

FEBRUARY 2019

PARENT NEWSLETTER

THROUGH THE YEARS FAMILY VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

All families are invited to this dance on February 9th from 6:00-8:30pm. Music by Chrissy the DJ, and there will be a canteen, games, photo booth and prizes. \$10/family



PROGRESS REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

These meetings will be held the evening of Tuesday, February 26th, 6-8p.m.. By next week you will have received your child's (children's) Progress Report from their mailboxes and you are encouraged to make an appointment to review it with the room's teachers on the evening of the 26th. If this evening does not work for your family please know anytime you wish to discuss your child's progress with a teacher and we will set up a convenient time to do this.

NEW FACES

We are pleased to welcome Wafaa AlSafadi as a staff member on a work term sponsored through the government. Wafaa is gaining valuable experience with us in hopes of finding a career in this field. You will find her in the infant room presently but will be working in all the rooms over her year with us. We also welcome Riley Diepenveen to the staff as a substitute educator. Some may remember Riley as our former summer student for two summers.

REMINDERS

It is our philosophy here at Through the Years that children learn by DOING. Children need not only watch how something works they need to touch it and experience it. Part of this experience involves exploring many kinds of mediums, some of which are very messy. Whether it is bubbles, or paint, or goop, or MUD children get in there and learn by experiencing it. They learn science concepts of transformation, suspension, gravity, flotation, just to name a few. So, the result is often children's clothes see some of that mess. As it is stated in our **Parent Handbook**, "Parents should not wear anything on their child that they would be upset if it got stained."

One of our favorite quotes from child development expert Bev Bos,

"If it hasn't been in the Hand...and the Body...It can't be in the Brain!"

Until next time,

Mary Ellen

SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED THIS MONTH:

CENTRE WIDE BEACH DAY ON MORNING OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH (pack a bathing suit)

CENTRE WIDE PAJAMA DAY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

2018 OFFICIAL TAX RECEIPTS ARE IN YOUR CHILD'S MAILBOXES NOW. HANG ON TO THEM AS WE CHARGE A \$10 FEE TO HAVE A DUPLICATE PRODUCED.