

Jackman Community Daycare November 2018 Newsletter

Check out our Room Pages

Each program room has a web page where you will find the monthly room calendar and other important information. Please click on the link (to the right) to check out the daily activities planned in your child's room, or visit the current families section of our website: www.jackmancommunitydaycare.ca

Birthday & Other Treats

We receive many requests about bringing in treats for children's birthdays. Due to a number of reasons and concerns listed below, the daycare will no longer be allowing parents to send in treats:

- 1) We have children in every daycare room with severe allergies so it's gotten to the point where we have to be extremely careful about food;
- 2) While we allow children in some rooms to bring their own lunch we don't allow children to share food;
- 3) Many parents have told us they do not want their children eating treats;
- 4) The daycare already provides healthy food options.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Morning Drop Off – JK & SK

Just a reminder for JK and SK families, morning drop offs before 8:30am are in the daycare rooms. After 8:30 the children will be outside in the kindergarten playground. If you are dropping off outside, you must touch base with daycare staff and make sure they see you and your child(ren) before you leave. This year the school has asked that all parents either drop off at the gate or leave the playground once they've connected with staff. Please ensure the gates are properly closed behind you. For drop offs after 8:45 am, you can let your child's school teacher know they have arrived.

Order your Cheques

In December we will be collecting post-dated cheques for 2019 so please ensure you have cheques on hand. If your circumstances have changed and your child will not be needing childcare in the new year, please provide 30 days' written notice. Thank you.

Class Trips – room 105 & 101

If your child will be away on a class trip during the lunch hour please let the daycare know in advance.

Mark your Calendar for the Holidays

Each year the Daycare closes for about a week during the winter Holidays. **This year we will be closed December 24 to January 31.** The Daycare will be OPEN full days January 2, 3, & 4. School will resume on January 7th.

Daycare Concert... in January

With December being a very busy time for all of our families, and due to the space constraints of the GPR (we can no longer host all of our families at once), the daycare has decided that we will have 2 post-holiday concerts in January. Dates of the performances will be available in December.

Part-Time Nursery School Spots

Help spread the word! We have immediate openings in Nursery School on Tuesday & Thursday. It's a 2-hour program from 9:15-11:15 AM for children who are 3 or almost 3. It's a wonderful way to prepare children for when they start school next year. Unlike our Daycare programs, you don't have to live in Jackman's catchment area to attend Nursery School. Tell your friends to contact Karen in the Daycare Office: 416-466-8715, ext. 221 or jackmandaycare@bellnet.ca

Parent Resources

The [Parent Resources](#) section of our website offers a variety of information on topics related to children and families that may be of interest to you, including local programs offered at the Toronto Public Library, parent workshops and city services.

Updating Pick Up Lists & Special Consents

Under no circumstances will the daycare release your child to someone with just a phone call if **prior written consent** has not been given. **We strongly encourage you to proactively add people to your pickup list. That way you can simply phone your child's rooms to let staff know who is picking up.** Come to Room 308 to update your information.

If you have a one-time special pick up, or if your child will be participating in school activities, fill out a special consent form located on our website and in all daycare rooms. **Please do not email the daycare office staff about special pickups.**

Sent on behalf of TDSB

The TDSB's Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) is inviting all TDSB parents/guardians to take part in the upcoming 12th Annual Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference READY-SET-ENGAGE on Saturday, November 17, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

Special Programs

All program rooms have what we call "After 4 Programs." We bring in special guests to work with the children on projects, activities or skills that are in addition to their normal daycare experience. Children have an opportunity to participate in an After 4 program designed for their age group. We are pleased to be hosting After 4 Programs including: yoga, board games, soccer drills, music, dance and many cooking activities.

We encourage you to review the calendar regularly with your child. You can use it as a tool to get moving in the morning or engage in conversations: "Hey look, it's gym day; go put on your running shoes so you can run fast today." If your schedule allows, try to pick up after the time noted on the room calendar. If you arrive during an activity, feel free to join in if you have time. If you can't stay, that's okay too – just let staff know that you need to grab and run and we'll assist with a quick departure.

Calendar of Events and Key Dates

November 16- PA Day - Nursery School Closed. Daycare Open

November 20 - Board Meeting - Please RSVP to Donna if you plan to attend

December 7 - PA Day - Nursery School Closed. Daycare Open

December 21 – Last day of school in 2018

December 24-31 – **Daycare Closed**

January 2, 3, 4 – Daycare OPEN 7:30-6:00

January 7 - Nursery School & Daycare Open