



SUMMER EDITION

JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2016

Fidelity Investments Canada: STEAM AHEAD!

STEAM Ahead is a national program that encourages youth to develop interest in the integrated areas of STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. STEAM education is an interdisciplinary and applied approach, coupled with real-world, problem-based learning. Careers in the fields of STEAM are fast-growing and high in future demand. Those who can combine creativity and innovation in these industries are sure to excel!

STEAM Ahead supported the Boys & Girls Club with a program that ran from August 15th to 26th. They taught the children many hands-on projects from the engineering sector of STEAM. The kids thoroughly enjoyed learning how to construct paper helicopters with pulley systems to operate the rudders. And their favourite project was making a wire racer!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

BC Sheriffs Presentation "Making safe & healthy choices"



Kamloops Fire Hall Tours, Training & Fun



Kamloops Drum Connection Drumming Lessons



& so much more!

Thank you to every organization that supported our Club Kids this summer!

Check out more pictures on the Boys & Girls Club of Kamloops Facebook page!

A BIG THANK YOU!

All of us at the Boys & Girls Club of Kamloops would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our donors and supporters throughout the summer!

Thank you to **Domino's Pizza** for continually supporting our Night's Alive program by delivering free pizza every Friday night. The youth absolutely love it!

We would also like to thank **Anne at First Steps** for 'stepping up' for us when we had a small fire at our John Tod Club. We so appreciate you offering your space and toys for our Club kids while we re-settled!

Urban Systems, thank you again for all you do for us! Your continued support with donations and volunteer hours are extremely appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

And last but certainly not least, we would like to recognize **The Blue Jay Rookie League** and the **Royal Bank of Canada Foundation** for your incredible funding support this summer! You have made such a positive impact on our Club!

FEATURE PROGRAM: First Steps

Over 25 years ago **First Steps** was developed in **partnership** with Interior Community Services, School District #73, Thompson Rivers University, and the Ministry of Children and Development. The program **supports young parents** with the completion of their **high school education** to help them reach their **full potential**. The Boys & Girls Club's role at First Steps is to provide **nurturing, supportive care** to the children and families as the young parents work on their education.

The **staff** at First Steps are **phenomenal**, going above and beyond to ensure each family receives **highly-tailored support** based on their individual needs. They work with each child to ensure their **developmental milestones** are met and that each parent is provided with **parenting support**. The First Steps staff also encourage the families to build **healthy attachment** relationships with their children while building their **confidence** in their parenting.

Overall, we wanted to take the time to **acknowledge** the First Steps program for the amazing support they provide each and every day. Thank you for the **opportunity of a better life!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10th, 2016

Thanksgiving Day (Club Closed)

October 20th, 2016

Youth Homeless Week Sleepover

October 21st, 2016

Professional Development Day (Club Open)

October 28th, 2016

Halloween Dance - Night's Alive

November 11th, 2016

Remembrance Day (Club Closed)

December 5th, 2016

Professional Development Day (Club Closed)

December 19th-31st, 2016

Holiday Break
(After School Programs Closed)

FEATURED STAFF: Dorota Smentek



Dorota has actively served the Boys & Girls Club of Kamloops for 15 years. She is an amazing support and an invaluable member of our family.

Dorota is formerly known as our "Office Manager" but we consider her our "go-to" person for anything! She knows the in's and out's of everything and everyone at our clubs.

Dorota is always cleaning, organizing, and keeping track of all club related activities and staff. She is creative and our "Mrs. Fix it". No chair or broken heart goes unmended! Our staff and Club kids are incredibly fond of Dorota and appreciate all she does.

We would also like to wish Dorota...

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

on October 25th!