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WINTER NEWSLETTER



"Where the journey begins"

- February- Black History Month
- February 14th Valentine's Day
- February 16th – PA Day & Family Portraits
- February 19th Family Day – **Centre Closed**
- February
- March 2nd- Dr.Seuss
- March 10th Ramadan Begins
- March 10th- Day light savings begins
- March Break 11th-15th
- March 29th- Good Friday **Program Closed**

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Message from
DONNA ROBERTSON:
Executive Director

As another year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for choosing Thorncliffe Park Daycare Centre for your sustained choice of daycare service for your child. As we step into 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had at TPDCC. The past year has been filled with the laughter, curiosity, and boundless energy of our amazing little ones. It has been a joy to witness their growth. As we embrace the new year, let's continue to foster an environment where our children feel supported, cherished and encouraged to explore the world around them. Our dedicated team at Thorncliffe Park daycare centre is committed to providing a nurturing space where each child can thrive, learn, and create beautiful memories.



Meet our dedicated staff



Meet our Board Members

Thorncliffe Park Day Care is very proud of the skills, knowledge, and expertise of our educators. They play such a critical role in fostering the well-being of young children. CPR certifications are regularly renewed to maintain the highest standards of safety in emergency situation where medical care is needed.

Safe Arrival and Dismissal



Message from
SHARON SIMMONS: Daycare Supervisor



Photo: Infant educator Lena and other staff review CPR procedures with certified instructor.



As part of Ontario's new regulation for safe arrival and dismissal Thorncliffe park daycare centre and school age program has created a policy that will follow outlined steps for staff to follow when a child has not been received into care and no change to the child's schedule was communicated from the parent/guardian.

The daycare staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian followed by an email. Efforts to assist with the well-being of the child will be followed by contacting emergency persons of the families contact list. Finally, if the daycare is unable to contact parents/guardians within the time frame of 15min then emergency services will be contacted. To avoid this please call the centre ahead of time.

Hi Nusra, M.J will not be in daycare today, he has a dentist appointment.



It's your duty to report when your child is away

At 10:00am a phone call is made to absent child's parents to confirm reasons for absence.

Staff will proceed to call child's emergency contacts when parent contact is not made

Supervisors will call police to conduct a well-ness check if parents and emergency contacts are not successful



‘It’s too cold for my child to go outside, can you keep them inside?’

The snow hasn’t fully arrived yet, but when it does, we want to ensure your child has the best possible experience during their time outdoors. The winter season provides new environments and materials, which give children new tasks (for example sliding down an ice patch or climbing a snow bank). Engagement with outdoor environments in the winter incites new problem-solving skills such as, “How can I slide down this ice patch without falling?” “How fast can I run up this snow hill?”



A key aspect that contributes to their comfort and engagement is appropriate dressing. Please ensure that your child wears a hat, snowpants, snow boots, gloves, scarf (older children). Also remember to bring extra clothes

Why is it important for families to extend the learning at home?

Home and daycare are a child's two most important worlds. When daycare and families work together on the same skill, project or strategy, it creates instructional coherence, which in effect, doubles the child's ability to learn. Families and educators can work together so the child sees and knows that there is consistency, collaboration, and trust between them. Furthermore, parents feel apart of the classroom. This is illustrated in the photos below. Preschool 2 parents work directly with their child to extend on their classroom project "City Project"



Positive teacher-child relationships

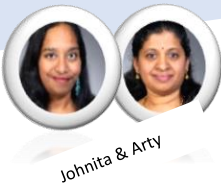
- Engage in one-to-one interactions with children
- Get on the child's level for face-to-face interactions
- Use a pleasant, calm voice and simple language
- Provide warm, responsive physical contact.
- Acknowledge children for their accomplishments and effort.



Message from
TRUDY WATTS: Schoolage Supervisor

We're off to a great start to the year. As we welcome new families, we also welcome new staff to the schoolage program; Johnita and Aarty have joined our amazing team. As the days continue, we trust that each staff can develop stronger relationships with parents and develop skills to support children in the program. We look forward also to our open house in March where parents will be able to spend quality time engaging in activities with their children in their classroom.

Trudy: 647 224 5117



Johnita & Aarty



Pin these important reminders

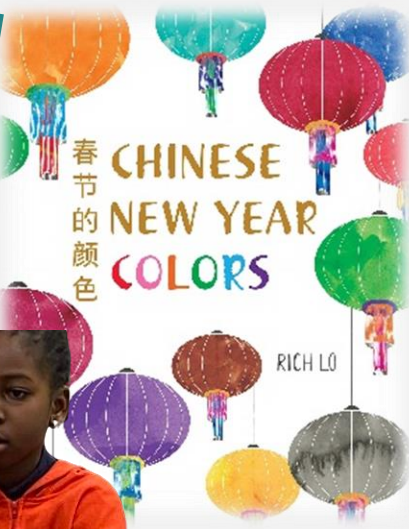
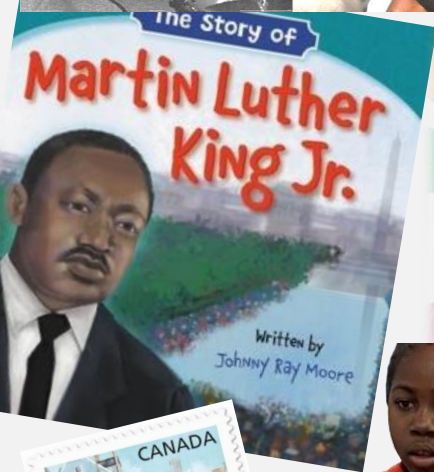
- ✦ Children attending Thorncilffe Park school must be signed in every morning by a parent/guardian by 8:30am
- ✦ Parents must call the program to report child absenteeism. (read safe arrival and dismissal on page 3)
- ✦ If any information has changed regarding your phone number, address etc. please let us know so that we are up-to-date.
- ✦ Google forms for bus children must be completed before 12 noon.
- ✦ Parents are required to provide **2 weeks** notice of their child's withdrawal from the program. Without sufficient notice you will be subjected to a charge.
- ✦ Any child with a medical condition that may require medication to be kept on site or needs accommodations must have an individualized medical plan document completed



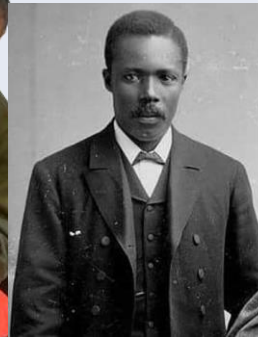
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Family Resources

As a diverse centre we take pride in fostering an inclusive environment that celebrates a wide array of holidays and events, reflecting the rich tapestry of cultures and traditions within our community.



In the upcoming months of February and March, we will be engaging in activities, educational events etc. that will highlight; Black History, Chinese New Year, Easter, Ramadan and much more!



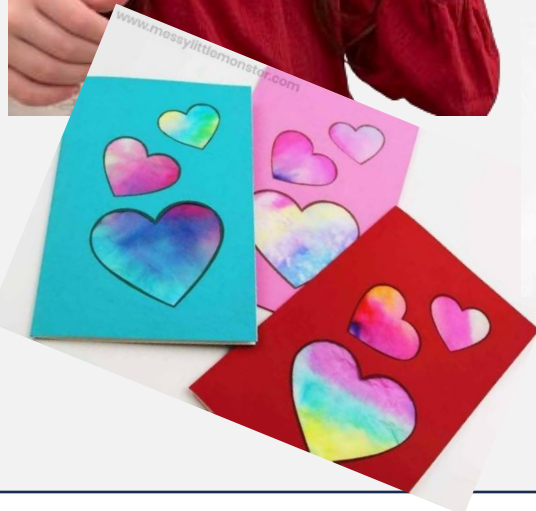
George Crum: Inventor of the potato chip



"The best and most meaningful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart"- Helen Keller



According to the Chinese zodiac, the year of the dragon comes once every 12 years. The next year of the dragon will be in 2036



Why **fit in** when you were born to **stand out**?
Dr. Seuss





Say Cheese



Friday February 16th – Family Portraits
Photos (Details will follow)



CHECK THIS OUT!



Family Day Weekend @ the Aga Khan Museum

This coming Family Day Weekend, celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Aga Khan Museum with exciting activities and performances presented in partnership with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto.

<https://allevents.in/toronto/family-day-weekend-the-aga-khan-museum/200025931363809>

Kids Fest TO: Family Day Weekend The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

Child care Subsidies

www.edu.gov.on.ca/c

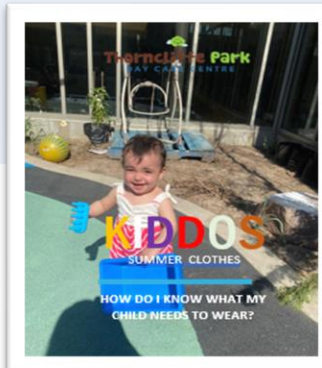
Parent support line 613 5652467 open 9-4 or email information@parentresource.ca

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Next TPDCS Newsletter and magazine issue: **Spring 2024.**
Stay tuned for our school readiness article.

Chocolate covered ice cream hearts



Directions

Lay a pint of strawberry ice cream on its side and cut into 1-inch-thick rounds with a large serrated knife; peel off the carton. Cut out hearts with a 2-inch cookie cutter, place on a rack set on a baking sheet and freeze 30 minutes. For the coating, combine 3 ounces chopped chocolate with 3 tablespoons coconut oil in a microwave-safe bowl; microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring, until smooth. Pour over the ice cream hearts. Freeze until set, then drizzle with melted candy melts.

Cook's Note

Use milk, dark or white chocolate to cover the ice cream hearts.

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We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.
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