



Children, a Petting Zoo and a Field of Pumpkins

Thursday, October 22, 2009 – A group of young excited children pile out of the Family Centre van at the Apple Barn Farm on Gladwin Road. The group, accompanied by parents and a few grandparents, are Cricket Corner Preschool participants.

It's a beautiful fall day, just right for picking out that perfect pumpkin in time for Halloween.

Chae-eun Lee has been attending Cricket Corner preschool for almost three months. Her dad Justin says Chae-eun thinks its pretty fun and she really likes her new friends and teachers.

"It was a great experience at the pumpkin farm," comments Justin. Apparently the family had a lot of fun carving their 'scary pumpkin' complete with candle and a toothless grin.

Robin and Matthew McNaughton had a pretty good day too.

"I'm so grateful for the many resources available to me at ACS," says Robin. The mother of three has attended the Post Partum Wellness program, Best for Babies, Nobody's Perfect and Free to Be Me classes. She is presently enrolled in the Raising Your Spirited Child class.

Robin is convinced she is a better parent because of the "huge support ACS has offered in my life. It has been a very important part of my social life as well as helping my family settle in the Abbotsford community."

Four year old Matthew attends Cricket Corner Preschool two times a week. "He had a great time at the farm and the pumpkin patch. Thank you Community Services!"

Cricket Corner is offered through the Family Centre group of programs. Some of the programs have limited funding from various sources, but in order to keep helping people like the McNaughton and the Lee families, we need your help.

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