



KID'S COTTAGE DAYCARE SOCIETY

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We trust you all had a great summer vacation! We are looking forward to the return of our routines and schedules.

Special welcome to all the new KC families! Please remember that your files must be complete before you can leave your child. A staff member will check them prior to you leaving the centre. Fees are due on the 1st of each month. All late fees are subject to a \$25 late fee. If you are applying for ACCB it must be approved prior to the 1st. Approvals received after the 1st will be reimbursed once received.

Welcome to Michell, who will be joining the KC staff team in the OSC room On Monday September 16th!

Drop off and Pick up reminders

Please remember to stick to your drop off times as close as possible. Staffing is set to accommodate ratios at certain times and unexpected early drop-offs may not be accommodated if staffing ratios are not met. If you require a drop-off earlier than your regular time, please ensure that you make arrangements the day before. **Note that at this time the infant toddler room does not have any children prior to 7:30, therefore if you require drop off earlier than that you must inform a staff member the day**

before or you will not be permitted to stay until a staff member arrives at that time.

If you are going to be late picking up your child, please call the centre and let us know. Not only does this help with staffing but will also prepare your child if you are later than expected.

Immunization Updates

Please remember to update your child's file when they receive immunizations. We need to keep a record of Covid immunizations and flu shots also so please let us know when they receive them.

Important School Age Reminders

1. A reminder that the OSC staff will not take the children to or from school on the first day of school. Regular school drop off and pick up will commence on Wednesday September 4th. We will not drop off or pick up the kinders on Wednesday September 3rd. Please note that there is a scheduled Pro D Day on Friday September 20th.
2. Please remember to **CALL (NO EMAILS)** the centre by 2:00pm if your child does not need pick up from school. There is a \$10 per call fee

for any call the staff make to locate your child. All unreported absences are treated as a missing persons case and 911 will be called if we cannot locate your child!

3. OSC parents – note that the cut off time for morning drop off is **8:00** am. This is to ensure that all the children are settled in the room prior to leaving the center and not joining the group as they head out the door.

Aging Out

While children that are currently enrolled, and siblings of those children, have priority for spaces in the next room, please note that there is always the possibility that there may not be room in the next program. In such a case a child may age out of the program. Sadly, that means they may have to be withdrawn from Kid's Cottage. In such a case the child will be moved to the top of the waitlist for the first available space in the desired program. While we try our best to accommodate all families the logistics, licensing requirements and space availability can sometimes affect the movement of children from one room to another.

Terry Fox Run – No Matter What

This year we will be joining the Terry Fox Run to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our centre's goal is to raise \$500. The Group Daycare and Infant Toddler Program will participate in the run on Friday September 27th. Please click on the link below to be directed to our centre's school donation page. We ask that you pass this on to friends and family members to help us reach our goal. Once on the page click Donate, then general donation.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/KidsCottageDaycareSociety>

Picture Day

Group and individual pictures for the Infant Toddler and Group Daycare Programs will be on Thursday September 19th

Christmas Vacation Reminder

Due to the unique timing of the Christmas Holidays and based on our analysis of past years' attendance, Kid's Cottage will be closed for an extra day on Friday, December 27th. The Christmas break will be as follows:

Monday Dec 23 – open all day
 Tuesday Dec 24 – open 6-1
 Wednesday Dec 25- **Closed**
 Thursday Dec 26 - **Closed**
 Friday Dec 27 – **Closed**

Monday Dec 30 – open all day
 Tuesday Dec 31 – open 6-1
 Wednesday Jan 1 – **Closed**
 Thursday Jan 2 - open all day
 Friday Jan 3 – open all day

ECE Student in the DC Room

The Group Daycare room will be hosting a practicum student from Douglas College in September. His name is Ivan and he will be joining us Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Electric Outage

Please note that on Wednesday September 25th the hospital grounds will be experiencing a site-wide electrical outage, from 8 am to 4 pm. As the weather should still be warm enough and the day still light out, we do not foresee any major issues to our operations however if you prefer to keep your child at home that day or to make alternate arrangements, please let us know. In the unlikely event that any issues arise during the day, due to this outage, there is a possibility that we may need to make the call to close the centre on short notice.

Pub Night Fundraiser – save the date!

This year's pub night fundraiser will be held on Friday October 25th. This is a mandatory fundraiser, and we are requiring each family to purchase/sell 2 tickets. Tickets will be sent home late September.

Auction items for this event are still needed. If you work at or know anyone that works at a business that

is willing to donate items, please send them the attached fundraising letter or let us know so we can contact them.

If you have any new items that you would like to donate to the event, please bring them in and we can create baskets. If you would like to put your own basket together that would be greatly appreciated!

Birthday Bumps – Month of September

This month's birthday bumps go to.....

Theo – 3

Emi – 10

Allie/Varinder– 18

Sofia V – 20

Remi- 23

Joon - 25



Daycare Closures

We are closed on Monday September 2nd and Monday September 30th