

Kids Bits

Oh where oh where is Mr. Sun?

March & April Issue 2009

A Word From Lesley

Oh where oh where is Mr. Sun, Oh where could he be? It seems as if it's been winter for quite a while now. We can't wait for Mr. Sun to shine down on us. This school term is shaping up to be a very busy one, because of the past strike. For those of you who do not already know, the school term will be extended and we are in the process of deciding whether we will be closing the daycare for registration week, the third week of August or August 31st - September 6th inclusive. This is due to the fact that exams will go until August 28, 2009. Please see your summer survey and let us know how this change may or may not affect you. Summer surveys are due no later than April 1st and are attached to your March fee statements. Thanks you for your response.

Summer survey

We are thinking ahead to summer and would like to get an idea of parents using the centre this summer, this helps us assess in financial planning and summer staffing. Please see survey attached to your fee statements. Surveys must be returned no later than April 1st.

Welcome, welcome spring!

Spring is almost here we can feel it in the air. We went for a walk and we could hear the birds singing, there was even some green grass and leaves. Soon we will need our rain boots, splash pants, and raincoats; we'll say goodbye to "Old man winter" and hello to Mrs. Spring ☺. Rita keeps saying I can't wait to sit on my deck and enjoy the tulips and spring flowers. Our teachers have been very busy creating 'cool' activities for us to do and we can't wait. Here is a list of some of the themes they have planned for us.

Themes

Who laid an egg

"Around the world"

"Nature Rocks"

"I know My Manners"

"All about Gardening"

March 2nd - 13th

March 16th - 27th

March 30th - April 10th

April 13th - 24th

April 27th - May 8th

Closures

April 14th

Good Friday

For your Information

Honoring our outstanding Early Childhood Educators.

Do you believe that the staff at The Lee Wiggins Childcare does an amazing job? Here is your chance to do your part in honoring us. You may nominate one or more of us at www.pma.gc.ca. The deadline to do is March 31st, 2009. Please see poster in foyer for more information.

Dates To Remember

March 8 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins Change batteries in smoke detectors
March 11 th	Language & Literacy workshop 5:30pm. Free childcare offered. (See sign up sheet in foyer. The workshop will not only be about literacy, other topic may and can be raised and discussed.
March 16 th – 20 th	Elementary School March Break
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day, wear something green
March 20 th	First day of spring
April 9 th	Passover begins
April 10 th	Good Friday (daycare closed)
April 13 th	Easter Monday (daycare opened)

Volunteers, Ace & Co-op Students

Welcome to Samantha and Lysa, our ACE students for the spring term. Our former volunteers have also returned after the strike and everyone is doing a phenomenal job, we are grateful to have him or her on board. If you see them around please don't hesitate to say hello.

Home is where the heart is ☺☺☺

Carmelita has moved into her new home and is settling well. Thanks Lesley for all the rides to and from work. It makes it a bit easier

Lee Wiggins Gentle Reminders

- Planning your summer vacation? Just a reminder the daycare will be closed either the third week in August or August 31st – September 6th inclusive for fall/winter registration. TBA (as soon as possible)
- Parents please let us know what type of workshops you are interested in and we will try to have facilitators in to promote these workshop. Please note that these workshops cannot be done without your cooperation. Thank you, (see workshop questionnaire attached in this newsletter)
- New parking passes for the York Lanes lot will be available by May.
- If your child is still in diapers please remember to supply the daycare with a package of unscented wipes for the spring term.
- Please remember to place at least three diapers in your child diaper pouch each day. If your child does not have diapers the daycare will gladly supply you some for that day, but remember to bring extra next day, to replace ours.
- Remember to wash your child's hand upon entering the centre each scheduled shift. Sanitizers are for adult use only!

Words of wisdom

"He who can reach a child's heart can reach the World's Heart."

-Rudyard Kipling

"A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to Blame Somebody else."

-John Burroughs

"A child Educated only at School is an Uneducated Child."

-George Santayana

"Love, is wherever it comes from, always looks the same"

- Jacqueline Hickey

From Our Kitchen to Yours

An Irish Treat

This delicious bread is served with most meals in Ireland. It's a quick, tasty and easy project to do. Enjoy!

4 cups flour
1-teaspoon salt
1-teaspoon sugar
1-teaspoon soda
1½-cup buttermilk
¾ cup raisins

Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl. Make a well in center and pour in one-cup buttermilk. Mix with spoon and add more buttermilk to make a firm but not dry dough. Add raisins. Turn onto floured board and knead lightly, shape into a round loaf, and cut a cross in the top so it will not crack. Brush with butter. Bake in greased bread pan, round cake pan, or skillet at 375o for 35-40 minutes. Cool. Play Irish music while you bake & eat.

Scoops of Snow

6 large potatoes
2Tbsp. Margarine
1 large block of Monterey Jack cheese (grated)
1 Cup of milk

Once potatoes are boiled, mash potatoes with milk and margarine. Use an ice cream scoop to make mashed potato balls. Arrange them on a baking sheet, sprinkle with shredded Monterey Jack cheese, and place them under a broiler until the cheese melts. Allow balls to cool slightly before serving.

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Fundraiser Update 2009...

Scholastic:

Is a yearly endeavor, which helps the center to receive coupons, which is then used to purchase books for our library? Scholastic is generally due on the 15th of each month please hand in to Rita.

Canadian Tire Money...

We collect Canadian Tire yearly.

Annual Fundraiser

We will announce what we will be doing for our annual fundraiser at a later date.

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Dear Parents,

Over the past few months we have planned a few workshops that have resulted in low to no turnouts. We find this trend to be disappointing and we are wondering if it is the topics, timing or you are just not interested? We strive to have extras for you and your children in the hopes of enriching your lives and assisting with your child's development. Please give us your feed back by circling any of the workshops you maybe interested in below. Let us know if you are interested in any topics or if we should discontinue to offer workshops?

For Parents and Children

- Baby and me
- Baby sign
- Making Books Together
- Family Math
- Song and Rhymes
- Story Circle

For Parents

- You Make the Difference
- From Lullabies to Literacy (series)
- Encouraging Language Development at Home
- Making your own Books
- Television
- The Benefits of Speaking Your First Language at Home
- Get Ready for Kindergarten!
- Fun Family Math at Home

Questions

- Are you interested in any of the workshops listed above Yes /No
- Should we continue to offer workshops Yes /No
- If there were no workshop that interests you above, please list below ones that may interest you.

Please circle the workshops that may interest you or add your own. Return this leaflet to a staff member.