

Kingston Day Care Fall 2011 News...

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New For Fall 2011...

Please be advised that effective September 1, 2011, our "late pick-up fees" will be increasing.

They are as follows:

Up to 15 minutes late = \$15

Over 15 minutes but less than 30 minutes late = \$20

Over 30 minutes late = \$25

We wish to thank & commend everyone for arriving before 5:30 to pick their child up; our teachers depart the centre at 5:30 so the buildings are required to be vacated by then. Thank you to all of our clients for their continued support.

We have many new families joining us for September and look forward to ensuring that each child's day is filled with many positive learning experiences!

Let us introduce you to the exceptional Staff Members of Kingston Day Care....

St. Martha CCC

Kendra, OSECE

Trish

Jennifer

Alana

Shilpi

Sara

Kelsey

Crystal

Alison

Rideau CCC

Kristin, OSECE

Lindsay

Stephanie

Julie

Carol

Krista

Naznin

Collins Bay CCC

Ashley Sh, OSECE

Shama

Jessica

Ashley L

Serena

Victoria

Ashley S

Trillium CCC

Jayne, OSECE

Marlene

Linda

Tina

Stephanie

Jessy



KDC Managers, Supervisors and Board of Directors

Colleen Peairs, Executive Director

Laurie Burega, General Manager

Lisa Warwick, West Supervisor

Marcelina Lugo, East Supervisor

Board Members

Susan Miklas, President

Steve Arniel

Deb Holtom

Tracy Ringrose

Scott Stickle

Angela McKercher

Craig Pitts

"It takes a special person with patience and wisdom to share, to unlock the treasure awaiting within children everywhere."

HIGH FIVE – QUEST 2 and Kingston Day Care

Kingston Day Care offered **QUEST 2**, which is part 2 of the **HIGH FIVE** training program, to Kingston Day Care employees on Aug. 18, 2011. We value making a professional investment in our people and were very pleased to offer this high caliber training to our staff members, who are all dedicated to high quality care.

QUEST 2 is a quality measurement tool for observing and evaluating children's experiences in their program and helps teachers

realize the crucial role they play in setting the tone for healthy child development.

This full day session trained our staff on how to improve the quality of the school age programs by allowing them to measure their program with the **HIGH FIVE** scientifically validated Tool. It was a most valuable & informative day!



Trillium Child Care Centre Says "Goodbye to Summer and Hello to Fall"....

The toddler program at Trillium welcomed the warm summer and enjoyed lots of activities that kept them cool! They soaked up the summer with fun theme weeks such as "Water fun", "Zoo" and "Our Senses". Another week that was a big success was "Camping Week".

The children were inspired by the many outdoor activities and couldn't get enough of the life-size tent in the program room where we were able to enjoy our "circle time" and other inspirational activities.

The toddlers have now said "good-bye" to their

tent and are excited to venture into the "Harvesting Season" where they will learn, with teacher's "hands-on" assistance to cut, peel, mash & mix apples, creating homemade apple sauce! Yum! Yum!

Jayme Lees

Stephanie Scott

St. Martha Child Care Centre Reflects on their Summer....



The beginning of August started off with a *Week of Toddler Favorites!* During this week we focused on "Outside Picnics", "Sports Day", "Tattoo/face painting", and "Pajama/ Stuffy day". We also created a homemade fruit smoothie that the children really enjoyed!

We had to cancel

"Waterday" due to the weather being too chilly so we filled the day with other fun activities.

"Tattoo Day" seemed to be the number one favorite activity; the toddlers could not wait to show their tattoos off to their parents. A close second was "Pajama/ Stuffy Day", all of the children looked so cute and comfy and were excited to show

off their stuffies to their friends and teachers.

We took many pictures during this week and cannot wait to share them with our parents and friends. Thank you to all who helped make this week so enjoyable.

Sara, Stephanie & Kelsey

Summer Re-cap from Rideau Child Care Centre....

As the warm, sunny summer days come to an end, I wanted to take time to do a re-cap of our fantastic summer days in the Toddler Program.

One of the children's favorite activities this summer happened twice a week, weather permitting! These were our "Sprinkler Fun Days". The children brought in their bathing suits and the teachers set up the hose and sprinkler in the back yard for the children to play in. The children loved running in and out of the water and feeling the cool water hit their face and body; it was a great way to stay cool in the hot summer sun.

In addition to "Sprinkler Days" every Friday was a theme day. The children would dress-up in theme appropriate clothing; all day long there were themed activities occurring such as

"Crazy Hat Day", "Rainbow Day", and "Hawaiian Beach Day", just to name a few...the favorite by far was "Teddy Bear Picnic Day". The children were asked to bring in their favorite Teddy Bear or stuffed animal from home to join us for a picnic. In the afternoon during our regular snack time, we headed into the yard with our bears and

spread out a large blanket for all of us to sit on. The children sang the "Teddy Bear's Picnic" song and quite happily shared their snack with their bear. Fun was had by all and even the bears seemed to smile a little more on these days.

We all had a great summer together and can't wait to see what Fall will bring!

Kristin Lloyd



Exploring our Senses at Collins Bay Child Care Center

The toddler room at Collins Bay is a busy room full of enthusiastic and energetic children with early childhood educators who are ready to assist and encourage their exploration.

During the summer our group participated in a number of fun and new experiences; some of the favorite activities included "Scented Goop", "Rubber

Boot Splash Painting", "Story time in the Mushroom Tent", "Ball Play in the gym", and "Water table play". The children also enjoyed the teacher's animated reading of books such as "No More Diapers for Duckie", "Are You Ticklish?" and "Mortimer".

We had to say good-bye to some of our friends who have moved to the pre-school room and we wish

them good luck.

I would like to welcome my new colleague, Ashley L, to the toddler room as she takes over the senior toddler group. The two of us look forward to a wonderful Fall with your child.

Serena Milling

Jr. Toddler Teacher



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT— KINGSTON DAY CARE

Kingston Day Care staff members continue to be eager to learn and grow as early childhood educators through on-going training offered by Kingston Day Care.

Some of the workshops attended have been:

***Connecting Children with Special Needs to Literacy**

and Early Learning

***Stories Without Books**

***Jan Brett & the Four Seasons Make and Take**

***"Feelings" Learning Activities**

***"Silly Songs and Rhymes"**

***"Applied Behavior Analysis & Tools"**

***"CPR/First Aid training for all staff"**

"Fun-o-logical Awareness"

The children benefit greatly from these efforts and we thank our staff for their on-going interest & enthusiasm.

Great efforts everyone!



ON-LINE REGISTRATION

To begin your child's registration process with Kingston Day Care, please go to www.kingstondaycare.org and access the *Registration* block to create a child/parent account on our daycare portal.

We truly look forward to meeting you and your child!

Kingston Day Care's Parent Handbooks can also be found on our website!

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www.kingstondaycare.org

Our Parent Tip for the Day...

1-2-3- Magic and Strengthening Your Relationship with Your Child

Your relationship with your child and your child's self-esteem are closely intertwined. Just about anything you do to improve your relationship will also improve your child's self-esteem. Having a good relationship with your child—and working to strengthen that relationship—is also a big part of the social competence element of self-esteem. As your child gets older and older, they will be required to get along with more and more other children as well as with more and more adults. In their relationship with you, your children get their critical first experience with the ins and outs of getting along with somebody else.

Remember, *having fun* together on a regular basis is the glue of any good relationship.

Thanksgiving and Upcoming Program Closures

Happy Thanksgiving to all clients and staff of Kingston Day Care! We wish everyone a very pleasant long weekend and an enjoyable time spent with friends and family.

Please be advised that all *Kingston Day Care* Child Care Centres will be closed in recognition of the following Statutory Holidays:

Thanksgiving — Monday, October 10, 2011

Christmas Day — Dec. 26, 2011

Boxing Day—Dec. 27, 2011

New Years Day—Jan. 2, 2012



APPENDIX B: PARENT LETTER

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and Social Services

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NEW REQUIREMENT TO POST SERIOUS OCCURRENCES IN LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The safety and well-being of our children in licensed child care programs is the highest priority. Operators of licensed child care centres and private-home day care agencies work diligently to provide a safe, creative and nurturing environment for each child. In spite of all the best precautions, serious occurrences can sometimes take place.

The Ontario government has introduced a new policy that requires licensed child care centres and private-home day care agencies to post information about serious occurrences that happen at a centre or a home location effective November 1, 2011. To support increased transparency and access to information, a "Serious Occurrence Notification Form" must be posted at the centre or home location in a visible area for 10 days.

A serious occurrence could include:

- Serious injury to a child,
- Fire or other disaster on site,
- Complaint about service standard.

Licensed child care centres and private-home day care agencies are already required to report serious occurrences to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, which is responsible for child care licensing. This new policy requires child care operators to post information in their facilities so that parents also have access to it.

This posting will give parents information about the incident and outline follow-up actions taken and the outcomes, while respecting the privacy of the individuals involved. Longer-term actions taken by the operator will also be included to help prevent similar incidents in the future, where applicable.

Many factors may lead to a serious occurrence report. A serious occurrence does not necessarily mean that an operator is out of compliance with licensing requirements or that children are at risk in the child care program.

This new policy supports the government's efforts to increase access to information about licensed child care programs in Ontario. This includes the recent launch of child care licensing inspection findings on the Licensed Child Care Website which is available at:
<http://www.ontario.ca/ONT/portal61/licensedchildcare>.

We encourage you to speak to the operator of your child care program for more information about serious occurrences and the new Serious Occurrence Notification form posting policy.


for Suzanne Gagnon
(A) Regional Director
South East Region