



Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

Monthly Newsletter

Baby Beluga News

The Baby Belugas have been exploring music through books, songs, felt stories and different musical instruments. We've also been venturing outdoors. It's a tricky time of year where it is snowing one day and raining the next. Please send both snow pants and splash pants with your child so we can enjoy the snow and/or mud.

Sharon

The Little Ducklings News

The Little Duckling's are very excited that spring has finally arrived. We have had some new friends join us as some of our older friends are moving up. We have been spending lots and lots of time outdoors and we would just like to remind families that we like to go outside no matter the weather so please try to always have weather appropriate outdoor clothing. We are looking forward to seeing some families at the upcoming Family Fun Night!

Sasha and Jessie

The Young Explorers

Brenda and Brittany

The young explorers are doing fantastic and love getting dirty! Please make sure that you go through your child's backpack and fill up with lots of extra clothes! Also with the "warmer" weather approaching everything is wet and muddy, be aware you may have lots of muddy clothes to take home every day! We are still in that middle of do we take out the rain suits or keep winter gear! Hopefully the weather will warm up so we can get out and do lots of adventures!

Brenda, Brittany, Emma, and Bekah

Glenda & Christina

The Upfront Explorers are excited for the spring and hoping to get outside more. In April we had baby goats in from Island Hill Farms, a guest speaker from Parks Canada, and went to the Confederation Library on a field trip. We hope to have some additional guest speakers in also go to the fire station for a little field trip. We are open suggestions for guest speakers and possible field trips nearby.

With regards to special helper; please note that Piggie and Gerald need to be brought to the kitchen by the person who had it the night before upon arrival to be washed.

We hope to have a Piggie and Gerald celebration at the end of this round of special helper.

Glenda & Christina

Children's Needs

Now that the weather is finally warmer, we would like the children to have a lighter weight jacket, splash pants, outdoor sneakers, and rubber boots. Our back yard is getting quite muddy and we do try to go out

every day. We would like if you could PLEASE label your child's belongings, as well. Please make sure child has at least 2 complete, spare changes of clothing in their back pack or bag.

*Also, if your child has sensitive skin and requires a different sunscreen, parents are required to supply this and leave it at the center. Staff will ensure that it stays labelled.

Parent Educator Meetings

Thank you to all of our families that were able to make it out for our parent educator meetings. We really appreciate your continued support.

Upcoming Closures

Friday May 4th → PD Day

Monday May 21nd → Victoria Day

FAMILY FUN NIGHT EVENT

Please mark on your calendars Headstart's Family Fun Event that will happen on Friday May 25th. We have a fun and exciting evening planned with tons of excitement between the hours of 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

There will be wonderful photos set up of each child; these pictures will be available to purchase for \$10.

That evening, we will have water, popsicles, and hotdogs for sale and of course we will have our popcorn.

The children will enjoy a jump in our fantastic inflatable house, plus many more games and activities.

Another great event that takes place during the evening is our silent auction. We have had many great items come in and will soon post them on our facebook page so you can have a sneak peek. Items are still certainly welcome if you'd like to donate.

Admission for the evening is \$10.00 per family and \$3.00 for single admission. Tickets will be for sale soon. Hope to see you all there!!!!

Check your child's lockers in the upcoming days for the event tickets, if you need more feel free to ask any staff member!

Family Fun Night Reminder

Please remember that once you pick your child up at the center, they become your responsibility, and they are not to come back in the center without parental supervision.

NEW EQUIPMENT

You may have noticed that we have received some new equipment. Our gym equipment was in bad shape and getting scarce. We had earmarked our fund raising money to go towards these needs. We have purchased some new items.

Then, exciting news! We were thrilled when the Dept. of Education and Early Learning and Culture offered us and approved our application for a couple of grants, a Physical Environment Grant and a Program Improvement Grant. These allowed us to purchase lots of exciting things for the center. We purchased a new 6 passenger stroller, new helmets for all of our trikes, new trikes, a puppet theatre, some resource books and an amazing set of indoor gym toys and outdoor toys to add to the meager ones we could afford to purchase earlier. We are thrilled! With the physical improvement grant we are adding some exciting additions to our outdoor space. MRJ Construction is building a new Mud Kitchen, a Rockwall Cabin, a limo and Construction area in our yard. Once it dries up a bit these things will be added.

Carol

SUMMER PLANS

We are very excited about our summer plans. We are planning a fun filled program with lots of outdoor play! For those of you that are taking advantage of our Summer Off policy, we will look forward to you returning in the fall. Now that we have our enrollment all clarified we were able to confirm employment for summer staff and confirm our educators summer vacation requests.

We wanted to ensure that we were able to hire the people we wanted before someone else snatched them up on us. We are very pleased with our choices!!

- Jeff Daley our present Early Childhood student will be with us. Jeff will return to Holland College in September to complete his program.

-Lindsay Arsenault will be graduating soon from the Sport and Leisure Kinesiology course at Holland College. Lindsay also has her Child and Youth Care Diploma. Lindsay is very excited about spending the summer with us.

-Kalleigh Daszko, who has been volunteering and now working as a substitute will be with us for the summer. Kalleigh is enrolled in the Early Childhood course at Holland College in September.

Carol



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 9:00 | 2 10:00 Shadi & Vahid | 3 3:00 | 4 CLOSED for Staff Professional Development | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 9:00 | 9 10:00 | 10 3:00 | 11 Danika & Paula | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 9:00 | 16 10:00 | 17 3:00 | 18 Jackson | 19 |
| 20 Arthur & Jessie | 21 CLOSED FOR VICTORIA DAY | 22 9:00 | 23 10:00 | 24 3:00 | 25 Movie Day FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! 5:30-7:30 | 26 |
| 27 Lucy | 28 | 29 9:00 | 30 10:00 | 31 3:00 | | |