

SPRING SEASON

The weather has been up and down the last few weeks. Spring is upon us but some days it can feel just like winter. Cold, windy and rainy. While we are awaiting spring and warmer weather to arrive please dress your child appropriately. The teachers will determine once they are outdoors if it is warm enough for the children to remove their jackets or heavy sweaters.

ABSENT CHILDREN

If your child is **ABSENT** from school make a phone call to the daycare as well as the school. The school does not inform the day care when your child is away. This helps us get the rest of the children back to the day care in a timely manner and we do not have to make a phone call to you to inquire about your child's whereabouts to find out if he/she is safe.

If your child is going on a **FIELD TRIP WITH THE SCHOOL** please inform the daycare well in advance that your child will be absent from the lunch time program. This gives us enough time to let the caterer know so the food rations for that day can be altered. Please let us know at least 2 weeks in advance.

If your child is staying at school for lunch for any reason again please inform us of this in advance, so we do not go looking for your child and end up bringing the child downstairs to daycare as we cannot reach you to confirm.

IF YOUR CHILD IS STAYING FOR PIZZA LUNCH ON TUESDAYS, PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM, LEFT EACH MONTH ON THE PARENT SIGN IN/OUT BOARD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

PICK UP OF YOUR CHILDREN

If you or one of your contact people are planning to pick up your child directly from school let us know in advance. The teachers upstairs are not always available to talk or may have left for the day. Reminder also that your contact/pick up person needs to have their ID with them. There could be supply staff/new staff working who may not know them, and who would then have to refuse to release the child, therefore, to save complications please have the person bring their ID. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fundraising

The Scholastic fundraiser is ongoing, the forms are beside the Sign/In Out sheets on the S/A and Fantastic tables. The Canadian Tire Money drive is still on and any donation is greatly appreciated. All of the money raised will go towards buying new equipment and toys.

Reminders

-Childspace Day Care is a **NUT-FREE AND TREE NUT FREE** Centre. Please ensure that when you are bringing in treats for the children or staff that they do not contain nuts and are baked in a nut free facility. There is a list of goodies and places, where you can buy nut-free items posted on the Parent Board, or you can talk with either the Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor first before bringing anything in.

-Please use the designated doors to enter and exit the Day Care. Our designated door is located off of Glebeholme Blvd. on the North Side of the school. Staff will answer the doors and admit visitors into the daycare, also as you exit the daycare do not let anyone into the building on your way out. This is for the safety of all people still in the school building. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

-Kindergarten parents please use the above mentioned door when dropping off or picking up and exiting with your child.

-When you pick up your child and they have **FORGOTTEN** an item at school you **CANNOT** go to their class and get it. This includes the Kindergarten children as well. The Principal has requested that this message be relayed to our parents. The item can be picked up the next day during school hours.

-Sign your child/ren in and out as you drop off and pick up your child. This gives the staff an opportunity to connect and communicate with the parent.

-Arrive with enough time to do what needs to be accomplished in the room or within the centre before 6:00 p.m. This way staff, children and parents may vacate the premises on time. The custodians need to enter the rooms and clean them.

Late fees apply after 6:00 p.m.

-When picking up your child in the evening and the groups are in the gym, please ensure that you make contact, via the intercom with the staff that you have arrived before proceeding over to the gym entrance, also allow the staff enough time to hear and respond to the telephone intercom (make contact with you) before proceeding over.

BOARD MEETINGS/BOARD INVOLVEMENT

Board Meetings are held once a month at one of our three locations, alternating. All are welcome to come and sit in on the meetings and child care is available upon request. If you wish to sit on the board or would like more information or wish to volunteer on one of the committees please contact the Supervisor.

The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Childspace #2, 49 Felstead Ave. from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE BOARD?

Board- Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on June 20th. A formal notice will be issued and an invitation will be sent to all parents. A nomination form will be provided inviting interested parents to join the Childspace Board of Directors. In the meantime, parents are encouraged to speak to the Centre Supervisor if they are interested in learning more about joining the board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTHERS' DAY/WOMEN IN OUR LIVES CELEBRATION: We will be having our Annual Celebration on Friday May 11th, 2018 and the invitations are ready to be distributed. Hope to see you all there.

FATHER'S DAY/MEN IN OUR LIVES CELEBRATION: We will be having our Annual Celebration on Friday June 15th, 2018. More details to follow. Hope to see you all there.

SPRING FAIR: Our 3rd Annual **SPRING FAIR** is scheduled to be held on Friday June 1st, 2018. It will be held right here at Childspace Day Care Corporation #1, 50 Woodmount Avenue. We are still looking for volunteers, donations of items for raffle/silent auction. Please contact a member of the Management Team if you have any questions. More details will follow. Hope to see you all there.

PARENT NIGHT

We would like to take this time to thank all parents that supported our parent night. We hope that you can share ideas on workshops you would like us to offer in the near future.

Resources for Parents:

Mindfulness for kids.

Books:

Breath like a Bear by Kira Willey

Breath and Be by Katie Coombs

Baby Buddha's by Lisa Desmond

Yoga Bunny by Brian Russo

Mindful kids activity cards

Websites:

kidsrelaxation.com

Annakaharris.com

Mindful.org (article "a mindfulness practice for preschoolers")

Cosmic kids

Webinars:

Caring and Responsive Relationships: Anticipating and Preventing Challenges

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Issh7j8dKd8&feature=youtu.be>

Great Parenting Show

<http://greatparentingshow.com/7th-gps/?oprid=2509>