

February 2021

"KINDER GARDEN" FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee is excited to launch the first ever "**Kinder Garden**" fundraiser offered through TreeTime.

Parents, friends, and community members can order a variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers over the next few months for May 2021 pick-up. All funds raised will directly benefit the children at the centre.

We encourage parents to share this unique opportunity with family, friends and community members. Please click the link below to see our new online order form.

Paper order forms are also available at the centre.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOHRFYMDJE0MdFBD8epZSkdqA43AxtmmcWt9MkXK8L9oqihA/viewform?usp=pp_url

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Reminders

- Please make sure your child/ren have adequate winter clothing for outdoor play (e.g. gloves, hat, snow pants, etc.)*
- Please fill out the daily health screening questionnaire before your child/ren attends the program*

- If your child will be absent, please ensure you notify the centre in advance. We will expect all children to attending each day unless informed otherwise.*
- When notifying the centre that your child is sick, please state what your child's symptoms are to the staff. This is important information for us to track in the event of an outbreak.*

Important Update to Provincial Child Care Regulations

The previous *Alberta Child Care Licensing Act* has been changed to *Early Learning and Child Care Act*, which came into effect on Feb. 1, 2021.

Please check the link below for more details:

https://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2008_143.pdf

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Important Dates



Feb. 1, 2021-PD Day

Feb. 14, 2021-Valentine's Day

Feb. 15, 2021-Family Day
(center closed)

Feb. 25, 26, 2021 PD Day
(Teacher's Convention)

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Staff Appreciation

Superstar of January 2021

Congratulations to Alysse. She has been a wonderful addition to our team this year & brings an infectious energy to each activity that she leads and participates in with the kids. Alysse is a team player and is always willing to help out whenever she can, which has been especially helpful this season. She is a highly creative person and has been influential with revamping the morning programming at the school location by helping to come up with fun comprehensive themes each week as well as a wide variety of exciting activities for the kids. Thank you for everything that you do for the kids and having such a positive impact on their lives!



Main Changes to Child Care Regulations

(Effective on Feb. 1, 2021)

- *The principles of quality in child care have now been adopted into law. All licensing child care centres are required to meet a higher minimum standard.*
- *Simplifying childcare licensing classification system from 5 types to 2 types: facility -based and home-based making it easier for parents.*
- *Primary staff-to-child ratio for kindergarten has been changed to 1:15 to match the Grade 1-6 ratios.*
- *More flexibility for licensed providers such as the ability to offer mixed-age group child care during the day and accessing outdoor play spaces.*
- *Programs can now get one parent consent form signed for regular off-site activities that will be valid for one year; but will still be required to get a consent form signed for less frequently occurring off-site activities. (e.g. field trips)*



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