

September 2017 Newsletter

Welcome!

Daycare staff have been getting ready for September and are very excited about the new room configurations. We sent parents an email announcing the staffing changes and we hope you've had a chance to talk to your child about who their daycare teachers are. The full listing can be found [here](#).

Meet & Greet

In an effort to continually improve communication with our families we are planning something new this year. We are replacing our annual muffin morning with something we are calling Meet & Greet. We will host one Meet & Greet in each of our 7 daycare program rooms from 5:00-5:30 PM. We feel these will be more meaningful and better attended. Donna Spreitzer the ED/Supervisor and Karen Anthony the Asst. Director will talk about the daycare philosophy as well as our experiences and expectations. It's also an opportunity for parents to check out the program room and ask questions. During each Meet & Greet, the children and educators will be engaged in an activity outside of the program room so that we can have the room to meet. Whether you're new to the daycare or a long-time family, we hope you'll make time to attend the Meet & Greet(s) in your child(ren)'s program room(s). Dates and details will be sent via email; however we have scheduled the following dates in September:

- Preschool – Monday, September 18 from 5-5:30 in Room 107
- JK B & A – Wednesday, September 27 from 5-5:30 in Room 107A
- SK B & A – Monday, September 25 from 5-5:30 in Room 207A

Board of Directors

At the Daycare's Annual General Meeting in June, a new Board was elected to serve for the next school year:

Ira Wells (President)
Lesley McLean (Vice President)
Jesse Johnson (Treasurer)
Sean Keating (Secretary)
Jeannine Bourgon
Nick Cheeseman
Nitin Gambhir
Denis Jugloff
Steve Levene
Farheen Mahmood
Frederic Puech
Ryan Pump

The Daycare is a non-profit corporation and relies on its volunteer Board to oversee the management of the centre.

No Babysitting Policy

This is a reminder that Daycare Educators do not engage in avoidable dual relationships (e.g. social, personal, business) with current clients. This includes acknowledging that Jackman Community Daycare employees do not provide paid or unpaid babysitting services to families who are registered with the centre. This policy conforms to current professional standards that aim to avoid a potential or perceived conflict of interest.

When your Child is Absent Please Let the Daycare Know

Please leave a detailed message in your child's daycare room whenever your child will not be attending daycare. If your child is sick, please tell us the symptoms so that we can track a possible outbreak. Keep in mind that the school and daycare have separate phone systems so if your child attends school, you must call both the school and daycare. **The Daycare number is 416-466-8715. Room Extensions are:**

- Nursery School, Room 105 (Extension 223)
- Preschool, Room 107 (Extension 222)
- JK, Room 107A (Extension 233)
- SK, Room 207A (Extension 234)
- School Age, Room 105 (Extension 223)
- ACC, Room 101 (Extension 224)
- All Stars, Room 207 (Extension 227)
- 10+, Room 309 (Extension 226)

Updating Pick Up Lists & Special Consents

Your child's emergency contact form lists who can pick up your child, either anytime or with a note or phone call. Under no circumstances will the daycare release your child to someone with just a phone call if **prior written consent** has not been given. If you are unsure as to who is currently on your child's pick up list or have an update, please come to the daycare office, room 308, to update your information. **We strongly encourage you to proactively add people to your pickup list. That way you can just phone your child's rooms to let staff know who is picking up.**

If you have a one-time special pick up, or if your child will be participating in school activities, you can fill out a blue special consent form located in all daycare rooms and on our website, or leave a note with staff in the morning or the night before. **We can no longer accept emails for this purpose so please do not email the daycare office staff about special pickups. Thank you.**

Our Website is Updated Regularly

You can access Nursery School & Daycare information at your fingertips by going to jackmancommunitydaycare.ca. There is a special section for current families where you can easily access our newsletters, room calendars and important daycare policies and updates. Check it out!

Calendar of Events and Key Dates to January 2017

September 5 – First Day of School

September 11 & 12 – First 2 days of Nursery School

October 6 - PA DAY – Daycare is **OPEN**; Nursery School is **CLOSED**

October 9 - Thanksgiving Day - **CLOSED**

November 17 - PA DAY – Daycare is **OPEN**; Nursery School is **CLOSED**

December 1 - PA DAY – Daycare is **OPEN**; Nursery School is **CLOSED**

December 22 – Last Day of School, Daycare & Nursery School

December 25 through January 1 – **CLOSED for the Holidays**

January 2, 3, 4, 5, 2018 – Daycare **OPEN** 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM

January 8, 2018 - School, Daycare & Nursery School resume