

## **Licensed *After-School Connections* to replace Club afternoon programming this September**

Dear Parents:

I'm excited to advise you of a major change in the Club's after-school programming that will take effect this fall, and to invite you to drop in to an Open House information/registration session at the Clubhouse, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 6:00, with any questions you might have.

Beginning this September, from 2:30 to 5:30 every school day, the Robert Meek Clubhouse will be home to *After-School Connections*, a new after-school care service which will be licensed for 6 to 12-year-olds. This service will replace current Boys and Girls Club afternoon programming.

How will this affect your child?

- **Continued after-school care** – Priority placement in *After-School Connections* is currently being given to Club members who require after-school care in September. Space is limited, so we encourage parents to register your child immediately (a registration form is attached).
- ***After-School Connections* Transportation** – Children registered in *After-School Connections* will receive free after-school bus transportation from designated area schools to the Robert Meek Community Youth Centre.
- **Fees** – A fee of \$8 per child per day is applicable for *After-School Connections*. A funding subsidy is available for qualifying families through the City of Kingston. Families not qualifying for the City subsidy may apply for a Club subsidy. We can help with the funding application process. Please contact the Club's Senior Program Supervisor, Alicia Coffin, at 613-542-3306 ext. 59 or by email at [bgclub@kingston.net](mailto:bgclub@kingston.net).
- **Access to Club Membership** – Please note that children accessing *After-School Connections* are also eligible to register as Boys and Girls Club members, which provides access to the return-transportation, Hot Supper, and Evening programming described below.

At 5:30 p.m., our Club programming resumes with some exciting enhancement.

- **Return-Transportation for Members** – We are expanding our bus transportation service in September to pick-up Members at designated areas, delivering them to the Robert Meek Clubhouse in time for our Hot Supper and Evening programming, and returning them to their point of origin at the end of the evening.
- **Hot Supper Program** - Boys & Girls Club Members (including *After-School Connections* attendees who are also Club Members) may take advantage of the Club's daily hot supper program from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. The Club continues to offer a nutritious menu, drawn from Canada's Food Guide.

- **Evening Recreational Programming** – Exciting, fun recreational and educational programming – including our Homework Club - is available from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each school-day evening for our Members. Children will have the option of accessing return-transportation to designated areas at the end of the evening.

Without question, introduction of *After-School Connections* is a major step forward for the Club, a step already taken by many other Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada. We look forward to the opportunities it provides not only to offer high-quality after-school programming, but to also enhance the balance of our Member programming.

I will be on hand with the Club's senior staff for an Open House at the Robert Meek Clubhouse on Monday, June 28th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., to answer any questions you might have and to accept registrations for our summer programs and for *After-School Connections* for the fall. Please drop by for a coffee, cookies, and a chat.

Should you be unable to attend the Open House, please don't hesitate to contact me or Alicia Coffin with your questions or for registration. We're available by telephone at 613-542-3306 ext. 59 and by email at [bgclub@kingston.net](mailto:bgclub@kingston.net). Program information and registration details are also available on the Club's website at <http://www.bgckingston.ca/>.

With my best regards,

Harold Parsons  
Executive Director

PS Please find attached our Summer '10 programming schedule.