

Why the



YMCA of North Bay Newsletter

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Message from the Board Chair

Welcome to the first issue of the YMCA of North Bay newsletter.

It's always amazing to see how the YMCA continues to change to ensure the needs of our participants and the community are met. You can really never appreciate a place until you get involved and get to know the people and overall operations. As Board Chair, I've had the pleasure of getting to know the YMCA staff family and to actually see the good work they do, not only within the YMCA facility, but within our community.

As many of you are aware, Kim Kanmacher, CEO has extended her leadership role to our fellow Northern YMCAs as she is Chief Executive Officer for Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay while Yvonne Taylor is now General Manager for North Bay. Lots of great changes!

The culture of the YMCA is like no other 'work culture' I've ever witnessed. They really do live and breathe their YMCA Core Values. This is a testimony to why the YMCA continues to thrive locally, nationally and internationally.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and we look forward to continuing to serve you and provide quality programs and services.



Dave Saad
Chair, Board of Directors



Kim Kanmacher
Chief Executive Officer

YMCA is looking for Peace!

Since 1984, YMCAs across Canada have spent the third week in November organizing special activities to engage children, youth and adults in exploring peace from a local and global perspective. Annually, YMCA Peace Week brings the community together to highlight common interests in creating a more just and peaceful world.

This year, YMCA Peace Week runs November 19th to November 26th. One of the most important events throughout the week is the YMCA Peace Medallion Ceremony where we honour an individual or group in our community that makes peace a part of their daily life by presenting them with the YMCA Peace Medallion. The YMCA Peace Medallion Ceremony will be held at the YMCA on Friday, November 25th, 2011 at 12 noon. This event is open to the public with various peace-related presentations and performances taking place.

Please RSVP your attendance with Andrea Parolin
(705) 497-9622 ext. 235.

"The responsibility for peace begins with each person in relationships with family and friends, and extends to community life and national activities."

For more information on Peace Week or the YMCA Peace Medallion Ceremony please contact Andrea Parolin at (705) 497-9622 ext. 235.



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Battle of the Blades Star Todd Simpson Skates for Strong Kids!

Hopefully you had a chance to tune in to CBC's Battle of the Blades to see this former NHL star compete to raise much needed funds for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign.

Thanks to Todd and Marcy we were given a wonderful gift of awareness for the Strong Kids Campaign. Not many people know that the YMCA raises funds to ensure no one is turned away from a YMCA experience due to financial constraints.

A big thanks to Todd and Marcy for bringing awareness to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign!



Todd and Marcy

YMCA Fun-er-tize

The YMCA of North Bay has partnered with Nipissing Best Start to reach out and meet the needs of our community, offering an exciting new program: YMCA Fun-er-tize! This program is a fun, hands-on approach to promote literacy, good overall health and fitness for children ages 2.5 to 6 years with their family.

"Children who establish healthy lifestyle patterns at a young age will carry them, and their benefits forward for the rest of their lives."

~Jacqueline Grube, Manager YMCA Children's Services

YMCA Fun-er-tize is offered every Saturday until December 10th, from 10:00-11:00am.

Call (705) 497-9622 ext. 232 for details.

Why The Y

"When I moved to North Bay, I didn't know anyone, and I met a few people who said that the YMCA was great. I started coming here and it just kinda felt like a home in a way. A place where I could meet people. And I really like it that the money goes to a good cause. I think it's important. So I like to invest in the community and also feel like I'm part of a community when I come here."

Wendy Peters, YMCA Member for 6 years.

YMCA Early Learning Children's Services

We are pleased to announce the opening of our newest Early Learning Children's Centre located at South Shore Educational School in Nipissing Ontario.



YMCA Early Learning Children's Centres are conveniently located in various centres and schools throughout the district, providing high-quality educational child care for children, infancy to 12 years.

Come Play and Learn at the YMCA. Contact us at (705) 497-9622 to find a centre near you!

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