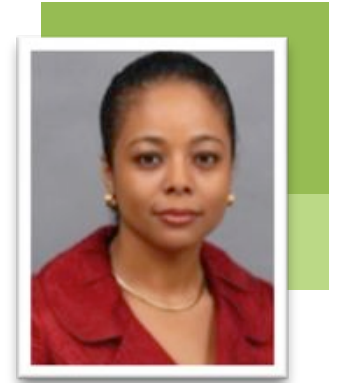
P.A.C.E. (Canada) once more is at the forefront of providing educational opportunities for the children of Jamaica. It owes gratitude to its sponsors and partners who participated in raising the funds necessary for the launching of the project.

Strawberry Social and Celebration of Adopt-A-School Sponsors

Special Guest: Jamaica's Minister of State, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

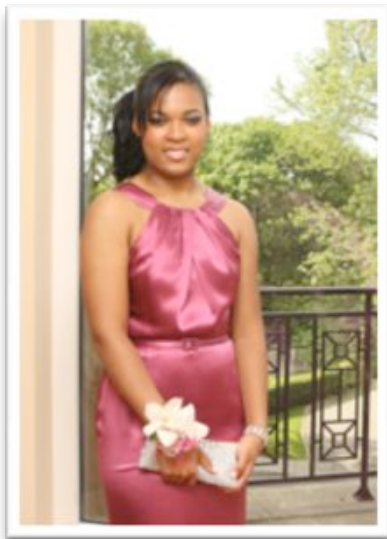
Sunday, June 5, 2011

12:30pm



Senator the Honourable Marlene Malahoo Forte is an Attorney at Law by profession. She was appointed Senator and Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on July 15, 2009. She has special responsibility for Foreign Trade and Diaspora & Consular Affairs. The Minister of State is a member of the Forum of Young Global Leaders, having been honoured as a Young Global Leader (YGL) 2010, by the World Economic Forum. She is also the recipient of the West Indies Junior Chamber International (JCI) for The Outstanding Young Persons Award 2010 (TOYP). She has been named among the Top Five Jamaican Women in the Field of Law, in the list of Jamaica's 50 Most Powerful Women, and has also been honoured as a Jamaican Woman of Excellence. She is Chairman Emerita of the Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI)- a Committee of United Way of Jamaica- which focuses on education, health and rights advocacy, on behalf of women and children. Minister Malahoo Forte was born in Westmoreland, Jamaica and is a former Head Girl of Manning's (High) School. She is passionate about Jamaica's development and is committed to ensuring that the machinery of government works better on behalf of the People of Jamaica.

Strawberry Social Featured Pianist and Vocalist: Anastasia Johnson



Born in Canada on September 30, 1993, it soon became apparent that Anastasia inherited a common love for music and rhythm that runs deeply throughout her family. Anastasia has performed at international venues, along with the Montreal Jazzkidz Orchestra, including the 2010 Los Angeles Classic Jazz Festival, 2010 International Scouts Canada Event and in a holiday spectacular that aired on PBS last Christmas day. In recent years, Anastasia has started composing original instrumental works on piano. Anastasia played a pivotal role in inspiring the creation of the inaugural Music Through the Ages Concert, held in Kingston, Jamaica on July 6th, 2008, where she also participated as one of two Youth Headliners, performing a selection of pieces on piano. In 2008, Anastasia's contribution was recognized with an Award of Excellence from then Governor General of Jamaica, the Honourable Sir Kenneth Hall. In Spring 2010, Anastasia participated at the New York Heritage Music Festival as a member of The Study Concert Band, and earned a Silver Award. She was subsequently

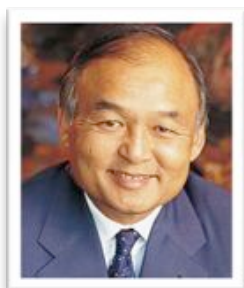
invited to audition for the Honors Performance Series Programme at Carnegie Hall, and was selected to perform as vocalist in the Honors Choir. When she took the famed stage on February 19, 2011, Anastasia became the first teen from the province of Quebec to perform in the (over 20-year) history of the Carnegie Hall program, reserved for the highest rated pre-university performers in North America.

Profile of a New Sponsor Family: The McQuaids

Mr. Jerome McQuaid and his wife Dr. Terry McQuaid live in Thornhill, Ontario with their four children: Tia, Alyssa, Joel and Aaron. Jerome has a degree in Engineering. Terry, who is a Registered Psychologist, works with youth in conflict with the Law, and also has a private practice within a medical centre. Tia is in her second year of post-secondary studies focusing on Business Marketing. She has been certified by the National Lifesaving Society as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor. Alyssa is a grade 11 student and plays soccer in the Ontario Youth Soccer League. Joel and Aaron are twins and in grade 9. Joel is on the High School swim team and Aaron is on a Division 3 Rep soccer team. The family values working hard to achieve dreams, education and being involved in community activities. "From our family to yours – we hope that you dream big and we pray that those dreams are accomplished." The McQuaid family sponsors 4 Basic Schools in the parish of Portland.



PACE Adopt-A-School sponsor Chang named Philanthropist of the Year



Ryerson Chancellor G. Raymond Chang has been named Outstanding Philanthropist for 2010 by the Greater Toronto Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The chancellor was jointly nominated for the award by Ryerson and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Foundation, and was honoured at a luncheon Dec. 2 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Chang is a "Canadian business leader and philanthropist of extraordinary measure," according to the award citation. "His generosity as a volunteer and donor to the health, education and cultural sectors are transforming communities across the country and beyond." The organization cited his \$5 million gift to Ryerson for lifelong learning as demonstration, in part, of his visionary support for a wide range of organizations that include hospitals, museums and schools in Canada and Jamaica.

PACE Life Member Lillie Johnson O.Ont



On January 27, 2011, Lillie Johnson received the Order of Ontario from Lieutenant Governor David Onley for service to the health community. Retired Director of Public Health for Eastern Ontario and founder of the Sickle Cell Association of Ontario, Lillie has contributed more to the awareness of this disease than

anyone in the province's medical community. Born in St. Ann, Jamaica, our 'Miss Lillie' has actively supported early childhood institutions in the parish of Westmoreland.

Condolences

- Rupert Figueroa, uncle of Adopt-A-School Sponsor Dr. Anna Jarvis
- Ron Spencer, Life Member, husband of Life Member Loretta Spencer
- Eric O. Shelton, father of Adopt-A-School Sponsor Dr. Dominick Shelton
- Marian Crome, wife of David Crome and Adopt-A-School Sponsor
- Miriam Ffrench, wife of Alvin Ffrench and P.A.C.E. Member
- Ruby Codner McLeod, mother-in-law of Anne-Marie McLeod, P.A.C.E. Member

New Adopt-A-School Sponsorships

Broughton Early Childhood Institution,
Westmoreland, Dr. Anita Brown-Johnson & Dr. Dexter Johnson

Eldin Washington Early Childhood Institution,
Westmoreland, Dr. Anita Brown-Johnson & Dr. Dexter Johnson

Fellowship Basic School, Portland, Dr. Aisha Lofters

Dumfries Basic School, St. Thomas, Dr. Carolyn Jarrett

Watsonville Basic School, St. Ann, Dr. Winsome Smith

Sandy Bank Early Childhood Institution, St. Elizabeth, Justice Samuel W. Billich

St. Peter's Basic School, St. James, Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong

Bethesda Basic School, Portland, Jean Davis

Greenwood Preparatory School, St. James, Mikeisha Anderson

New Vision Early Childhood Institution, St. Ann, Diana Burke

Ritchies Early Childhood Institution, Clarendon, Thora H. Espinet B.A., LL.B

Ivy Hall Basic School, Hanover, Jotham & Verona Cross

Gwen Neil Basic School, St. Catherine, Anne-Marie McLeod

Thicketts Basic School, St. Ann, Georgianne Kennedy

Bellevue Basic School, Portland, Aaron McQuaid

Hope Bay Basic School, Portland, Joel McQuaid

Rural Hill Basic School, Portland, Tia McQuaid

Sea View Basic School, Portland, Alyssa McQuaid

St. Alban's Basic School, Kingston, The Sloly Family

Stewart Town Basic School, St. Mary, Dr. Enid Collins

The Salvation Army Arthur Wint Basic School, Hanover, The Mitchell Family

Perry Street Faith Basic School, St. James, Patricia A. Brown

Norwood Basic School, St. James, Erma Collins

Christiana Seventh Day Adventist Basic, Manchester, Dr. Anna Jarvis

Nain Early Childhood Institution, St. Elizabeth, Dr. Diana Masny

Grants Mountain Basic School, St. Ann, Brenda Kapp

Mango Hall Early Childhood Institution, Westmoreland, John Kapp

Brightly Beam Pre-School, St. James, Ed Kapp

Kensington Basic School, St. James, Neville Clayton

Sunning Hill Basic School, St. Thomas, The Bryan and Spooner Families

Caring Hearts Early Childhood Institution, Westmoreland, Ross W. Maund

Martha Brae Basic School, Trelawny, Stefan Chambers

St. Peter's Early Childhood Institution, Trelawny, Stefan Chambers

Triumph Basic School, St. James, Stefan Chambers

Fellowship Basic School, Portland, Leletha & Doribell Lawrence

Wesleyan Holiness Basic School, Portland, Dr. Dominick Shelton & Ms. Jackie Spence