

Jackman Community Daycare October 2020 newsletter

Daycare Web Site & Covid Reporting

The [Current Families](#) section of our website is updated with all of our current COVID policy information, and what to do if your daycare child is sick. Each program room has its own web page where you will find the monthly room calendar.

As previously communicated, the daycare is required to send out notices to all rooms when children have developed Covid symptoms and are going for testing. As the number of emails increase, we know it can be overwhelming to keep track, so to that end, we will start updating the [COVID 19](#) section of our website with the number of children who are getting tested and the number of returned negative results on a daily basis.

Mask Policy

The TDSB has updated their mask policy to the following:

School visitors, including parents/guardians, are required to wear a mask/face covering when **indoors and outdoors** on school property, such as during pick-up and drop-off.

The daycare is obligated to follow the mask policy set out by the TDSB. If at any time a daycare staff reminds you to put on a mask please do so.

We thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep everyone safe.

Pick Ups

Afternoon pick-ups are from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm from the front door. Please understand that the school's dismissal process has changed significantly, and it takes time for staff to get the children from their various rooms, screen them (if they did not attend in the morning) and then wait for the school community to exit so daycare can get settled outdoors, or go back inside.

If you need to pick up your child prior to 4:00pm we ask that you do so directly from their school teacher at 3:30pm (or 3:15pm for kindergarteners).

When picking up early, you must call and leave a message with your child's daycare room, with as much notice as possible, indicating that YOU will be picking up your child from school. Parents must also contact their child's teacher to let them know that your child is to remain in their care until you arrive. We want to avoid staff running around after school trying to locate a child who has already left and ensure children are supervised at all times.

From time to time, we may be able to arrange early pick-ups at 3:45pm, **with prior notice and arrangements with your child's room.**

We will do our best to accommodate the needs of our families; however, our priority is to ensure the safety and supervision of all of the children. We ask that if you arrive early to pick up, we ask that you remain respectful and patient with our staff as we get a hold of the room staff to dismiss your child. We are all in this together.

ECE and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day

On Thursday October 22nd, please show the Daycare Staff how much you appreciate them. It's the 20th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day! This year's theme is Rising Up! This **day** recognizes the commitment, hard **work** and education of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and all **staff** who **work** with young children.

Annual General Meeting is October 20

Our first AGM done on Zoom will be on Tuesday October 20. Details will follow by email. Please attend to hear about our year in review. The AGM is also when the Board of Directors is elected. The Board meets monthly to oversee the management of the Daycare. It's a great way to participate in our community and make a difference. There are several board seats opening up so we are in the process of recruiting new Board Members. For more information about the AGM, or if you want information about serving on the Board, contact Donna at jackman.donna@bellnet.ca. The Board of Directors has revised the By-Laws of the Corporation. Changes were needed to ensure the By-Laws complied with new legislation as well as met the needs of the Daycare. A copy of the DRAFT By-Laws is available on our website. Approval of the By-Laws is on the agenda of the AGM.

No Trick or Treats Please

Due to some severe food allergies in the daycare we do not allow parents to send in treats for Halloween or any parties, including birthdays. Thank you for understanding that our priority is to keep all children safe and healthy.

Dates to Remember

October 12 – Thanksgiving Holiday - Daycare Closed

October 20 - Daycare AGM – Virtual – contact [Donna Spreitzer](#) for more information

October 22 - ECE and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day

November 20 - PA Day - Daycare Open - Full day care 7:30am-6:00PM