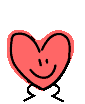


Welcome to the fall issue of our newsletter, and a BIG welcome to all our new families and friends who have joined us! We look forward to getting to know all of you!



For our new parents; a few reminders.

\*Sign your child in and out every day with your initials. It is critical that we know exactly who is here at all times, and have a legal record of who picked up or dropped off your child and at what time.

\*We will be sending blankets home for you to wash every 2 weeks. Please make sure they come back on Monday morning! We wash sheets every week here at the daycare.

\*Your child needs a pair of designated inside and outside shoes. The inside shoes staying here at the daycare.

Thanks for your support.

At Centennial we are committed to supporting the community of Early Childhood Educators, and we often have students here working towards their certification. We will have a CDI student, Rebecca with us for several weeks, so please help her feel welcome, and we look forward to some of her amazing activities and ideas!

Newsletter

Fall 2016

**Fall and Winter Clothing**

The weather is so changeable! Please make sure your child is equipped for outside play whatever the weather! Keep in mind, we may need warm clothing for in the morning and sunhats for the afternoon right now! Please provide the following LABELLED items. (Many of which can be left here at the daycare)

* Warm coat & a lighter jacket
* Splash pants/muddy buddies
* Boots
* Warm hat and mittens/gloves and a sun hat!
* Appropriate outside shoes for running and exploring!

\*Please also make sure your child has a change of clothes here, and keep it stocked up. It’s amazing how wet and dirty we get!

**Upcoming closure dates.**

The daycare will be closed on the following days:-

Friday October 7th- Annual Pro D Day

Monday October 10th- Thanksgiving

Fri November 11th- Remembrance Day

Dec 27th-Jan 1st Christmas. Re-opening on Jan 2nd.

**MC900438103[1]**

**Safe Spaces – A bullying prevention program for 3-5 year olds**

We will be introducing the Safe Spaces program during circle time. Staff will demonstrate social and emotional vocabulary, empathy and positive problem-solving skills through simple and fun activities with all the children. The most common terms used in the Safe Spaces program are safe/not safe, friendly/not friendly, fair/not fair, along with the emotions happy, sad, angry and afraid. These terms are modeled by staff throughout the day and children are encouraged to use them when expressing their emotions with each other. As consistency is a key support for children, we appreciate your using these terms at home as well.

We are also really lucky to have an opportunity to experience a fun morning of activities hosted here at the daycare, by support staff of the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children’s Health. Educators and children will be focusing on emotional intelligence, regulation and learning lots of tools to help us deal with our emotions. Can’t wait to see how the children use the skills taught, and to pick up some tips to support them in their process!

MC900216608[1]

**Halloween**

We’ll enjoy some special activities on the afternoon of Monday October 31! Your child can bring a costume in a bag, and we will get them dressed up and ready after naptime. Some of the children will be walking to Selkirk Place, a long term care facility on the Gorge, so will need to be dressed appropriately for that walk! Please ensure there are warm clothes here for outdoor play and do **not bring weapons or masks** as they can be scary for some children. Please also remember to leave Halloween candy at home. Thank you!

We will have a pajama day the following day, Tuesday November 1st, so you don’t have to battle with sugar crashed kids over getting dressed! (Our little way of trying to make life a little easier for you)



**Fundraising**

As a non-profit society, we hold a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year. We hope you enjoy participating and thank you in advance for all your efforts and support!

**Poinsettia Sale:** Every year we team up with Hilltop Greenhouses to offer some magnificent poinsettia plants and arrangements. Order forms will be coming out soon to get orders in and plants grown in time for an early December delivery. Don’t miss out on these stunning additions to the festive season; they make great gifts, and you can encourage family members, co- workers and friends to support our program whilst celebrating the season.

**Canadian Tire Money:** We will gladly accept your donation of Canadian Tire Money so we can purchase seasonal items such as bubbles, water toys, gardening supplies, etc.

**Scholastic Books:** Reading with young children is a great way to develop a bond and introduce early literacy! Scholastic Books are fun and educational and make great, inexpensive gifts for children. Each time you purchase books, we

receive a credit from Scholastic, which is used to purchase new books and toys for the centre.

**Winter pot luck celebration and Raffle:**Mark your calendars! Fri Dec 16th. This is a fun and festive casual event, with good food, some fun parent and child activities, a Christmas sing-a-long, and a chance to

win some great raffle prizes. In preparation we are looking for some

raffle donations. If you have, or know anyone with a business (or maybe a hobby!) that can donate a service or product suitable for raffling, please let us know. Receipts will be given for tax purposes, and donators will be lavished with praise on our website, newsletter, and at the centre. It’s a great way to help us and promote your business!

**Staff**

We are all here because of our dedication and passion for working with children! We hope you are comfortable connecting with any of us and look forward to an open, caring relationship with your family.

Samantha Davies BA, ECE Manager

Bea Van Roy ECE, Senior Educator

Corissa Upham ECE, ITE, Educator

Cairis Wall ECE, ITE, SNE, Educator

Nancy Hamer Ryder ECE, Support Worker

Mariah Mohat ECE, Support Worker

Please do not hesitate to speak with one of us if you have any questions or concerns, and I am always available if you would prefer to schedule a sit down meeting, -Samantha

