

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

Thank you to our families for all the support to make our Preschool Graduation & Family Picnic a success on June 23rd . The Graduation was adorable as always and a very momentous day.

We are now ready to relax, kick back and enjoy the summer with lots of outings and fun themes. Please read the classroom's calendar outside their room for their special plans. Each family of the school age children (Evergreen Club and Dynamos) and Junior Adventurers will also receive a paper copy of their class calendar. We ask you to post this in a prominent spot at home so your child can be prepared and excited to see what fun the next day at day care holds. With school age children with us all summer it's important parents take a moment to review the four week menu with your child and if there is a lunch you know they will not eat, you are responsible to bring a nutritious alternative-one that is low in fat, sugar, sodium and nut free. Also parents should remember we do not serve breakfast and that their children need to come to day care with a full, nutritious breakfast in their bellies, or bring it in to day care to eat. (again it must be nutritious and nut-free remember).

We ask parents to start packing each day a hat, sandals, beach towel, and bathing suit for your child. And please **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL!** We are nearly completely out of wipes in the toddler room too so please remember your box of wipes next week toddler parents. Parents of school age and preschool children please remember to send in that reusable water bottle. Just to reassure parents of the younger children, staff will make sure to keep the children well hydrated in the heat as well with extra water breaks. Every evening upon pick up we ask you make sure the wet/soiled clothes from the day are gathered up and taken home.

A reminder to call or email the Centre if your child(ren) will be after 9am arriving for the day as this is when numbers go in for lunch and staff that are not needed are reassigned or sent home. If your child is not coming due to illness please call the Centre and describe the symptoms so we can note this in our communication book. In case of an outbreak of an illness this information is essential to Public Health authorities.

A reminder to parents of ALL children to bring your child in to the Centre and touch base with the teacher when dropping off and then in the afternoon touch base with the teacher that you are here and taking your child.

Look for your Duck Derby sheets in the next two weeks to appear in your mailbox. Our annual Duck Derby is a great fundraiser and takes place on August 11th. Last year we sold over 600 ducks for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The ducks race down the brook at 2:00p.m. at Mill Cove Beach and the first one across the finish line wins half the take.

Finally, you remember last month we decided to lift the nut safe restriction for the Centre. Well we now have a child who has a peanut allergy so as of July 1st we will be a peanut safe facility. All other nuts will be acceptable, so those who bring in almond milk for their child may continue to do so.

Until next time, *Mary Ellen*