

Jackman Community Daycare

April 2020 Newsletter

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As you are all aware, the decision has been made to not reopen the schools until at least May. As a result we will be closed until further notice. Please stay safe and practice self-isolation and social distancing.

We have added a COVID 19 section to our [website](#) to post updates we have received from Toronto Public Health, Ministry of Education and TDSB. Please check in weekly.

We know many of you are wondering how the staff are doing. Please know that the Board of Directors and Management are working hard behind the scenes to ensure staff are taken care of. Donna has rescinded her resignation to help guide the daycare through these extraordinary times. We have received some kind offers from parents about continuing to pay fees so staff can continue to be paid. We graciously decline these offers and want everyone to know that the daycare is able to take care of the staff. We are investigating government programs to support staff wages and will take advantage of these initiatives. We anticipate being able to maintain the viability of the daycare through these wage subsidies and our reserve fund. In the event of a shortfall in the future, parents will be kept apprised. Meanwhile, please rest assured that we have things under control.

Our Management Team and Board of Directors are in regular contact during the closure to discuss the needs of staff and the daycare.

Let's Stay in Touch on Facebook!

Daycare staff would love to know how our families are and what special things you may be doing during the closure. A great way to stay in touch is through our new private [Facebook Group for current families & staff](#).

Many staff will be posting videos and offering live streams where you can ask questions. We also encourage families to post notes about how you and your kids are doing. Movie and book recommendations or reviews would be great, or share your favourite family recipes.

Summer Camp Payments

We are looking forward to our 2020 summer camp programs. Our summer calendar and plans have not changed, although we are making plans for all possible scenarios.

Summer camp fees are usually due in April and June (50% each). **April payments have been postponed.** We will be in touch in early May to provide an update on summer fee procedures.

Annual General Meeting

The Daycare's AGM is traditionally held in June. This meeting offers information about our year in review. The AGM is also when the Board of Directors is elected. The date of the AGM cannot be confirmed at this time.

Calendar of Events and Key Dates

Daycare closed until further notice

May 18 – Holiday Closure

June 5 – PA Day - Nursery School is CLOSED

June 15 – Second summer camp payments due

June 26 – **Daycare CLOSED for Summer Prep**

July 29 – First day of Summer Camp

August 31 – **Daycare CLOSED for fall Prep**

September 1 – First day of Preschool and JK

September 4 – Last day of summer camp for grades 1-6

September 8 - First Day of School