

# May 2017

## Brookview Montessori Child Development Center

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful and hard-working moms! We hope you will get the opportunity to sit and relax on your well-deserved day. We will be having our Mother's Day Celebration on Friday May 12th from 4:30pm–5:30pm. Save the date!

The Transition, Preschool, Junior Kinder & Kinder children will begin singing a special song at 4:45pm so feel free to arrive early for seating. Toddler moms are welcome to watch the show as well. Once the children are done singing, everyone can enjoy a treat, take some pictures, and socialize with the other moms and children in our center!

The OSC children are planning their own event to take place in their room as you pick up your child. Various table centers will be set up for you to enjoy with your OSC child.

### Summer Planning

We have started our summer planning! Thank you to everyone who gave us suggestions. If you have any more please let us know and we will contact them for more information.

Please remember the Out of School Care fees do increase slightly during the summer to help cover the cost of lunches for the children. This summer the OSC fee will be \$540 per month plus fieldtrip fees.

As usual, we will have the summer permission forms and calendars ready and emailed out in the first week of June. All families will have until Friday June 9th to submit their holiday schedules to have your fieldtrip fees adjusted. Permission forms will be due on Friday June 16th.

Those families who will not be attending during the summer but want to hold their space for September are required to pay the regular monthly fees to hold their space. If you do not want to pay the regular monthly fees then you may give your 30 days notice of withdrawal and be added to the waiting list for the next available space.

### Sunscreen & Bug Spray

It will soon be time for Sunscreen but we hope the bugs stay away!! We are currently reviewing our Sunscreen and Insect Repellent Permission forms before we send them out. Check your inbox in the next coming weeks for more information.

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#### Special points of interest:

- Mother's Day Celebration Friday May 12th
- **Closed** Monday May 22nd for Victoria Day

## Registration Confirmation

We are busy starting to plan room enrollment for 2017-2018. We would like to thank all parents who have confirmed their child's continued attendance for September 2017. For those who have not yet confirmed, please send us an email to confirm by May 19th. Thank you!!

## 2nd Annual Multicultural Event!

Last years Multicultural Event was such a success and we have started planning this years event. We are always looking for recommendations, suggestions, or anything else you can think of to contribute to the gathering. Based on last years requests, we will make a compilation of the recipes for all of the wonderful foods we get to sample throughout the celebration.

The event is set to take place on Friday, June 2nd from 4:30-5:30.

If you are able to contribute food, or lend us artifacts, clothing, games to play, music, or toys the children can experience, please let us know via e-mail. We have such a diverse community here at Brookview and we love celebrating that!

## Book and Toy Swap

Do you have books and toys your child/ren no longer use or need? Bring them in for our 2nd Annual Toy and Book Swap! It is a great way to reuse items within our community! The Swap will be on May 19 from 4:30-5:30, as you pick up your child. We are looking for gently used toys and books for ages 1-11. Please bring the things you want to swap in the morning of May 19th. You will be given a ticket per toy or book you bring. At the end of the day, you will be able to exchange your ticket for a new item of your choosing! Any leftover toys or books will be donated.

## TRAC Community Run

It is almost that time of year again! The 12th Annual TRAC community Run is on Sunday May 28, 2017 at Mother Margret Mary High School. Races start at 9am. There are 1K, 3K, 5K & 10K races, including a 1.5K fun-run for kids! I have attached the information to this newsletter for your convenience.

## Spring Photos for Daycare Children

Our Spring photos will be on May 17th this year. They will be taken by Van Tsiclas of Evanessence Photography. You may recognize the name as he took our wonderful Christmas Celebration photos this year. Van will set up in the OSC room and take photos of the daycare children starting around 9. He will take sibling and individual photos throughout the morning. When the photos have been edited, Van will upload them to a secure website for you to complete your order.

## Renovation Updates

We would like to thank all of our wonderful families for being so patient while waiting for the renovations to be completed. Here is an update on our current situation (and why it's taking a lot longer than anticipated):

- The Toddler Room floor that we wanted to install has been backordered for months. We are currently testing a different product at WELC but want to make sure it is durable enough. The work will need to take place over a long weekend, as it takes at least 3 or 4 days to install. This really limits when the floor can be installed as there aren't many long weekends left in the year and we don't want to have to close the Toddler Room during the week.
- The front entry has been delayed as well. Currently we are waiting for the door to be fixed. It shifts with the weather and the foundation is cracked so it does not always close properly. Unfortunately, this means the key fob entry system will not work until this is remedied.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

## First Place Housing Construction

This summer, the city will begin the groundwork for the construction of the First Place Housing Bulyea Heights location. Unfortunately, this means we will be losing access to the field behind our center. They will be using this area to store their work trucks and supplies. For more information about the construction of this project, you can visit

[https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/housing/first-place.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/housing/first-place.aspx)

It is looking like the construction will restrict our access to the field area for approximately 2 years. As more information becomes available, I will be sure to update you on the situation.

## Extracurricular Activities

We will continue to have gym time at George Luck Gym for the month of May. The children will leave for gym at 4:15 and return around 5:10pm. Please look on the website or the whiteboard for your child's gym days each week. Remember that your child requires indoor running shoes for gym. They will be unable to participate if they have dress shoes, sandals, flip flops, or crocs.

The daycare children have Art with Amanda on May 4th & 18th.

Music Classes will continue each Tuesday morning until the end of June!

## Parent Involvement

We have had some suggestions for increased parent involvement within our center. We are wondering: **What does parent involvement look like to you??**

Please send us a note via email or drop by the office to let us know any suggestions you might have!

## Sensory and Art Exploration

We encourage all of our children to play and explore in the ways they are interested with a variety of materials including, but not limited to, paint, sand, water, shaving cream, markers, slimes, dirt, and other items found in nature. Sometimes, this means our clothes get dirty while we are having fun. Children are naturally curious about their environment and children learn best when they are having fun exploring the world around them. Please ensure that the clothes you send your child in are okay to get a little dirty during your child's explorations with nature or art supplies.

If you do come across a paint stain, I've found that the best course of action is to wash it as soon as you notice it. Some other tips include scraping the dried paint off of the clothing item before treating with a stain remover. You can then soak the item in a bleach solution (I've never needed to do this step) and wash normally.

## Outdoor Fun!

Just a reminder that we go outside each day! Please ensure your children have appropriate footwear for running around in. We recommend running shoes or sandals with backs— flip flops and crocs are **not** recommended. Don't forget your hat when the sun arrives. Hats should cover your child's ears and the back of their neck. Younger children benefit from having a chin-strap on the hat so gusts of wind don't blow it away.

Please double check to ensure your child still has a complete change of clothing at the center—this includes OSC children, too! For growing children it is a good time to check that the spare clothes still fit!

**\*\*All children also need a water bottle here each day for when we go offsite. When it is hot ( and even when it's not) we get very, very thirsty after playing outside.**

We had such a wonderful time last year tending to our playground garden, so we will be planting again this year. We have purchased a few seeds but if you have any leftover seeds or soil from your own planting please bring them for us to share. We would also love to have parents come help plant and maintain our garden with the children. If you have a morning or afternoon free please talk to your child's teachers to arrange a day to come in.

## Dates to Remember

May 12—Mother's Day Celebration

May 17—Daycare Spring Photos

May 19— Toy and Book Swap

May 23—Allstars Fieldtrip (Kinders & Public School OSC)

June 16—Father's Day Celebration

Summer Permission Forms Due—June 16

September 1— CLOSED for September Professional Development

## Toddler News

We were super busy this past month exploring lots of sensory items. We touched paint, glue, cotton balls, ice, goop, and shaving cream. We smelled new smells and tasted new flavours! We also used our hearing to find birds in our neighbourhood. We saw geese outside and looked at pictures of owls, parrots, peacocks and more. We made many art projects about birds and enjoyed touching feathers and making bird sounds. We also spent a lot of time exploring dinosaurs. We brushed their teeth, took care of them at the doctor, saved them from ice and even pretended to be dinosaurs by stomping around. What fun! We can't wait to see what May will bring.

## Transition & Preschool News

Despite the on and off signs of Spring, the preschoolers and the transitions continue to enjoy the different outdoor activities prepared for them. The children in the preschool and transition rooms have high hopes that this month will bring continuous beautiful weather for us to enjoy the outdoors. One of the activities the teachers prepared is a "Teddy Bear's Picnic Day". This will be in the afternoon of May 26th. Please send your children with their favorite Teddy Bear or Stuffy to accompany them for this picnic. The teachers in the preschool and transition rooms also prepared indoor activities which are equally enjoyable as the outdoors. These are in addition with the activities/ themes which will be suggested by the preschoolers and transitions. To name a few are: Spring Story Telling, Bugs/ Insects Arts and Craft, Spring Poem Recitation and Spring Singing and Finger Playing. Indoor Planting will also be part of our indoor activities. Since we have an unpredictable weather, please continue to send mitts/gloves, toque, splash pants and boots to daycare. Oh! How we love working together in creating positive memories for Brookview Children!

## Jr. Kinder & Kinder News

We had such an amazing April, despite the weather. We enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the month, including an Easter egg hunt, building with Lego, making things out of snow, coloring and drawing pictures, listening to new stories and dancing. Our new favourite action song is Dinosaur Stomp. We also have been practicing for our Mother's Day Celebration. The kids are so excited to show off their hard work on May 12. We hope all of our wonderful mothers will be able to celebrate with us!

We would also like to thank all of the families that contributed a photo or two to our family photo display! It looks great! If you would like to contribute a photo for the display, please let us know as I can make the display larger than it is already!

## OSC News

April showers bring May flowers! Hopefully Mr. Sun shines this month so that we will start seeing lots of flowers blooming around our beautiful city. The children had a great time playing in our garden dramatic play in April. Some children planted seeds and brought them home to watch them grow. Some had fun pretending to play using soil and pretend flowers. While playing we overheard many discussions about how to plant and what plants need to grow.

We also had a lot of fun playing games like musical chairs, guessing how many jellybeans were in the jar, and pass the message at our Easter party. We also enjoyed testing our brains and completing word search puzzles.

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