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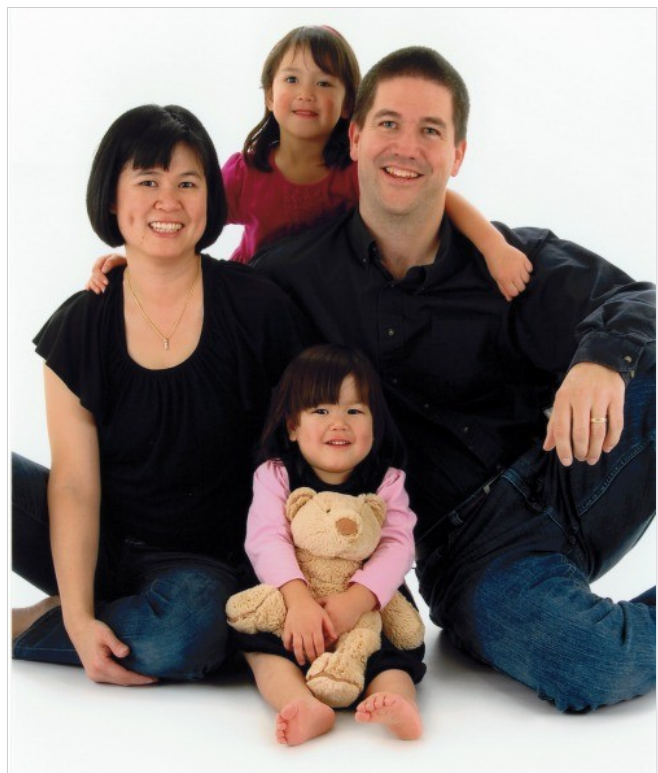
We bring you post-holiday greetings and are pleased to be able to put together another newsletter... better late than never. It's been a busy year with both of us working. Our only free time to sit down and write this is during our Christmas vacation time. All of us are on holidays for the last two weeks of December.

Both Kayla and Melissa are growing up so fast. Kayla's four years old and Melissa's two. They are best friends and love to hang out with each other. The girls go to daycare together each day and really enjoy it. We've been really happy with the daycare. The caregiver is very kind and treats all the children as though they are part of her family. Kayla continues to go to gymnastics and swimming, and will be taking ski lessons during the winter time. She really enjoys these activities and looks forward to them each week. This past year Kayla learned to ride her bike (no training wheels...hooray) and is able to go up on a chairlift and ski down. Kayla loves crafts, art, puzzles, Berenstain bears, playing dollhouse and family with her dolls and stuffies, and helping in the kitchen with the cooking and cleaning. She'll be starting kindergarten in September.

Melissa is talking a lot and is able to easily string 4-5 words together. Her favourite questions and expressions right now include: "What's that noise?", "Look mom, shiny teeth" (as she says with a big grin after brushing her teeth), and "Kayla, me have it please". She's generally polite. Often when you ask her to do something and she doesn't want to, she'll say "no thank you", in which case we have to decide if we want to battle with her since she used nice manners to turn down our request. Melissa continues to go to music classes for some singing and dancing, gymnastics and swimming. Melissa isn't a big fan of swimming lessons, there's a lot of screaming and "no" (in this case, no polite manners). She loves her baby doll and her teddy bears - very cuddly and maternal to them, playing with the toy kitchen, colouring, doing puzzles and helping stir ingredients together.



Glen and Kayla skiing at Mount Washington.



We wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2012.

This year was filled with many family activities. We kicked off 2011 with a weekend ski trip to Big White. It was really cold at -25°C with windchill. Glen and Susan skied a day each, and Kayla took ski lessons. We stayed right in the village which was perfect. We pulled Melissa on the sled (Kayla did most of the pulling) and Melissa would fall asleep. Very nice snow. In March, we went on our annual ski trip with the Stratfords and Yaps. We headed to Mount Washington on Vancouver Island. It was very nice skiing with tonnes of snow. The only challenge was hauling all our ski equipment and bags to the cabin, as the parking was a

distance from the cabin. Apparently at Mount Washington, the majority of rental homes don't have their own parking during the winter season because the side roads are not plowed. Hence you have to walk in to where the homes are located. Luckily we weren't too far relative to some other places. It was still a challenge walking up the hill with luggage and slick snow. Nice skiing, none the less.

During spring-time we headed to the cabin at Shuswap Lake during the Easter long weekend and combined it with a day-trip to Kelowna to see cousin Rebecca's soccer tournament. We had lots of fun painting Easter eggs and going on an Easter egg hunt at Grandma Scott's house. The weather was really nice and warm. We enjoyed the annual community Hats Off Day Parade in June. The girls enjoyed waving to people in the parade. Afterwards, we wandered the streets, visited local businesses and spent 1.5 hours in a line-up to have the girls' faces painted. Susan wanted to bail out of the line-up, but Kayla was persistent and patient. Kayla eventually had her face painted and Melissa fell asleep. On Father's day weekend, we camped at Alice Lake Provincial Park with 10 other families. It was cool and a little bit rainy, but the girls had fun. Kayla really enjoyed riding around the campground loop and Melissa enjoyed playing bubbles. Thanks to Jen and Zac for organizing the camping trip and inviting us.



Melissa filling her Easter basket at Grandma Scott's yard.

Summer-time was spent going to the lake almost every other weekend. The temperature was fairly cool throughout the summer. We spent a week in August camping at Harrison Hot Springs. Glen's brother's family and us hosted the annual Bird Family Reunion and Golf Tournament. We coordinated two days of golfing and two family dinner events. It was a lot of fun. Glen received a prize for worst left-handed golfer and Susan received a prize for ladies longest drive (she was very excited to receive this distinction since she's sure it will be a while before she she receives it again). We enjoyed the campground at Harrison so much that we decided to stay an extra two nights so we could tour around.



Kayla at the PNE.

We went to the PNE Fair. This was the first time the girls could participate in the rides. It was a full-day from 10 am to 9 pm and no naps. We saw the Superdogs, Max & Ruby show and the pig races. The late afternoon and evening was dedicated to rides. Melissa went on the mini-rollercoaster twice and Kayla went on it once. The girls are looking forward to the PNE again next year. Also in August, we squeezed a weekend trip to Kelowna to attend Susan's cousin Issac's wedding. Congratulations to Isaac and Renee! Susan's parents and brother's family also flew to Kelowna for the weekend event.

The fall season was getting back in the routine of taking the girls to their various lessons and balancing work and home life. Glen took Kayla to the Disney on Ice show featuring Toy Story 3. Kayla thought the show was "amazing" with skaters doing spins and flips. She had a great time listening to the singing. We hope to all attend next year.

Glen is working at McKesson Imaging Group in Richmond. He's enjoying the ability to work from

home two days a week and saves four hours a week commuting. In his spare time during the summer, he enjoyed mountain biking on the trails at Burnaby Mountain.

Susan is working in the corporate communications department at BC Housing. It's been a very busy year in her department with a variety of different projects and new learning experiences. She enjoys going to yoga once a week and continues to try waking up at 5:30 in the morning to workout.

The holiday season we headed to Whistler for a few days of skiing. We were able to meet up with a few family friends at Whistler which was really nice. We celebrated Christmas dinner at Susan's cousin Nancy's home and had a big game of Bingo with extended family.

We are looking forward to 2012 with new travels and adventures, visits from Glen's parents starting in early January, and a move for Susan's parents to Burnaby in the summer.

Enjoy the new year and we look forward to hearing from you.

Hugs and kisses,

Susan, Glen, Kayla & Melissa



Glen's Uncle Earl's property at Shuswap Lake.



Melissa at the PNE.



Susan and Glen at Glen's work party.



Melissa (2-years old) and Kayla (4-years old).

More photos and stories of our 2011 events can be found at www.sgscott.com.

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