

What's New??

Summer time is usually holiday time! Please be sure that you notify your child's teacher or the Office when you are planning time away from your regular routine. Numbers and ratios play a huge role throughout the year but even more so over the summer as teachers are away as well. Planning and scheduling for supply staff and meals is most helpful when we have an idea of the numbers of children that are planning to be away or here at the Centre.

Please check your child's room calendar for any events or special activities that may be happening. We want for your child to be able to participate fully in the activity and not miss out on anything!

Feedback on our new initiative to use email to send out the newsletter has been positive. In order to save on paper and ensure that you are receiving this newsletter or any other correspondence, please notify the Office of your email address!

Please remember to leave your child's cubby with extra, seasonal clothes. Also, a reminder that open toe shoes and/or crocs are not allowed on the playground for safety reasons.

Staff and Administration Update

Welcome to **Stephanie** who is back from her maternity leave. Stephanie will be teaching in the Preschool room with Loren. **Zenobia** will be teaching with Anu in the Toddler room.

Congratulations to **Darcy** who has been cooking for us since **1983!** Congrats also go to **Michelle** who is celebrating her **9th** Anniversary in August. **Nancy Tamas** is celebrating her **22nd** anniversary this summer as well.

Dates to Remember

July 1- Canada Day (centre closed)
July 3 – London Mardi Gras
July 4 – Independence Day
July 6 – Dalai Lama's birthday
July 14 – National Day (France)
July 26- Wassana (Buddhist)

August 2- Civic Holiday (centre closed)
August 12 - Ramadan Begins (Islam)
August 13 – Obon (Japan)
August 15 – Independence Day (India)
August 24 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)
August 31 – St. Rosa of Lima (Peru)

September 2- Our Annual End of Summer Barbeque 4:45-6:15



Insect repellents for children

Insect bites are annoying and they can be dangerous. Mosquitoes and biting flies can carry disease. In Canada, reports of such cases are rare.

Below are ways to avoid insect bites:

- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts outdoors.
- Avoid places where mosquitoes breed and live, like standing water.
- Stay inside when mosquitoes are most active: dawn, dusk, early evening.
- Use insect repellent.

Insect repellents contain a chemical called DEET, which keeps flies and mosquitoes away. Repellents that are used on children should have a small concentration of DEET

General information

- When using on children, always apply it for them.
- Always read the entire label before using.
- Apply the product lightly. Don't use more than you need.
- Do not apply on irritated or sunburned skin.
- Apply it only on top of clothing or to skin that is showing.
- Do not get it in eyes. If you do, rinse with water right away.
- If you are spraying, be careful not to breathe it. Don't spray it in a tent, or near food.
- Don't spray children's hands. (Less likely to get it into eyes or mouth.)
- When you don't need the protection anymore, wash the skin with soap and water.