

April 2019 Newsletter



Happy April Everyone!

Welcome to our new families that are starting this month. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children better.

Welcome Back to Ray-Ann, we have missed you!

We have two closure days coming up this month. They will be Friday, April 19th and Monday, April 22nd for Easter break.

We are in the process of planning a yard clean-up day here at the centre. Once we have finalized a date we would love it if you would volunteer to help us do this. It would only be for a couple of hours and of course all children are welcome to come and help. As it gets closer I will send out more info on what we are trying to accomplish and a list of any tools we might need.

It is time again for our annual client satisfaction and quality survey. These will be coming home in your child's lunch. We really appreciate feedback so if you can take a minute to fill it out and return it we would be most grateful.

Thanks to everyone who ordered Mabel's Labels, we have raised \$78.00 so far. This is an ongoing fundraiser so it is not too late if you were still wanting some.



Infant Toddler News



We have had an exciting month in the infant toddler program this past March. We have also been joining the 3 – 5 program to go on field trips up to Davie’s park. The group has had an amazing time joining in play with the older children, creating positive connections and exploring our neighbourhood.

As the snow keeps melting away the group is excited to witness our yard transform into a muddy spring wonderland, full of puddles to jump in and mud to explore. As we move into this muddy and mucky season we ask that families bring in and please label rain suits and rubber boots.

Over the past month the children have shown a lot of interest in imaginative play involving cooking and grocery shopping. Building on this the educators have planned weekly cooking activities for the children to get involved in making their own healthy snacks. We have made pizza, graham cracker crusted bananas, chocolate chip cookies, and fruit salad! During these activities the group practices important skills such as, counting, turn taking and sharing. Please let the educators know if you have any fun recipes you use at home that we could try at the centre!



April is Canadian Dental Hygiene Month! In the coming month we will be exploring using toothbrushes, flossing, and songs and stories about going to the dentist and caring for your teeth.

A reminder that we will be closed April 19th and 22nd for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

3-5 & Multi age news



Welcome spring

What a wild March for our weather. We had a very busy month with the children. As you are all well aware, once the snow started to melt our yard became a large mud puddle. Fun but messy!

We took advantage of Davies Park and it was a great opportunity to have the children practice walking safely in groups with the older children being leaders for the younger children.

As the weather gets even nicer we will be taking groups out on longer field trips all in preparation for our upcoming summer outings.

Thanks for all the support from our families with labeling and sending extra clothes and outside gear. As well as for your understanding that we are outside no matter the weather and we will be getting wet, dirty and mucky. It's all part of the learning process.

Here's a great article on the benefits of getting dirty

<https://www.natureplaycbr.org.au/the-dirt-on-dirt-how-getting-dirty-outdoors-benefits-kids>

We are busily cleaning up our yard both on the 3-5 and Multi-age and we are transitioning from cold and ice to sun and flowers.

The children have been learning a lot about global warming and climate change as well as recycling, composting and reusing.

We plan on future trips to the recycling center as well as a clean-up mission with the high school kids.

We also have setup a "wormery" in the M/A (Thanks Kathleen) to teach the children about the natural decomposition process. We are committed to reducing waste at the center.

April is Oral Hygiene Month and we will be talking to all the groups about taking care of our teeth and hoping to arrange for a dental hygienist / dentist to join us at the center for a gathering.



Upcoming closures for April are Friday the 19th and Monday the 22nd for Easter Break. Hoppy Easter Everyone!!