

October 2019 Newsletter



BRRRR!! Looks like we might bypass fall and go straight to winter this year. Time to get the winter tires on. Also time to start sending well labelled hats and mittens.

Our Kindergarten children are officially transitioned out of the 3-5 program now. We miss them already! This will mean lower numbers in the 3-5 and multi-age programs creating more time to welcome new friends transitioning over from the infant and toddler program.

A few parents had questions about their latest invoice. Everyone may have noticed an extra \$30.00 charge on their bill. This is the charge for the Professional Development Day on October 25th(as per parent handbook). It is important to keep staff current as well as being a licensing requirement. This training is a direct benefit to all children in care here at ECLC. If you have further questions around this policy please do not hesitate to call me. I do apologize that there is another Pro-D day coming so quickly after this next one. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, it is an opportunity we did not want to miss. In future the days will be spread out more evenly throughout the year.

There have been a lot of colds and flus circulating lately. I wanted to remind everyone about our health policy. If your child has had diarrhea or vomiting they should not return to the centre until 48 hours after the last episode. If your child has had a fever they should not return for 24 hours. This means that if your child is sent home during the day they should remain at home the following day in order to fully recover.

Reminder of upcoming closures: We will be closed on Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving. We will be closed on Friday, October 25th for Pro-D Day. In November we will be closed on the 8th for Pro-D and on the 11th for Remembrance Day.

Infant Toddler News



Throughout the month of September we have welcomed many new families to the program. We know that drop off can be really difficult and we remind parents that it is important to create a routine that your child can anticipate. The routine could include reading a book, sitting down and starting snack, doing a puzzle together, or any activity that helps your child feel begin to feel settled in the room. We also ask parents to say goodbye when leaving; we've found that if a parent doesn't say goodbye the child thinks they are still in the building and will look for them after they've gone. Please let staff know if you have any questions about drop off, pick up and everything in between 😊

We have noticed we have an increased number of children currently potty training and this has caused us to be reflective in our practice for what the expectations can be of the staff while supporting all the children in our care. We have created a policy with guidelines as an outline of how we can work together with families to have positive toilet training experiences. We will be distributing the policy as soon as it has been finalized.

As the weather is changing and new outside clothing is required we are asking families to please label all outside gear, including, rain gear, boots, and gloves/mittens. We live in a small community and many of the children have similar outside gear so it is very helpful for staff to discern clothing when it is labelled. Thank you!

A reminder that the centre will be closed Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving, Friday, October 25th for our annual all staff meeting, Friday, November 8th for a professional development day for staff and Monday, November 11th for Remembrance Day.



3-5 and Multi-age News



Happy Fall Everyone

There comes another fall bringing with it all the chills and the gales. It also looks like winter is almost upon us. I would like to remind all the parents to pack sufficient winter clothing such as jackets, mittens, toques, extra clothing along with their rain gear. Packing waterproof footwear is strongly advised as it will keep your child comfortable if they decide to go for puddle play in the rain.

We have created a new terrarium at the daycare with Sally the salamander as our pet along with a few snails and worms. The children are very keen to care for her and often assist while the teachers do so.

I also want to take the opportunity to remind the parents to help your children treat the books and toys with respect and care. It takes a lot of effort to collect appropriate books and materials for the children and if they are damaged or destroyed it is difficult to replace them. Helping the children value their books and toys will help them grow into responsible adults.

Reminder:

On October 25th Friday we will be closed as it is our professional development day and also the Kootenay Kids All-Staff meeting. We will also be closed on November 8 for a second professional development day. Though usually the pro d days are scheduled with sufficient time period in between these two are done within the adjacent months due to the fact that Lorrie Baird, pedagogical leader and early childhood educator, will be facilitating the early learning institute. This pro-d day will help us meet with other educators and gain more ideas that will help us open up new avenues while helping your children blossom under our care.

Donations:

We would appreciate any donations of winter apparel for the children which includes jackets, mittens, toques and such. It's always good to have spares in case someone forgets or gets very wet.

We are also always collecting loose parts.