

DECEMBER 2014—MARCH 2015

Kingston Day Care's Winter News for 2014-2015!

INTRODUCING OUR *AMAZING* TEAM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS:

St. Martha Child Care Centre

Carol Mc

Kristin L

Ashley L

Melanie B

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Asia S

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Collins Bay Child Care Centre

Stephanie N

Shilpi T

Jessica N

Amanda D

Christina S

Sarah G

Our Lady of Lourdes B&A Programs

Sara B

Jenna D

Trillium Child Care Centre

Chelsea D

Jayme L

Devon C

Jamie H

Emma G

Janita M



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We wish to extend a very big and heart-felt thank you to Alison and our Board of Directors for their support & encouragement and on-going recognition of the important role we play as Early Childhood Educators. Amazing....



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kingston Day Care is brimming with energy, talent and dedication! Daily, I marvel at the creativity of our General Manager, Supervisors and Early Childhood Educators as they inspire early learning and inquiry-based programming in safe, supportive environments. Their guidance, creativity and leadership allow children to soar and play with confidence. The photo documentation clearly depicts how learning happens in young children and how important our roles are to enhance and encourage these learning processes. We have spent considerable time reviewing and evaluating our programs, our physical space and our equipment at each of our sites. We have decided that it is in the

best interest of the children to enhance our spaces using fewer plastic items and replace them with natural materials to create an environment more suited to inquiry-based learning. You will notice that this is already happening at each of our sites; please watch for many new improvements over the next few months.

We are very thankful to our Board of Directors for their governance and support of these changes. Their interest and encouragement allows us to provide the best possible learning environment for your children

Sincerely,

Alison



ST. MARTHA CCC WELCOMES WINTER AND A NEW FURRY FRIEND

The *Full Day Kindergarten Extended Day Program* is alive with excitement these days! With the change in weather and the arrival of snow, the children are buzzing with new found energy. There will be perfect opportunities to take our learning outdoors during the upcoming winter season. We dream of building colored ice sculptures, creating outdoor sensory environments, exploring science activities such as snow volcanos, and creating “art in the snow”.

The winter landscape will provide us with a wonderful blank and snowy canvas for play! Be sure to bundle up so you can enjoy the outside play!

The school-agers are jumping with joy to announce that they will be getting a “furry friend” for their program...a HAMSTER!!! Having a hamster friend will be a great way to share responsibilities and experience what it is like to care for such a small leaving creature. Some

of the responsibilities will include *holding, feeding, cleaning the cage and sharing their TLC.* We are more than happy to display our hamster pictures as soon as we can!

School-Age & Full Day Kindergarten Children



OUR LADY OF LOURDES BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Brrr...it's that time of year again !

The cold weather has approached us bringing snow and winter-coat weather. A friendly reminder to please send appropriate clothing with your child as we will be enjoying the snow whenever we can.

We look forward to engaging in

some winter activities as the snow falls ~ making snowmen, making snow forts, snow painting etc...

As we enter the Christmas season, we will be celebrating Christmas Around the World. The children will have the opportunity to learn about different countries and some of the holiday language

and traditions. I too am excited to learn and travel the world this Christmas season with the children.

Jenna

COLLINS BAY CCC AND PLAY-BASED LEARNING

The *Full Day Kindergarten Enhanced Day* and *School Age Programs* have been very busy enjoying play-based activities. The children have really liked moving a lot of our daily activities outdoors while the weather is still nice. Activities such as water painting, coloring and gross motor games have been of great interest to the children; particularly the games the children create themselves!

Some of the children have taken an interest in geography. Drawing

flags and recognizing countries has progressed into a “world twister” game played on a large map. This has also grown into finding different characteristics of each country. Adding these different activities has sparked the children’s imagination as they take their learning further. We cannot wait to see what winter has in store for us as we continue to take our learning to the next level.

Christina T and Sarah G



TRILLIUM CCC SLIDES INTO WINTER....

The infants, toddlers and preschoolers at Trillium CCC are very excited about our new menu changes. We have started to make a variety of healthy muffins for snack each week. The toddlers especially like to watch the muffin batter being prepared and get excited to enjoy them as a snack later in the afternoon. The children love our new strawberry-banana smoothies for a morning snack as an alternative to cereal and toast.

With our new snowfall in the month of November, the children have been loving outside play. The

infants love to get pulled around in a sleigh, while the toddlers love to try and pull each other in the sleds. The preschoolers were excited to get the shovels out to move the snow around. We are all eager for the snow to come back and stay for a while so the children can enjoy other winter activities.

Trillium CCC has taken the transition to winter to a whole new level this year! With the addition of some winter decorations, the infant, toddler and preschool rooms have rearranged their furniture and classroom décor to create a more natural, welcoming environment for children to

play and learn in.

We look forward to the additional changes that will be made to our play-based learning environment and some snow on the ground to get everyone in the holiday spirit! Janita



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014



On October 29, 2014, we thanked and celebrated our devoted staff and team of early childhood educators for their on-going professionalism and commitment to high quality child care. Tribute was paid to their dedication, innovation, and high level

of care and skill demonstrated on a daily basis!

Kingston Day Care is extremely fortunate to employ such an extraordinary team, and we praise each and every one of you, not only on this special day, but all year through.

Thank you very much for all that you do!!



Play, explore and be....



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"My Wish"

*I hope that the days come easy and the moments pass slow,
And each road leads you where you want to go,
And if you're faced with a choice, and you have to choose,
I hope you choose the one that means the most to you.
And if one door opens to another door closed,
I hope you keep on walkin' till you find the window,
If it's cold outside, show the world the warmth of your smile,
But more than anything, more than anything,
My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to,
Your dreams stay big, and your worries stay small,
You never need to carry more than you can hold,
And while you're out there getting where you're getting to,
I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too
Yeah, this, is my wish. (excerpt from Rascal Flatts)*

To our wonderful families we send the warmest of holiday cheer, and a wish that much joy & happiness is bestowed upon all of you in 2015 . From the staff of Kingston Day Care.

SEASONAL CHILD CARE CLOSURES

December 25/14 ~

Christmas Day

December 26/14 ~

Boxing Day

January 1/15 ~

New Year's Day!



Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*