



The Pond

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Together We Will Fly....

The Dragonfly Pond Family Society Board of Directors and staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Thank you to all who attended and supported our annual family Christmas party at the Shatford Centre. We would not be able to have such a great event without the support of our wonderful volunteers, Bill Cody (A.K.A. Santa) and The Toys for Tots to Teens Breakfast.

**Please note that the \$10.00 yearly membership fee is due May 1, 2017.
A tax receipt will be issued for any amount over the 10.00 membership.**

What's New...

March 21st is World Wide Syndrome Day.

[Youth Cooking Program](#) has one spot open for youth aged 11-18, who are interested in learning how to cook healthy (yummy) meals on a budget.

We are looking for participants who are committed to attending the class twice a month. For more information, call Traci

Please see attached questionnaire if your child is in the cooking program.

[Family Get together](#) meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Shatford Centre (Room 108). The group meets from 5-7 pm and Dinner is served, by youth group at **5:15pm**, followed by a guest speaker. We have several great speakers lined up to share information on school based day care, supported child care, advocating for your child in school, transitioning to kindergarten, and the importance of an emergency back-up plan in case of illness or injury.

Please see attached questionnaire for support group participants.

[Dragonflies and Minnows Spring break program](#) will start March 27th through to the 30th at the Penticton Community Centre. Programs run from 9:30-12:30 and will include crafts and games. Swimming for families will be available. Please bring a snack and drink.

Friday March 31st will be a bowling and pizza party at Sun Country lanes, from 11:30-2 pm.

Please see attached questionnaire for Summer program.

The third **Uniquely Fashionable Fashion show** will take place on **April 27, 2017** at the Lakeside Resort. If your child/youth would like to participate in the fashion show, please complete and submit the registration form before **March 10, 2017**. Tickets will also go on sale in March. The ticket sales cover the cost of the venue and the appetizers. This is not a fundraiser, but an event to promote inclusion, awareness and give our stars a place to shine.

[Respality South Okanagan](#) will continue until April 30, 2017. If you have NOT yet booked a stay or "Date Night", please submit your registration form. IF you have registered for this season, PLEASE email dragonfly@vip.net and let us know if (1) you want a date night package or overnight stay, and (2) if you are requesting a stay please provide THREE dates that you would be able to overnight.

[For a list of books and DVD's available please visit our website or the Child Development Centre at 550 Carmi Ave.](#)

[Respitality South Okanagan:](#)

Respitality is a combination of Respite and Hospitality that provides parents of children who have complex care needs and/or disabilities an opportunity to take a much-needed break. Respitality South Okanagan matches parents with overnight accommodations generously donated by local hotels (The Lakeside, The Ramada and The Sandman). Parents also receive gift certificates for both a meal and entertainment donated by community partners (The Pasta Factory, South Okanagan Event Centre and Elephant Island Winery). Respitality offers parents the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate so they can return home refreshed and energized.

This program runs from Oct 1 to April 30 each year.

To find out if you qualify for this program and/or to register please go to our website or call Traci for more information.

[Respitality South Okanagan would not be able to offer families this break without the support of our valued community partners!](#)

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

DRAGONFLY POND FAMILY SOCIETY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO SUPPORTED BY...

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