

Keeping PACE



P.A.C.E. (Canada)

Project for the Advancement of Childhood Education

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Fall - Winter 2015

Make plans now to support our
Market Stall Christmas Toy and Book Drive

Friday, December 4, 2015, 6:00 pm to 9 pm
Annual P.A.C.E. (Canada)

The Consulate of Jamaica at 303 Eglinton Avenue E.

- Refreshments include Egg Nog, Sorrell, Christmas Cake
- Carol Sing-Along
- Prizes & Surprises

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If you are unable to attend the event this year and would like to send a monetary donation, please mail to:

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Or Donate online at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/11083>

Calendar for Adopt-A-School
Sponsorship Funds and School
Supplies

Transmission and Delivery to
Schools

Transmission:

Fall: Sent to Jamaica
September 2015

Spring: Send to Jamaica
March 2016

Delivery:

Fall: Complete by end
December 2016

Spring: Complete by end
June 2016

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President's Message



"One one coco full basket."
~Jamaican Proverb

It has been a busy year for the organization. We re-instated the bi-annual Field trips to Jamaica and we visited over 70 schools; met with the Minister of Education and staff in the field & heard that the Tech De Bus is back in business!

We are continuing to overhaul our administrative functions and we re-did our website. We moved offices and we are now settled at the Jamaica National Building Society's building on Eglinton Ave.W.

We want to thank Jamaica National Building Society because they have now advised us we can stay **RENT FREE**, and this is awesome news. Jerrold Johnson & staff: a **huge thank-you**.

We hired a part-time office administrator -Jackie Thomas, as the work needs to get done and it needs to be done in a more cohesive way with a central office.

We worked with the Toronto District School Board to co-present along with George Brown College a Parent Conference-**Gateway to School**. We want to thank former Pace Education chair Jackie Spence for spearheading that initiative. Job well done.

Again thanks to all of our PACE Adopt-A-School sponsors who continue to make sure that they send in their pledges and honour their commitments to their adopted schools. Thanks to our members who know we need their funds not only to do the work of the organization but because they know it is important to be involved!

Thanks to our Board who take the time to do the work. A special thank you to our former Communications Chair, Carolyn Goulbourne-Warren, for her many years of stellar work on behalf of PACE Canada.

We are now exploring what grants to apply for but will need to step up our Canadian programming. Our revised PACE Constitution was approved at the Special Members Meeting October 31, 2015 and a copy can be requested by email or phone to the office.

As we head towards our 30th year in 2017, however, we need to have a serious conversation. How do we go forward and continue this amazing work? What programmes will we do in Canada? How do we get younger people involved? How will we attract more sponsors and members? Our demographic is getting older.

We invite your thoughts as we discuss these issues on your behalf.

So again, **thank you all** and know that we do make a difference in the lives of children - the most important work of all.

Thank you

Sandra Whiting



"One One Coco Full Basket"

Come fill your basket(s) with Books and School Supplies

at the

P.A.C.E. "Market Stall" Toy and Book Drive



**under the auspices of the
Consulate General of Jamaica**

On Friday, December 4, 2015

at the

**Consulate General of Jamaica
303 Eglinton Avenue East**

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Egg Nog & Sorrell, Christmas Cake, and other Refreshments

Carol Sing-Along

Prizes & Surprises

- **Monetary donations** are appreciated in order to reduce shipping costs and speed up the delivery of educational supplies and books (**Purchased from Sangster's Bookstores in Jamaica – delivered directly to the schools**)
- Sponsors can purchase a **\$100** box of supplies for their school
- Toys and books for PACE projects in Toronto available for purchase
- All donations welcomed

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Field Trip to Jamaica: April 27 – May 1, 2015

Six Board members of PACE Canada went on a one week Field Trip to Jamaica April 27-May1st, 2015 to get an update on our Basic School sponsorships. This included visiting 70 sponsored and needy schools and meeting with the Minister of Education and many senior representatives from the Ministry's Early Childhood Education unit.



We also met with representatives from partnership organizations including HEART, DRB Grant Foundation, Sangster's Book Store, and Allman Town Primary School.

It was truly exciting and rewarding to hear each school's plans and actions to try and meet the ECE's School Standards and to thank PACE for helping them through our sponsorship.

We were also pleased to hear the passion and drive of the teachers going through the HEART Teacher Certification process sponsored by PACE.

Our school visits reaffirmed the importance of PACE financials, as many schools are still quite needy in all areas. We also got positive feedback on the \$100 gift boxes sent to schools through Sangster's Book Store.



Projects now back on track included the Tech de Bus II mobile computer lab that is visiting schools in Kingston thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Candi Crooks-Smith, Principal of Allman Town Primary School.

PACE also reinstated the DRB Grant annual school bursaries to two ECE teachers at the Shortwood Teachers College.

The Hon. Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education was the Key Note Speaker at the event on May 1st and gave kudos to PACE for our 27-year support of early childhood programs in Jamaica. Over 50 ECC representatives and others from our Partner organizations were in attendance.

Gateway To School 2015

Partnering to Promote Success in School

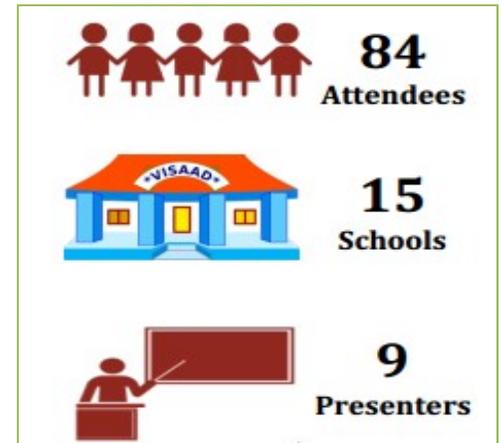
On Saturday September 26, 2015 at Firgrove Public School, the Toronto District School Board in partnership with P.A.C.E. Canada and George Brown College School of Early Childhood presented "**Gateway to School**".



This conference was tailored to parents of early learners so as to provide them with information on how to support their kindergarten student in school.

Other information that should be disseminated in future conferences as indicated by the respondents:

- How to teach literacy with information provided by email and/or on a website
- Ways in which older children can provide positive guidance
- Aboriginal heritage
- Nutrition



Walk Good Walkathon

P.A.C.E. members, under the guidance of Lorna King, came out and supported this initiative which was held on May 3, 2015. It was organized by the Jamaican Canadian Association and several community organizations participated in a community fundraising effort.

Along with P.A.C.E. Canada, these included:

- The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (Toronto) (AJAA);
- Bethel Restoration Ministries Black Health Alliance;
- Citizens for the Advancement of Community Development (CACD);
- Jamaica Visionaries Association;
- Ontario Black History;
- The Sickle Cell Association of Ontario;
- Tropicana Community Services.

The event is fun and stress free. Each organization gives a percentage of funds raised to the JCA, to cover administration expenses. This year's event raised \$2,231.00 and for 2016 we would like to double that amount. P.A.C.E. has to find our own pledges. So mark the date on your calendar and get your walking shoes ready for Sunday May 1, 2016.

PACE Adopt-A-School Brunch



The PACE Adopt-A-School Brunch held on November 8, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale provided attendees with a varied and delightful mix of speakers and entertainers. President Sandra Whiting welcomed the members and guests. A very informative Key Note address was delivered by Kike Ojo on her lead role in “*Changing the Child Welfare System for African Americans*”.

The crowd enjoyed Tania Hernandez’s rendition of Ms. Lou’s Candy Seller poem.

We were all in awe of 14 year old William Leather’s performance on trumpet and piano.

Sponsors Lee Ann Lyon-Bartley and Mary Bishop gave us some insights into their adopted schools. Diana Burke provided an update on the Adopt-a-

School Program and our Field Trip to visit 70 schools in Jamaica in April 2015.

Thanks to our MC Itah Sadu and all our volunteers, sponsors, members and Patrons who contributed to the success of the event.



New School Adoptions

- **Wait-A-Bit Basic School, Trelawny**
 - Patricia South and Scott Brooker
- **Galina Basic School, St. Mary**
 - Boris Christoff - in memory of his wife Pauline Rowena (Terroade)
- **Mt. Moreland Basic School, St. Catherine**
 - Hermine Garrick
- **Pentecostal Early Childhood Development Centre, St. Catherine**
 - Hermine Garrick
- **Little Folks ECI, St. Andrew**
 - Nicola Harris
- **Jahmona Basic School, St. Andrew**
 - Lance Seymour
- **Perry Street Faith Basic School, St. James**
 - Albert Williams

Giving Tuesday

PACE Canada is a participant in this international movement for giving and volunteering. On December 1, we encourage you to take the Giving Tuesday challenge by supporting our Christmas Gift Box program.



You can donate online at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/pace-canada/school-gift-box/>

Or mail a cheque to:

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School Profile: New Testament ECI

SPONSOR: Mark Fullerton
 LOCATION: Sav-La-Mar, Westmoreland
 PRINCIPAL: Joan Cope
 STAFF: 3 Teachers, 1 Cook
 STUDENTS: Boys 38, Girls 23

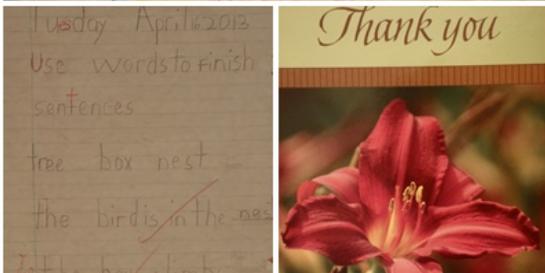


While planning a vacation trip to Jamaica in February 2011, I contacted P.A.C.E. to find out if there was a nearby school that needed to be sponsored.

Before leaving I purchased a set of school supplies and made arrangements to meet the school Principal. The trip coincided with a school holiday so I was unable to meet the students.



Over the years, however, I have been blessed to receive regular communications from the school including art projects, writing assignments, and Thank You cards. I treasure these dearly.



Westmoreland Chapter of the Kiwanis Club sponsored a Kid's Quiz and we came home with the 1st place trophy.



In the past PACE funds have been used to purchase school supplies, tables and chairs for the children. Recent funds will be used to purchase land to host the school. Students have participated in Christmas concerts, Sports Day, and Child's Month concert.

I would encourage everyone who has not yet adopted a school to do so **today**. Once you realize how much of a difference you can make to these children, who are the future of our beloved county, you will wish that you started many years ago.

School Profile Stories Needed

Do you have a story to share about how you got involved with the school(s) you sponsor, or any communications that you receive from the school? We would love to hear from you and include your story in the upcoming newsletters. Send your stories and photos to email@pacecanada.org or contact us at 647-352-7223.

Upcoming Event For 2016

March 29, Tuesday – Carry Bring Kom

6 to 8 pm. Membership Appreciation. Encourage a friend to become a P.A.C.E. member. Come and join us for a night of fun, food and music. RSVP at email@pacecanada.org by March 22, 2016. Entry Fee – One friend. Jamaican Consulate General, 303 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto.

May 1, Sunday – Walk Good Walkathon

P.A.C.E. is a Partner in the Jamaican Canadian Association's (JCA) Walkathon. Come walk, run, ride with us at 995 Arrow Rd, North York

May 17, Tuesday – Annual General Meeting 6 to 8 pm

Jamaican Consulate General, 303 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto.

June 5, Sunday – Strawberry Social

More details in the next newsletter

November, Sunday – Adopt-A-School Brunch

More details in the next newsletter

Annual Membership Dues Reminder

When should Membership Fees be paid?

Membership dues are paid annually and cover our fiscal period April 1st to March 31st each year. Adopt-A-School Sponsors are encouraged to pay the Membership Fee in coordination with their Sponsorship.

Will I receive a Tax Receipt?

Yes. Membership Fees are donations to P.A.C.E. (Canada).

How much are the Membership Fees?

Annual Membership Fees are:

- \$40 for individuals,
- \$60 for family,
- \$15 for youth / student
- \$35 for associate members.

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