

WINTER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

Dates to Remember

February- Black History Month

February 14th Valentine's Day

Friday 17th PA Day

February 20th – Family Day

February 21st – Pancake Tuesday

February 22nd Anti-Bullying Day

March 2nd- Dr.Seuss

March 8th International Women's Day

March 12th- Day light savings begins

March Break 13th-17th March 20th Earth Day March 21st– 22nd Ramadan

“Where the journey begins”

Happy New Year!

As another year closes, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for choosing Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre for your sustained choice of daycare service for your child. We are pleased to share that the Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre is participating in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, which we refer to as CWELCC, and has been approved by the City of Toronto. The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement will support Ontario families to achieve an average fee of \$10 per day for children under the age of six by 2025 through phased reductions. As of December 2022, all families who qualified has been refunded for eligible children up to 25% of their fees, retroactive to April 1, 2022. Children under the age of six registered in before school care ONLY, are not eligible for a fee reduction due to the CWELCC \$12 per day threshold. The CWELCC program does not apply to children aged six to 12 years old.

Meet the team



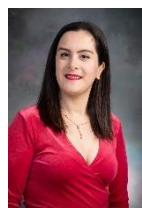
Donna Robertson RECE I am currently the Executive Director of the Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre and School age program. I have been working for this organization for the past 6 years and have enjoyed my time supporting families within the Thorncliffe Park community. I am a graduate in the field of Early Childhood Education, Child psychology and Recreation and Leadership Management. I have been working in the child care field for the past 28 years of which 19 of those years within the Thorncliffe/Flemington Park community.



Trudy Watts RECE I am the supervisor of the school-age program at Thorncliffe Park Daycare. I have been employed in the childcare sector for several years and have been at Thorncliffe Park Daycare since 2016. I have a Human Services background as well attended the Early Childhood Education program in Seneca College.



Sharon Simmons RECE, I have been working in the field since 1992. Currently, I am in the role of centre supervisor. Past positions include education specialist in Atlanta Georgia. I have been with TCPDCC for a number of years and enjoy being a mentor and assisting families with staff to help young children become competent and capable.



Sona Hassanimohabi RECE I am a RECE in the toddler room. I have worked at TCPDCC for 10yrs and loving it! I am studying Bachelor of Applied Science at the University of Guelph and hope to be a teacher in the future. I speak Farsi, Turkish and Azeri.



Sarah Guthrie RECE Relating to the Early Childhood Field, I am a RECE honours graduate from the Seneca College of Applied Art. I also have a graphic design background which I transfer in so many ways to bring about a creative experience for all. With substantial years of experience, I consider myself to be extremely motivated and have found joy in creating value for children of all ages. I have been with TCPDCC for almost 3 yrs. My dual role includes the position of an assistant schoolage supervisor and schoolage staff.



Samia Labib RECE I am a graduate of George Brown College in Early Childhood Education. I also hold a certificate in Early Childhood Administration from Seneca College. Currently, I am working as Assistant Supervisor in the management team of Thorncliffe Park daycare as well as a classroom educator.



Jabeen Syeeda RECE I am a highly qualified and experienced RECE with over 20 years of experience in the field. I hold a Diploma as a Registered Early Childhood Education, also M.Ed., B.Ed., B.A., and C.T degrees. I have spent the majority of my career working at the Thorncliffe Park Daycare Center and am currently working in the preschool room.

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Rubina Akbar RECE. I love working with kids of all ages. I have more than 4 years teaching experience in school and ten years experience as an ECE I am in preschool room 2.



Madelyn Madrid-Sabateh ECA
I am an Early Childcare Assistant with TCPDCC . I started working with the company since April 2019.I am currently work in Infant room



Lena Shiferaw RECE
I'm currently working as a RECE in the infant classroom. I hold a diploma in Early Childhood Education from Seneca College and have been with TCPDCC 3 yrs.



Shraddha Chauhan RECE I have completed my Bachelor in psychology and sociology and hold a degree in early childhood education. I have been with TCPDCC for a few years and work in preschool room 2.



Sana Yesuda RECE I have a diploma in Early Childhood Education from Seneca College. I was working in a before and after School setting for the past 3 years. Currently I work in the preschool room



Saima Siddiqui ECA I came to Canada in 1992 where I was gainfully employed at Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre. Currently I am the kitchen Co-ordinator and work with each group in the centre.



Venus Nazli ECA For almost two years I have been with TCPDCC I enjoy working with different age groups of children. I have more than seven years' experience working with children. I speak Punjabi, Urdu and English. I am currently and ECA but my goal is to pursue an ECE title



Christina Kouakou ECA I have been with Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre for a year or so. I am currently working in the school-age program and am enrolled at York University studying social and political Science.



(Tracy) Anh Tran Ngo RECE I completed my Early Childhood Education at Seneca College of Applied Arts. I am fortunate to have started working in my field right away after my studies. Currently, I am one of the toddler teachers.



Bernadette Loterte ECA, I am excited to be part of TCPDCC assisting teaching, educating, and caring for the children. My background is nursing as well as in PSW. I love teaching, helping children and other people in every way I can.



Rozi Tabassum RECE I'm currently working in the infant room, and it is my 10th year working with children in a childcare setting.



Jocelyn De La Cruz ECA I've been working at Thorncliffe Park Daycare Centre over 20 years. I worked with all different age groups and currently I'm working as a housekeeping and Screening staff. This is my last year at Thorncliffe Park Daycare Centre, as I will be retiring by the end of the year.



Labib MALIK RECE I have obtained a master's degree in education from University of Toronto. Also, I am a graduate of George Brown College in human resources management, Autism and Behavioural Science, and Early Childhood Education Program.

I am a member with College of Early Childhood Education in Ontario since 2021, and the Human Resources Professional Association (HRPA) in Ontario since 2016. I work in at the Schoolage Program.



Helen Belay ECA In 2018 I received my early childcare assistant certificate and I have been working at Thorncliffe park daycare since 2018 April, I started the infant, toddler and preschool group. Currently I'm working at school age program. I have been fortunate and blessed to be working with such an amazing team.



Rowena De Torres ECA I am a graduate from the Academy of Learning in Early Childhood assistant. I am excited to be given an opportunity to part of the children's everyday living and I will do my best to make their learning a fun- filled and an interesting one.



Shella Sison ECA I completed ECA course at North America College. Currently I have been working in the schoolage program at TCPDCC for 1 year as a ECA and support with children with special needs. Back home in the Philippines I also worked with children. I enjoy it a lot.



Alia Asem RECE. I have recently graduated from Centennial College with a degree in Early Childhood Education Program. I have been working at the Thorncliffe Park Daycare since September 2022. I thoroughly enjoy the atmosphere the daycare provides and I find my work very fulfilling. I am a RECE in room SA2. My priority is to provide an inclusive environment for all the children along with planning activities based upon children's interest. Prior to working at the daycare, I have enjoyed supervising the children as a lunchroom supervisor with the TDSB.



Maria Zaidi ECA I'm working with TPDCC since March 2022 as well as TDSB. Currently, I'm registered as a part-time student at Seneca College for my Educational Assistant.



Meena Najak ECA My educational background is Bachelor Commerce along with an ECA course. I have been working at Thorncliffe Park Daycare Centre for the last 15 years gaining a lot of experience with the staff and children. I have worked in all aspects of this centre from the infant room to school age along with school bus supervisor and kitchen duty. However, currently I am working in the school-age room.

A day in the life of an Early Childhood Educator

As an Early Childhood Educator (ECE) your child's teacher intentionally creates and maintain environments that support children's play and learning as well as contribute to a sense of belonging and overall well-being. They ensure that the environment is safe and accessible for all children and families. We are continually participating in trainings related to the field to stay current

Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre was established in 1969 and has since earned a reputation for excellence. We provide creative and enriched learning opportunities from infancy to 10 years. We are a licensed "Non-for-Profit" childcare centre, that provide subsidize spaces for families within our community. As the vision of the centre evolved, the opportunities for children to be able to learn and explore the world with qualified Early Childhood Educators became vital. Today our organization has employees that are Registered Early Childhood Educators and Early Childhood Assistants with over 75 years of combined experience.

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET. SNOW!

It's February and we're off to a great start. The sight of the snow has brought much excitement and much open-ended creative play such as building a snowman, building snow castles, snow forts, the list goes on. This is a great way to engage in simple literacy with your child. Encourage your child to look for wildlife among the bare trees as well as look for tracks in the snow from different critters. Look for letters in bare trees and describe the snow. These teachable moments are endless.



Hat

Thick coat

Thank you mom & Dad for keeping me warm

Snowpants

Gloves

Water proof boots

We get it- bundling a child up in snow gear in the mornings can be tedious and time consuming. But did you know babies and young children get colder than adults faster? They're also the least likely to recognize when their body temperature is dropping. That's why it is so important that they are dressed warmly for winter weather. As following guidelines, the children play outside approximately 2 hours a day weather permitting. We place a high priority on out door play so we do go outside and unfortunately have children who aren't dressed appropriately because parents thought it's too cold to be going outside.

Please view our Kiddo magazine on Winter Clothing attached.

Talk, Read and Sing Together Every Day



A language rich environment is one in which babies, toddlers and preschool children are surrounded by talking, singing and reading as well as have many opportunities throughout their day across all activities to communicate with others and engage in back-and-forth interactions.

TALK TALK TALK!

Talking with babies and toddlers is a brain building activity! Every time you talk to a baby and have a high-quality back-and-forth interaction, new connections in that baby's brain are made. The more you engage with babies and toddlers in this way, the more they learn to understand and use new words and concepts. Below are some tips for talking with babies and toddlers and engaging in high-quality back-and-forth interactions.

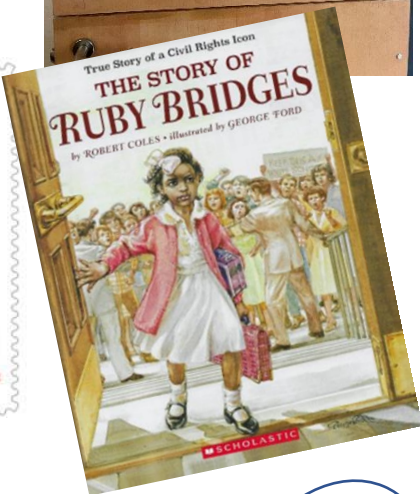
- **Move to the child's level and make eye contact.**
- **Mirror the child's tone.** For example, if the child is smiling and happy, use a happy, upbeat tone of voice.
- **Use Parent-ese!** Parent-ese is a type of adult speech where an adult talks to a child in an exaggerated, animated, and repetitive way. Babies and toddlers get excited when they are spoken to in fun and interesting ways. Parent-ese captures babies' attention and can help them learn.
- **Comment!** Comment about everything in the baby's environment, such as their actions and other people's actions, objects, toys, foods, activities, and daily events. Narrate your routines!
- **Label!** Babies and toddlers are learning to match words with different things in their world. Labeling at every opportunity helps babies and toddlers learn new words and understand their meaning. Point and look at objects when describing them for babies/toddlers. Make sure the baby/toddler looks at who or what you are pointing to.



Research shows that the quantity and quality of teacher interactions is critical in supporting young children to learn. Children learn from what adults say and from how adults respond to their communicative efforts

During the month of February African Heritage Month is proudly recognized. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of people of African descent to Canada and the world. Feel free to view our main entrance and read the displayed information.

For 2023 we have prepared numerous events for parent engagement as well enhanced learning. Last month we celebrated Chinese New Year and look forward to celebrating other cultural/diverse events such as Black History this month, St Patrick day, Purim, Ramadan and may more. We are continually looking for parent cooperation when these events are happening. Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre is continuously enhancing communication to better assist you and your inquiries. Please remember our main lines of communication is Hi-mama and email.



What's your dream?

Feel free to write a small blurb of what you would like for your community, world, family, future and return it to the centre



School-age Program

Pin these reminders

Daily Health assessment are completed at the screening area before your child arrives.

Parents are required to provide 2 weeks notice of their child's withdrawal. Without sufficient notice parents will be charged.

Children should be in good health when attending childcare. If your child is ill keep them home.

Late fee: Late pickups are \$2 dollars a minute per child..

Please do not park in front of the green garbage dumpsters in the Thorncliffe school parking lot.

All persons picking up your child must be on the contact list or a phone call should be given in advanced.

Children are required to sign in every morning in order to participate in the afterschool program.

Afternoon 5:30pm please use the second entrance located by the parking lot.

What to expect from our Program

Nurturing relationship with staff

Lots of physical activities, games and outdoor play to help them wind down after school

Planned activities driven by their interest to allow them to explore arts and crafts, science, math, reading and more

Opportunities to take on leadership roles

Spending time and having fun with other children including those they may know during the school day



WHATS NEW?

New to the centre?

Don't forget to pick up your personal Thorncliffe Park Day care centre freebies: a bag, travel mug and water bottle.



WINTER CLOTHES
HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY CHILD NEEDS TO WEAR?

Check out our new magazine "KIDDOS" attached with this email. Helpful insights on how to dress from baby to preschool child for the winter.

Comprehensive emergency management includes prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. Every month we will be executing lock downs and Hold and Secure preparedness. A more detailed explanation about this will be sent to your emails.

There's so much to do!

There's certainly no lack of things for your kids to do outside Thirty-one provincial parks are open in the winter, and offer a whole range of activities for your family to enjoy. Click on this link for more information <https://www.todocanada.ca/things-to-do-in-toronto-family-day-weekend/>

OPEN HOUSE

Coming soon



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Let's practice english and make new friends. Every Thursday starting February 9 to April 27. Time 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

For more information please contact Jhilik at (647) 296-0769 or jsarker@tno-toronto.org



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