

# January 2012

Happy New Year! Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and we wish you all the best in upcoming New Year! Here is some important information for January:

## **THANK YOU!!!!**

- A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents who spoiled with such wonderful gifts and treats! More importantly we want to thank you for all the support and encouragement you provide us in teaching your children - without you we couldn't do our job and the children make it exciting and totally worthwhile! Thank you!
- Thanks to all the parents for helping us set up and tear down for the Christmas concert. We sure appreciated everyone's assistance in ensuring another successful Christmas Concert. We want to thank all of you parents for bringing food items for the pot luck, there were many tasty dishes from all around the world!
- A special thanks to the children for singing so cheerfully. As mentioned at the concert the children were practicing for many weeks sometimes twice a day to learn their songs and parts. Congratulations to all the children who participated. They did a wonderful performance! We hope you enjoyed it too. We always welcome some feed back from you and for next year's celebration so if you have any suggestions and ideas please let us know.



## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

- Registration for Kindergarten in September 2012 has begun at many schools? There are many wonderful schools to choose from. Are you wondering where to enroll, what to do, when to start? Check the websites for Edmonton Public [www.ecsd.net](http://www.ecsd.net) and Catholic schools [www.epsb.net](http://www.epsb.net) for details. Currently, bussing is provided through Catholic Transportation to Archbishop Mac Neill and St. Monica's & St. Mary's. Brander Gardens (French Immersion Program only) has transportation to the Centre. George Luck is within walking distance.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Music Program- Dawn will continue the music and movement program with the children every Tuesday beginning January 10. She will provide music lessons for all age groups from Toddlers to Jr Kinders.

- Art class- Amanda will continue the art classes for the preschool to OSC groups on alternating Thursdays (January 12 and 26). She will teach the preschool and JR. K's in the morning and the Kinders and OSC in the afternoon.
- Gym time- we will resume our gym time at George Luck School January 10. Please look on our website and on the whiteboard for your child's gym days. All children must have indoor running shoes to participate. Please check your child's footwear to avoid disappointment. We will leave at 4:05pm and return at 5:10pm.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- As we will be walking to the gym please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Some days it may be cold and your children will need to bundle up even for that short walk.
- Indoor Footwear and Clothes: It is important that your child have an indoor pair of slippers or shoes here at all times! Also, please have a complete change of clothes for your child; accidents happen and the children need clothes to change into! This includes the OSC! Especially after sledding.

#### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

- Outside Activities: Weather Permitting - (minus 15 Celsius and warmer with the wind chill) we will be going outside everyday so please have the appropriate outdoor wear everyday at the center! Please remember we are unable to accommodate requests for children to stay inside due to cough and colds. If they are not well enough to participate in all our activities including going outdoors then they should remain at home for the day.
- The weather has been too wonderful for sledding.... Wow, I can't believe it! Sometime this winter we would like to go sledding on Monkey Mountain. If we get enough snow please bring a saucer or small sled that your child can carry up the hill themselves with their name on it for the fun. Should you have an extra sled feel free to leave it here out back rather than bringing it everyday?
- The OSC children will have skating days each Monday and Wednesday for the month of January for those children who would like to skate. They will leave the center at 3:45pm and return at 5:30pm. This activity is weather permitting. So far this week the weather has been too warm and the outdoor rink has been closed, weird isn't it! Children who would like to



skate are welcome to bring skates with guards, CSA approved helmet and hockey sticks if they would like.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Book orders are due by January 13, 2012.
- The Jr.K's and KInders will begin journal writing towards the end of January. Feel free to view their books regularly.
- Tax receipts will be ready for pick up January 20. Come see Amy or Sherri.
- Looking ahead... January 31- Faith day at Catholic Schools we are planning an OSC fieldtrip. February 14 Valentine's party, Family Winter Fun Night, date TBA. Feb. 21 - Family Day - Daycare closed



**\*\*\*\*NEW FEES\*\*\*\***

A reminder of the fee increase that takes effect January 1, 2012. Here is the new fee schedule.



**Child Care**

13 months - 18 months-----\$980 per month  
19 months - 3 years -----\$850 per month  
3 years - 6 years -----\$785 per month  
Daily Rate - max 7 hours - all ages -----\$60 per day

**Out of School Care**

Full time -----\$440 per month  
July and August -----TBA per month  
Mornings only -----\$10 per morning  
Full Days(PD days, Spring Break, etc.)--\$60 per day  
Afternoon's regular Dismissal-----\$28 per afternoon  
Early Dismissal at 2:30 -----\$32 per afternoon  
Noon Dismissal -----\$45 per afternoon

If you have made post dated cheques with the 2011 fee amount please leave an additional cheque for the difference/increase. If you have any questions, please see Sherri or Amy.

Well I think that is it for now!  
Happy New Year!

