

Jackman Community Daycare March 2021 Newsletter

It Takes a Village

We all know it takes a village to raise a child. I'd like to add that it takes a village to keep everyone safe. The Daycare Board of Directors is committed to continuing to provide this essential service to our families. They are also committed to providing a safe work environment for staff. The Daycare's ability to remain open during the pandemic is contingent upon each and every family following all Covid-19 rules and recommendations. At the moment, staff feel safe and are pleased to be able to provide care to the children; however, their main concern is community spread. **In order to be able to continue to operate our programs, all families have an obligation to do everything possible to prevent contracting and spreading the virus.** The minute there is a positive case in one of our rooms, the entire room will be shut down for 14 days and all staff and families will be required to isolate for 14 days. We simply cannot afford to risk it. **We are only as strong (and safe) as our weakest link so please don't be that weak link.**

What does this mean?

1. Keep your bubble small - just your nuclear family
2. No inside play dates
3. Mask wearing by all family members when playing or visiting with others, even outside
4. Stay home when sick and get tested when needed.
5. Report any absence directly to room staff and state a reason as we are tracking illnesses.
6. Keep your child home if anyone in the household is sick, has travelled or is self-isolating. We keep our website up to date so it's easy to check out all the Covid forms: jackmancommunitydaycare.ca
7. Please refrain from gathering and playing at the front of the school at pickup time.
8. In collaboration with Toronto Public Health, Toronto Children's Services created a short video How does COVID-19 spread? Please watch this 4-minute video with your family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrm4uPaRUt8>

Furthermore, the Ontario Ministry of Health's chief medical officer "strongly advises that individuals only travel out of the province if it is essential and self-isolate for 14 days when returning to Ontario." **We urge all families to follow and abide by all provincial and municipal public health requirements and recommendations. It's a good time for everyone to review our Covid Policies found in the COVID-19 section of our [website](#), starting with the Addendum to the Parent Handbook – Covid Version.**

Summer Camp for Grades 1-6

Even with the chill of winter still upon us, we are in the process of surveying families to determine the need for summer care.

Children going into grades 1-6 are required to register for a minimum of 2 weeks of summer camp to hold their daycare spot in the fall. This year the daycare will run summer camp for grades 1-6 from Monday July 5 to Friday September 3. Children in Preschool and JK remain in their respective programs throughout the summer and will move up to their new rooms on September 1.

New Preschoolers as well as the JK & SK daycare programs will start on September 1; our grade 1-6 daycare programs will begin on September 7, the first day of school.

Due to Covid-19 cohort restrictions, summer camp will likely be available in two-week blocks. Registration will begin in March or April. As always it will be first come, first served, with current daycare families getting first dibs.

When You Forget to Call

When parents forget to call their child's daycare room by 3 PM about an absence, you are inadvertently creating chaos at the busiest time of day. Room staff as well as management must stop everything to figure out where the child is. Not only does it cause panic wondering if the child is missing, but it also redirects staff from the other children in the group to tracking down the child (calling parents, finding the school teacher or going to the school office to see if the child was in school & getting management involved in the search). Sometimes it can take half an hour to resolve the issue, especially when parents don't answer their phone right away.

Please save us this added stress by always leaving a detailed message in your child's daycare room when your child is absent. The Daycare number is 416-466-8715:

Preschool, Room 107 (Ext 222)
JK B & A, Room 107A (Ext 233)
SK B & A, Room 207A (Ext 234)
Grade 1 Room 105 (Ext 223)
Grade 2 Room 101 (Ext 224)
Grade 3 Room 207 (Ext 227)
Grade 4 Room 209 (Ext 228)
10+, Room 309 (Ext 225)
Office, Room 308 (Ext 221)

Staff Milestones

Each year we recognize staff that have reached a significant milestone in their career at Jackman. We value our staff and strive to hire and retain high quality educators, as these staff are the backbone of our Daycare. We thank these educators and all of our staff for their commitment to the children and families at Jackman. Congratulations are in order for the following staff:

5 YEARS: Jennifer, Karen Anthony & Kira

10 YEARS: Angela & Shaneice

15 YEARS: Suren

30 YEARS: Pia

2020 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for childcare fees paid in 2020 were emailed on February 11th. They were sent to the parent(s) responsible for the TUIO payments.

Calendar of Events

April 2-5 – Holiday Closure

April 12 -16 – Spring Break – Daycare Open

May 24 - Holiday Closure

June 4 - PA Day – Daycare Open

June 29 – Last day of School

June 30 - PA Day

July 1 – Holiday Closure

July 2 – Daycare CLOSED for summer prep

July 5-September 3 – Summer Camp Grades 1-6

August 30 - Daycare CLOSED for fall prep

August 31 – Last day of Preschool & JK

September 1 – PS & JK move up and New Preschoolers start

September 6 – First Day of School