



It's Time to go back To School; Can You Hear the Trade Bell Ringing?

By Cheryl Ibbotson

When the kids go back to school it means a complete change of lifestyle for the whole family. Whether the "child" is leaving for college, or just entering pre-school, it changes everybody's daily routine. There are schedules to meet, shorter daylight hours, new challenges and less time to take care of all the essentials. On the other hand, some parents of college-age kids look forward to having the house all to themselves for the first time in nearly twenty years, going wild with dinner parties, cruises and the freedom of impromptu vacations, leaving their children to wonder what's gotten into them.

Tradebank has something to offer families of all stages, from lessons for tots, teens and young adults, to fabulous getaways for parents of children that are away from home.

Tradebank Canada has private and boarding schools on trade. Grey Gables provides a loving school community which prides itself in the growth of the student's spirit, mind and body. The school is dedicated to creating an endless love of learning, thought and accomplishment, and above all, to providing a sense of wonder about life and the world. Grey Gable's mission statement is, "Grey Gables is dedicated to building a better world, one student at a time" and this is the motivating force behind the school's new development.

Grey Gables is a non-denominational, coeducational, day and boarding school offering a variety stimulating programs from the preschool level to university preparatory curriculum at the secondary level. There are also many extracurricular activities at the school. The Classes are small which allows for more individual attention, and promotes academic excellence and class participation. Grey Gables is registered with and inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education. It is also an authorized member of the International Baccalaureate Organization that conducts program evaluations as well as external moderation of assessment.

The teaching program combines the Montessori Method with those of the world-renowned International Baccalaureate program and Dr. Renzulli's Triad Enrichment model along with some practices from Rudolph Steiner's Waldorf Schools and Dr. Thomas Berry's story model for global education. Grey Gables is recognized for its high academic standards and courses that are taught by an extraordinary and caring faculty who set high standards for themselves and their students in order to inspire them to reach their potential. Grey Gables may have space for your child right now. Montessori - Suzuki Nursery School private school in Gloucester, Ontario is also available on trade. Please call your broker for more details.

In addition to full time schools and courses, there are many evening, part-time and one time classes available through Tradebank. Maxgraphic offers Calligraphy Lessons on trade at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. One on one or group rates are available. Max can be reached directly at 905.639.1832, 905.336.3053 or mcoole@sympatico.ca. Ask your broker about craft and art lessons in your region.



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Swimming, karate, and piano lessons are also available in certain regions. Angie Ko, owner of Angie's Music Lessons for Beginners, located in London, Ontario offers personalized piano lesson plans for beginners of all ages once a week. She offers beginner theory lessons, up to grade 2 rudiments, and has over five years experience teaching children.

Back to school means back to work, attending Christmas parties and of course hiring babysitters. Tina Gaisin, owner of Gaisin & Boddy, in Oakville, ON offers corporate and specialized emergency first aid & CPR training, indoor & backyard private or group swimming lessons, instructor certification & advanced level courses, and babysitting & child safe. Contact Tina at (416)509.2600 or tinagaisin@yahoo.ca

There's no better time than autumn to snuggle up under a blanket with a good book. Brooks' Books is located at 180 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, Ontario has an extensive inventory and carries a variety of books of all types including Science Fiction, Mysteries, Horror, Romance & Children's books. New inventory has just arrived, so contact owner Jack Brooks at 905.257.9070.

A special thanks goes out to Tree House Fun Wear for providing unique kids clothing items directly from the factory for the Tradebank sale in Toronto on August 26. Tree House had over \$10,000 in children's clothing inventory from newborn to size 8 to be sold. Christmas shopping always starts early at Tradebank!

Remember to speak to your broker about booking your business Christmas or holiday party, and make sure to attend Tradebank sales and auctions this holiday season.