

Jackman Community Daycare October 2021 Newsletter

Hi families, hope you are all doing well as we head into the Fall season! Here is what is happening at Jackman Daycare this month. We have successfully finished our first month of school and re-opened our nursery program after almost two years! Thank you to everyone for adhering to all additional rules and regulations to keep our children, staff, families and community members safe and healthy. We appreciate your patience's with the frequent change in rules, especially during AM drop off and PM pick up. Our runners and screeners are doing their best to ensure we make these extremely high transition times as smooth as possible for everyone. Thank you to our fantastic team- they go up and beyond to provide the best quality of care and do it seamlessly everyday!

On October 21, 2021 we will be celebrating the 21st annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. This year we will be celebrating our Early Learning and Child Care Heroes and calling on the government to say yes to our [Roadmap to Universal Child Care in Ontario](#) which sets out our vision and our shared path forward for Ontario child care. This day will recognize the commitment, dedication and hard work for all Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educators, along with all staff that support and work with young children.

COVID-19 Updates

Jackman Community Daycare will be following the TDSB mandated vaccine policy, effective November 1, 2021.

Please continue to check out the [COVID-19](#) section of our website regularly for the most recent updates to all COVID-19 documents such as (and much more).

Please remember to follow the specific times in the morning for drop offs. The drop off times are between 7:30am to 8:15am to ensure all children are safely screened in a timely manner prior to entering the building. In addition, we are trying to reduce congestion during the morning rush with school drop-offs and safely socially distance large crowds of people all at once.

Programming Updates

You can also find in the [Current Families](#) section of our website the different methods staff use to connect with families. We will be moving to emergent curriculum at Jackman, meaning that programming is done based solely on the interest of each child. Teachers plan and implement experiences based on children' cues, interests and ideas which often times leads into larger ongoing projects! This method of programming allows the classroom experiences to be child led and the environment to be a reflection of each individual child based on "[How Does Learning Happen](#)". Children are curious, capable leaders in their environment, our teachers look for opportunities to build on memorable experiences for children. Please follow your child(ren) Instagram pages at the following names listed below. Teachers will no longer be posting monthly calendars, as planning monthly experiences in advance does not fall in the guidelines of emergent curriculum and our teachers strive for quality, childcare experiences.

Nursery School - jdcnursery
Preschool - preschooljackman
JK B&A - thejackmanjks
SK B&A - jackmandaycaresk
Room 105 (Gr. 1) - jackman_room105
Room 101 (Gr. 2) - jackmanroom101

Room 207 (Gr. 3) - 207_jackmandaycare
Room 209 (Gr. 4) - jcdcrm209
Room 309 (Gr. 5 & 6) - jackman_309

Friendly Reminders

Our staff are not permitted to enter any of the shared space classrooms during the school instructional day. We understand that children might forget articles of belongings such as boots, indoor shoes, water bottles etc. unfortunately we are unable to get inside the classroom to retrieve any items for your child. Our teachers will continue to do their best and remind children to gather all personal belongings for the school day, especially as the weather gets cooler in which children would be coming to school with additional weather appropriate belongings. We kindly ask you to remind your child they must take everything they need with them for school as they will be unable to get back into their daycare classroom until the end of the school day.

If your child will be absent from care, please call the [room extension](#) directly to speak to one of the teachers, or leave a message. We ask that absences be reported the day before or before noon the day of. This will help us ensure the safe pick up and arrival of all children in our care. If siblings will be absent, you can leave one message and ask that the absence information of the sibling be relayed to the appropriate daycare room.

You are able to pick up your child(ren) from the schoolyard after school however you **MUST** communicate directly with your child's teacher before leaving. Waving your child down in the schoolyard is not permitted as this does not give our teachers the opportunity to update their attendance records, which must be accurate at all times for the safety of all children. It is even more challenging with us all wearing masks, we don't always recognize each person, therefore cannot stress enough the importance of communicating directly with our teachers before leaving.

Masks

Children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will follow the same outdoor rules and regulations as the TDSB, no masks are required outdoors however masks must be worn indoors at all times. There is no change to preschool or nursery school protocols, masks are to be worn indoors and outdoors at all times.

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting (AGM) is October 6, 2021, 8pm-10pm. This will be our second AGM online and the Zoom link will only be sent to those who RSVP. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Tania at director@jackmandaycare.ca no later than October 4, 2021

The AGM is when the Board of Directors is elected, the Board meets monthly to oversee the management of the Daycare. It is a great way to participate in our community and make a difference. There are three board seats opening up so we are in the process of recruiting new Board Members.

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.

Calendar of Events

October 6- AGM, please contact Tania for more information director@jackmandaycare.ca

October 11 - Statutory Holiday - Daycare and Nursery School Closed

October 21 - Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Day

November 19 - PA Day - Daycare open. Nursery School Closed

December 20-23 - Daycare open full day care. Nursery School Closed

December 24-31 - Daycare Closed for winter break

January 3 - Daycare and Nursery School resume

January 14 - PA Day - Daycare open. Nursery School Closed