



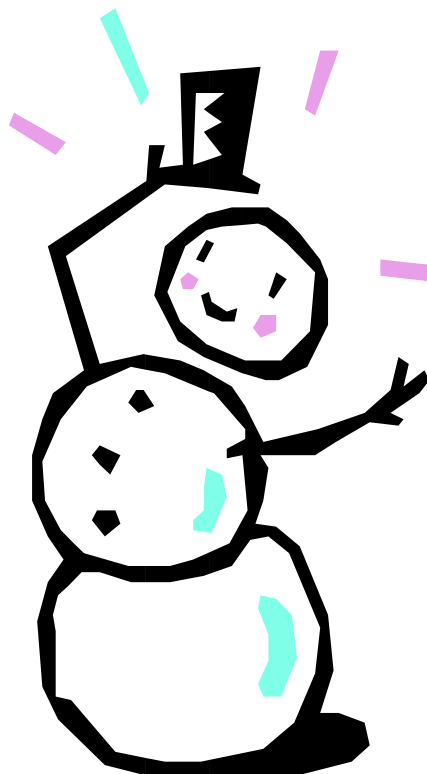
KINGSTON DAY CARE

Winter Newsletter – 2012/2013

Welcome to Kingston Day Care!

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"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together." *WHAT AN AMAZING TEAM!*

Trillium Child Care Centre Staff

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Welcome to all of the families joining Kingston Day Care this September for the first time and a special welcome to the families who re-located from Rideau Child Care Centre.

To the staff who worked at our Rideau site from 1999-2012 providing nurturing, educational care, you will always be remembered for the quality care you provided, by me personally, and by the families who chose the Rideau Child Care Centre for their child care needs.

We are proud of our Kingston Day Care staff and thrilled beyond words that the Full Time staff who were at Rideau are still with us, as are the families from Rideau Child Care Centre who continued to require child care.

*Thank you,
Colleen Peairs, Executive Director*

Managers, Supervisors and Board Of Directors

Colleen Peairs
Executive Director

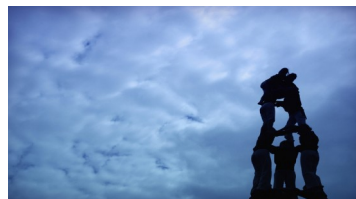
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Many thanks to our Board of Directors for recognizing & appreciating all that the ECE does! It is felt and appreciated every day.

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Kingston Day Care and *The Very Busy Summer of 2012...*

St. Martha Child Care Centre was a *bee-hive of activity* this summer. In a nutshell, we 're-located the centre within itself'. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board offered us the opportunity to provide the *Before and After School programming for the Full Day Kindergarten program* and we accepted. New equipment was purchased, staff hired and programming planned. Sarah and Rebecca are doing an awesome job with this new program.

We *expanded our Infant Program* from 3 spaces to 6 spaces, which also involved the *creation of two infant sleep rooms*.

The *Infant Program* was re-located to the *opposite side of the child care centre*, where access to the kitchen and less traffic through the program, have proven to be real assets for the children and staff. *The Toddler and Preschool Programs* were re-located as well.

The Family Studies Room in St. Martha School is now a classroom, hence the *re-location of our After School Program to the two portables*. Prep work occurred throughout July with Carol and Crystal taking a lead as the teachers for this program. We are fortunate to have such staff who are clearly up for the challenges and they have met every expectation.

Many thanks are extended to Mr. Murray, principal of St. Martha School; the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District Board for the opportunity to extend our program; and the physical plant for all of the support offered. Thank you to all of the contractors, especially Chris Payne, as without his and Dan's support, we truly would not have secured our license to operate. Finally, I offer gratitude to Marcelina and the staff at St. Martha Child Care Centre, as well as the children and their families who have lived through the licensing changes. *This was a big project and the success of it was because of many.*

Colleen Peairs, Executive Director
Kingston Day Care

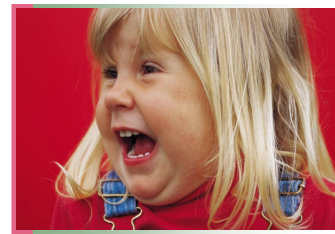
Trillium Child Care Centre ~ Toddler's Seasonal Fun!

The toddlers had a wonderful summer despite the heat and we never stopped enjoying our fun filled days! As we said "good-bye" to the warm air and sunshine, we were glad to welcome Fall and its cool, crisp days. The toddlers very much enjoyed watching all of the leaves fall from the trees and blow around our play yard. We loved *depicting like the leaves* as they blew about and the numerous art activities we did - exploring and enjoying all the colorful leaves that surrounded us....and you cannot enjoy the Fall with out some

apple-tasting and "apple-fun" activities! The seasons seem to pass by quickly and the toddlers are looking forward to new Winter events. They are anticipating snow and remain very observant when checking out our weather each day during Circle Time. We all look forward to learning about snow ; building snowmen; coloring snow; and baking warm yummy treats for all to share. Our toddlers welcome everything with a

smile and they cannot wait for more fun and hands-on experiences!

Jayme L, Toddler Teacher



Welcome to St. Martha Child Care Centre's new FDK Extended Day Program!

Becky and Sara are very excited to be part of this great new program! The first few months have been awesome getting to know the children and interacting with them. The teachers and children are really enjoying the new co-operative games, toys and equipment that Kingston Day Care purchased for both indoor and outdoor play. Our Fall season has gone by quickly as we settled into our new routine; the children have especially enjoyed play-

ing "What Time is it Mr. Wolf?", "Diggity Dog", "Red Rover", and taking part in all of our art activities and group sharing time opportunities. The children have enjoyed the activities that Becky and Sara planned—activities such as pumpkin carving, face painting, Port Fright, Halloween art, decorating cupcakes and interactive Halloween stories. We look forward to the next few months and the planning of more special activities for the children.

We hope everyone had a GREAT beginning to their school year and a spooky Halloween.

Sara and Becky





St. Martha Preschool Program fun!

Since September, the Preschoolers have moved into their new program room; they are adjusting well and have settled in nicely. We are pleased to say that our Jolly Phonics unit is coming along well and the children are enjoying learning and printing their letters.

For the month of October we focused on the alphabet and encouraged proper social play. We also had a Halloween party where the children decorated cookies, played interactive games, experienced a "haunted house" and wore their costumes around the school.

The winter season is fast approaching, so

please be reminded to send your child in appropriate winter clothing ~ and please be sure to label snowsuits.

This winter we are looking forward to celebrating 'the holidays'. This is a special time of year and we have many activities, crafts and special treats planned!

Trish, Alana and Carol



Collins Bay Child Care Centre

This year the *Before School program* is being taught by Serena and the children are really pleased to have her with them.

The *After School program* has welcomed Stephanie as their new teacher and the children truly enjoy her.

While using the **High 5 Principals** we have tried to create a school age pro-



gram that focuses on children working together and sharing ideas so that the program planning can be based on what *they* would like to do.

Over the last few weeks we have worked on creating word-webs, giving examples of team work and respect; we brainstormed new ideas for future activities; and shared in some Hallowe'en activities.

Over the next several weeks we

will continue to work on creating enjoyable plans for all of the children in the program. Of course with the holiday season approaching quickly, the children have already started planning for some wonderful holiday fun ~ we cannot wait to see what they come up with!

Serena and Stephanie

Fundraising News ...

A big "thank you" goes out to all of the staff and parents for their hard work and commitment with the sales and distribution of the "Little Caesars Fundraising kits"

As always, it was a great fundraiser ... Kingston Daycare made a profit of \$ 1042 .00.

The funds will be distributed between all of Kingston Daycare's three sites, so that all programs can benefit from the fundraiser by receiving new toys and equipment for their classroom.

Thank you again for your continued support of Kingston Daycare Fundraising. We look forward to new ventures in 2013, and are always open to suggestions or ideas.

Fundraising Committee



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"Our Christmas wish for you, our friends

Is not a simple one

For we wish you hope and joy and peace

Days filled with warmth and sun

We wish you love and friendship too

Throughout the coming year

Lots of laughter and happiness

To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one

And when totaled by the lot

May you find all you've been given

To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light

May your spirit never grow old

May all your clouds have silver linings

And your rainbows pots of gold"

Kingston Day Care Child Care Centres ~ Seasonal Closures

All 3 Child Care Centres will be
closed for the following statutory
holidays:

Tuesday, December 25, 2012:

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 26, 2012:

BOXING DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2013:

NEW YEARS DAY!

Season's Greetings to All!!



**Wishing all of our Kingston Day Care staff members
and families a very warm and happy Holiday Season!**