

# May 2019 Newsletter



Hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Break! We had our very own Easter Bunny hopping through the yard dropping eggs which the children really enjoyed hunting for and collecting.

It's time to make sure your child has sunscreen and a hat at the centre. Please make sure items are labelled, especially if your child has sensitive skin and needs a particular brand of sunscreen.

We are asking for your help with keeping the gates closed and locked. The main gate coming into the infant and toddler yard is especially important to have locked at all times to keep the children safe. I know it can be a pain to make sure that it is double latched. I have attached a blue strap at the top of the gate to be hooked around the post. This should make it easier than trying to attach a carabiner. Please take the extra moments to make sure the gate is properly secure when you are arriving or leaving the yard.

We will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We would love it if you can give yourself time that morning to join us for tea and goodies.

Reminder to all that we will be closed on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day.

We are putting out a call for volunteers on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for a yard clean-up work party. We have a list of little projects that we would like to get accomplished on that day. If you have an hour or two to come out and give us a hand it would be much appreciated. We will have a 10am-12pm shift and a 1pm-3pm shift. We will put up sign-up sheets in the cubby room, please add your name to whichever shift (or part of a shift) you are able to do. Children are welcome. If you have spare garden tools, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, etc. please bring them along.



Beautiful spring, here we are! We have had a wonderful time in the last April. Our children were all excited to see the “Easter Bunny” hopping around in the yard and hiding eggs everywhere. When we came outside, each child carried a little bucket, and they were looking around to find eggs. So many eggs were found by these great hunters!

We kept doing cooking activities on Wednesday, and children have been really good at cooking. For the past month, we have made fresh bread, cookies, sliced apples, and pizzas. If you have great recipes that you are willing to share with us, please let us know. It will be exciting to try some new recipes! Some of our children were very interested to play on the three to five side and multi-age side and they have had a lot of fun and explorations there. We also did a lot of field trips as the weather has been so beautiful and nice. There was a group of children from our side went to Dave’s park with older children and built friendships with them. It was very nice to see our young little ones got help from three to five children, and our young ones start helping other younger ones. We also had trips together with everybody in Infant and Toddler program. Children were having so much fun from the trip, and they did an amazing job walking as a group. We are planning to do more field trips in order to connect with our community.

Children have shown their interests in fine motor skills, so we did a variety of painting, drawing, and stamping. For outside activity, children were also helping to grow plants in the garden. We are looking forward to planting more and seeing them growing!

Thanks for bringing every kind of clothes for various weather conditions. And the reminder for closing day on May 20. Have a great holiday everyone!

May 3-5 and multiage

Spring is here and so is the changing weather, cool mornings, hot afternoons and rain. All of this can come in one day so please remember that if you come in the morning and it's warm, it may not be during our outside time. Please remember to bring a hat and water bottle every day. With our frequent trips to the park, water bottles and hats are very important as the only water at Davies Park is hot for some reason.

Our Mother's day tea will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at drop off, we hope you can stop in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a treat.



A big thank you to Menush for having an Iranian gathering and bringing in some ethnic foods to try. It's a great way to learn about our world neighbors. If anyone would like to share another part of the world culture with us that would be great. It could be a snack, a show and tell of items from another culture, a song, story, etc. We are open to anything.

A big thank you to Safeway for letting a group visit their flower shop, which led to our dramatic play area turning into a flower shop. Thank you to the staff that came in on a weekend to make the transformation happen. In multiage we have set up a worm farm inside so everyone is enjoying putting select food scraps in and checking for worm activity. We are starting some plants for our garden and some beans and sunflowers have headed home with the children.



We will be planning a family cleanup day in the future for volunteer help with projects that we just don't have time to do while watching your busy ones!

Our needs list:

Any flower starts, if you have extras of while planting at home or would like supporting a local grower, would be welcome. Marigolds, petunias, zinnias sunflowers, pole beans, whatever you think would look nice in our beds. Also if you are dividing plants at home, chives, green onions, daylilies, etc. would be appreciated.

Always loose parts, large nails for hammering into the stump, more hammers.

Enjoy the spring!

