

Kingston Day Care Sizzles into Summer 2012!

PLAY, EXPLORE AND BE ...

“Isn’t it amazing how a blanket of stars light up a dark night sky?”

Side by side they twinkle together to create a beautiful work of art. When we shine together we light up the world to make an unforgettable difference.

Thank you for shining with us.”

KDC’S DYNAMIC TEAM

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Shilpi T
Crystal G
Jenn D
Alison H

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Jade H
Holly B
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Jayne L, OSECE
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Tina D
Marlene B
Linda C
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Many thanks to Kingston Day Care’s Board of Directors for their on-going dedication and support; it is truly appreciated.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new board members.

NEWS FROM TRILLIUM CHILD CARE CENTRE

The sun is **shining**, the birds are **chirping** and the bees are **buzzing!** The toddlers at Trillium CCC are not wasting any time when enjoying this weather!

The children like to remind us daily of the "**chirp**" and "**buzzzz**" sounds they hear and are just great at lending a hand when filling our bird feeders.

We all enjoyed our **Spring**

Parade and the giving and receiving of **flowers** with the residents at Trillium...but we very much look forward to our upcoming summer fun! The toddlers will be doing a "**Sunshine Parade**" around the Court Building, offering many smiles and giggles along the way to welcome summer.

It's calling for a hot and dry summer, so we will keep cool with many **water** and **sand**

activities, as well as our '**always favorite, no matter the season**' activity ...**baking!**

The toddlers and toddler staff will be saying good-bye to a couple of **great friends**, and look forward to saying hello to our **new ones!**

Jayne, toddler teacher



"Great oaks from little acorns grow"



GREETINGS FROM COLLINS BAY CHILD CARE CENTRE

We have been very busy here in the Infant Program learning all about **summer**.

Books, felt stories and crafts pertaining to our **summer theme** have been enjoyed by all. Throughout the **summer months** we will continue our learning with outdoor

water-play and **summer strolls** where we can **see, hear, smell and touch** all of the wonders of **summer!**

Jessica, Infant Teacher



SUMMER FUN IN THE EAST!!

Summer at St. Martha Child Care Centre!

The toddlers at **St. Martha** are all very excited for the **sunshine** to be here. In the month of July we will be featuring a "Fun Week" that will include **Pajama Day, Tattoo Day, an outdoor Picnic, Stuffy Day and Water days!** We will post our water days ahead of time so parents may prepare their child. We will also be bringing back **homemade fruit**

smoothies, which were a big hit last year!

Please ensure that summer hats and extra summer clothing are labeled; this will help keep the cubby area organized.

Have a great summer!

Toddler teachers
St. Martha CCC

Rideau Child Care Centre:

Coming into our last summer at Rideau, we have some exciting things planned for the children including "**theme days, water days, a Fairfield Manor visit, and Graduation Day for the preschoolers.**" It will be a fun filled summer for everyone and we look forward to it!

On behalf of all the Rideau staff we would like to extend a huge "**thank you**" to the families who support us day in and day out, we wish everyone all the best and **look forward to seeing many of you at our other locations in the Fall!**

Steph and Krista



GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



“A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which everyone who passes by leaves an impression.”

I am a parent representative on Kingston Day Care’s Board of Directors and I wanted to introduce myself.

I have a daughter, Olivia, who is currently attending part-time at the Trillium Child Care Centre and part-time at Junior kindergarten. My daughter has been at Trillium since she was 1 year old and has transitioned through all of the age groupings, so I feel as though I have a good knowledge of the infant, toddler and preschool programs offered at Kingston Day Care.

I am a parent representative but my education and background also falls within youth work. I have a Bachelor of Community

Welfare/Youth Work and a Diploma in Child and Youth Work and over 15 years experience working with children and youth. I am currently the Youth Development Specialist for Eastern Ontario through KFL&A Public Health where I work with the 6 Public Health Agencies across Eastern Ontario to help educate children and youth around the harmful effects of tobacco and to help prevent youth from trying tobacco products.

I am excited to be on this Board and to be able to provide a parent’s perspective!

Thanks, Angela McKercher-Mortimer.

RECOGNITION FOR “YEARS OF SERVICE”

We were very pleased to recognize two of Kingston Day Care’s staff members for their five years of service at the Annual General Meeting held at St. Martha Child Care Centre on May 9, 2012.

Congratulations to **SHILPI TARAFDER, RECE** and

KRISTIN LLOYD, RECE for their on-going dedication to quality child care over the past five years at Kingston Day Care.

Both staff members demonstrate a high level of skill as early childhood educators and exude true joy and satisfaction as they

deliver their nurturing and educational programs at their respective work sites.

Thank you both for all that you do!

TOGETHER
we succeed, with
EVERYONE
giving their all.
Our team
ACHIEVES
it’s goals and
becomes
MORE
impressive every
day!!!

KINGSTON DAY CARE PARENT SURVEY RESULTS ~ 2012

We are proud to announce that the results of this year’s parent survey were very positive and encouraging!

Many thanks to all of the families who took time to complete the questionnaire, the information

gathered is taken very seriously and helps ensure that we are providing the highest of quality care and programming for the children in each of our child care centers.

Please refer to the Survey Results at the end of

this newsletter to review the actual data gathered for each specific category included in the survey.



*"PROGRAMS YOU CAN TRUST TO
HELP CHILDREN LEARN AND
SUCCEED IN THEIR EARLY YEARS."*



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"play, explore and be..."

Whose Child Is This?

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play.
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while.
To bathe his/her hands and comb his/her hair,
To tell him/her what he/she is to wear,
To prepare him/her that he/she may always be good,
And each day do the things he/she should".

"Whose child is this?" I asked again,
As the door opened and someone came in.
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile.
"Mine, to keep just for a little while.
To teach him/her how to be gentle and kind,
To train and direct his/her dear little mind,
To help him/her live by every rule,
And get the best he/she can from school".

"Whose child is this?" I asked once more,
Just as the little one entered the door.
"Ours", said the parent and the teacher as they smiled.
And each took the hand of the little child.
"Ours to love and train together.
Ours this blessed task forever."

Author Unknown

SUMMER PROGRAM CLOSURES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

All Kingston Day Care Child Care Centers
will be closed on the following days:

**Monday, July 2, 2012 – CANADA DAY



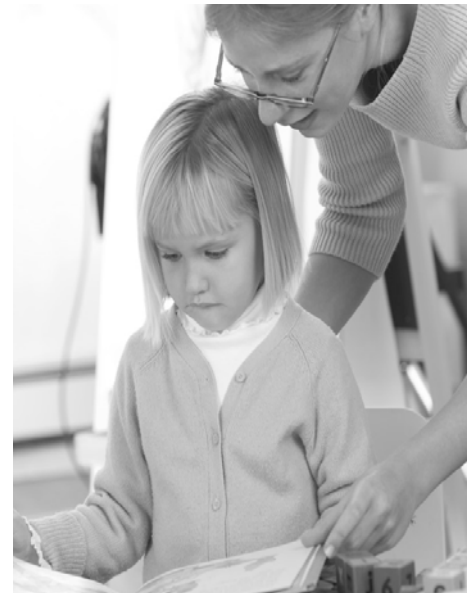
**Monday, August 6, 2012 – CIVIC HOLIDAY

**Monday, September 3, 2012 – LABOUR DAY

*Please enjoy a safe and happy
long weekend with family and
friends!*

*Kingston Day Care staff
members continue to
demonstrate a high level of
interest in professional
growth as noted below:*

- *Winter Program Planning
and File Folder Games
- *Spring Make and Take/
Early Literacy
- *Literacy and Circle Time
- *Motoring Towards Literacy
- *Bullying
- *Fountains of Joy and Love
for Children conference
- *Dealing with Unacceptable
Behavior
- *CPR and First Aid

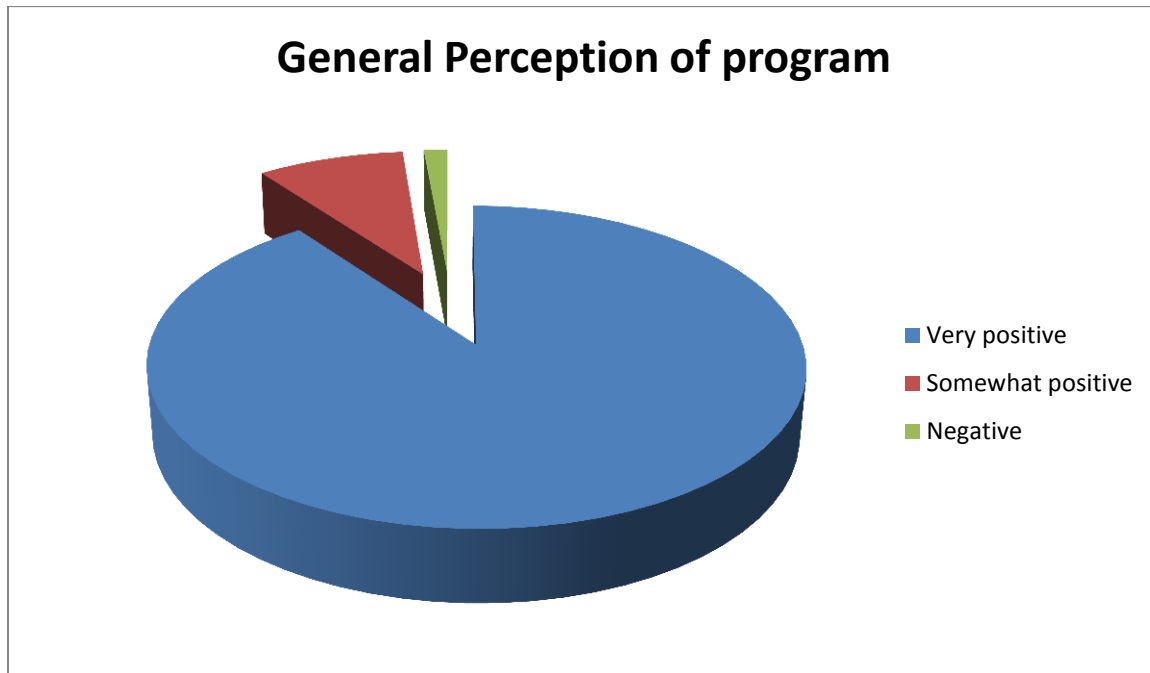


**"Every individual matters.
Every individual has a role to play.
Every individual makes a difference."**

**Kingston Day Care Inc.
Parent Survey Results 2012**

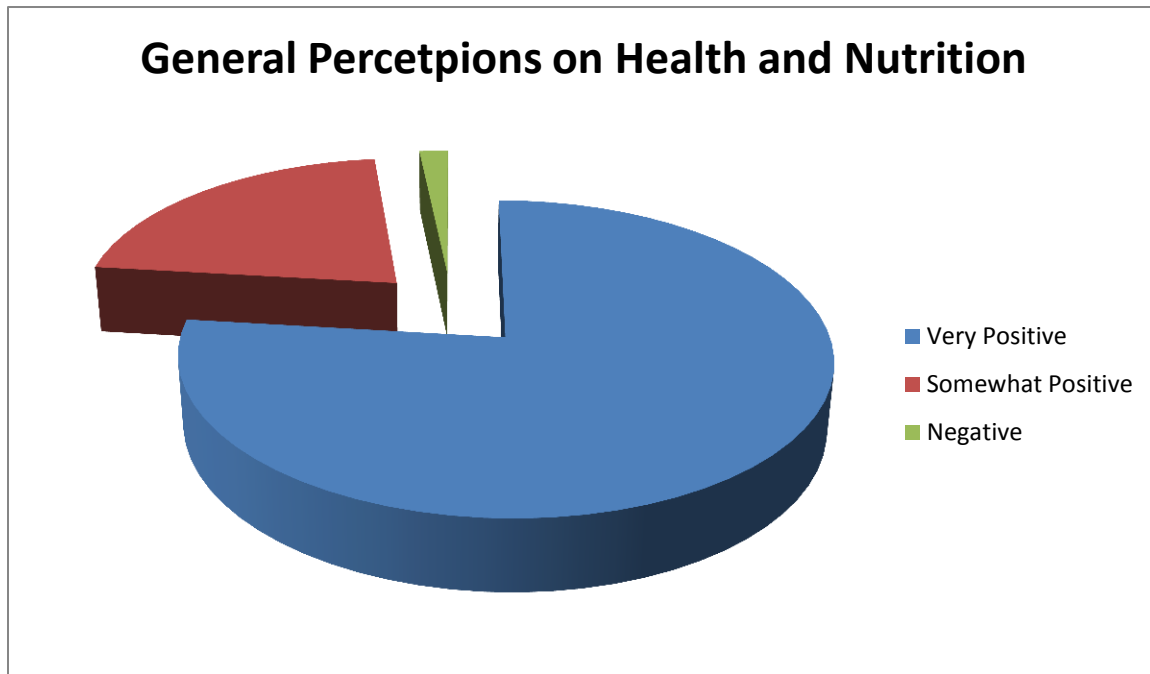
All 4 centres: 75 completed surveys

Program	Yes	Sometimes	No
Is welcoming, loving and nurturing environment provided?	73	2	0
Does the program provide stimulating early learning experiences?	69	6	0
Do the posted activity plans provide an overview of daily activities both indoors and outside?	58	6	1
Is the daily schedule posted and does it provide you with an overview of your child's day?	60	5	4
Are your child's unique strengths and needs considered within the program?	60	12	0
General perception of program (Yes; very positive, Sometimes; somewhat positive, No; negative)	320	31	5



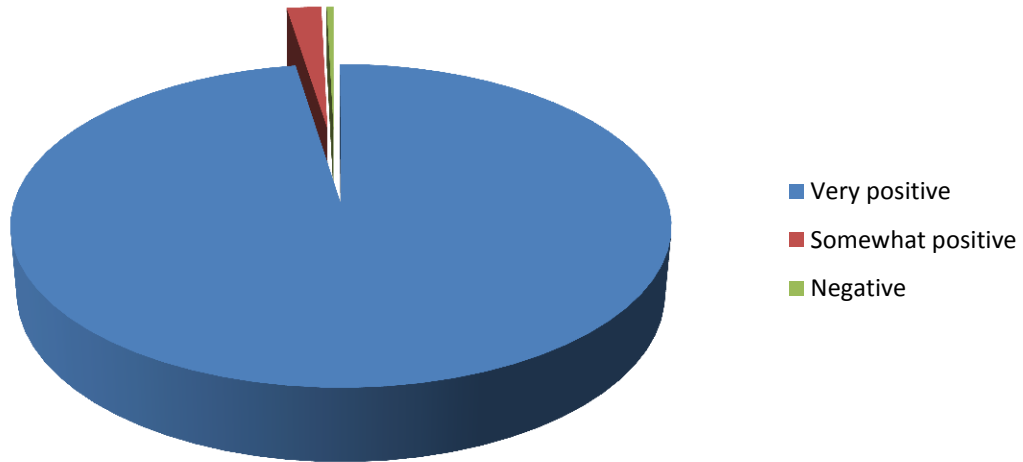
Health and Nutrition	Yes	Sometimes	No
Are the centre's toys and equipment presented in an orderly manner and kept clean?	67	7	1
Are you promptly and adequately informed when your	66	8	0

child is ill or injured?			
Is the menu posted for review and menu changes noted?	56	6	5
Are snacks and meals nutritional?	67	6	1
Are you pleased with the snacks and meals served?	66	9	0
General perception around Health and Nutrition (Yes; Very positive, Somewhat; somewhat positive, No; negative)	322	90	7



Staff	Yes	Sometimes	No
Do you find the staff knowledgeable and available to speak with your regarding your child?	73	2	0
Do staff share information regarding your child's day, respond to questions/concerns/comments that you have while respecting the confidentiality of personal information?	72	1	0
Are staffs aware or open to addressing your child's needs (i.e. custodial arrangements, cultural traditions, medical and dietary requirements)?	58	0	0
Is the supervisor knowledgeable and does she/he provide feedback in a timely manner?	68	4	0
Are the contents of the parent handbook inclusive of all information you require? If not what is omitted?	61	0	4
General perception around staff (yes; very positive, Sometimes; somewhat positive, No; Negative)	332	7	4

General Perceptions of Staff



General	Yes	No	Maybe
Have you had Concerns with your child's/children's teacher which have not been resolved through direct contact? Are you aware of our complaints procedure?	9	64	
Would you recommend Kingston Daycare's child care programs?	75	0	
Would you be interested in serving on our Board of Directors?	5	2	2