

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR


Fall Registration begins Wednesday, May 15 th. When registering for Fall spaces some parents are very disappointed to find that the spaces have filled in a very short time in all our programs. To help explain spaces in the before and after school programs parents must remember that the children in each program move up to new programs in September. At Bosco we are licensed for 20 kindergarten and 30 school age children, at J.L. Jordan and St. Francis we are licensed for 30 children but cannot have any more than 7 kindergarten children in that mixed group and we cannot exceed these numbers. Ange Gabriel is licensed for more children in each program, but they still have the same problem with spaces. To help families understand the dilemma we have I will use Bosco as an example: 9 children from preschool are moving into kindergarten and 6 kindergarten children are moving into School Age. The School Age program is only losing 1 child to Grade 7 and there are 6 Sr Kindergarten needing child care in that program. Since we are required to maintain the ratio according to our license a family may find themselves on a waiting list because the program has filled, and this is very difficult for families to understand even when they register early. We do our very best to make it work but the spaces are limited and not guaranteed.




Two-week closure: July 29-August 2 August 5-9  
Professional Learning Day for Child Care and Early Years:  
Friday, October 25 th

Ongoing professional learning is significantly important in ensuring the highest quality early learning and child care system. United Counties will be hosting a professional learning day for the Child Care and Early Years System on Friday, October 25 th , 2024. All Centres in Leeds and Grenville will be participating in this Professional Learning Day



Brandi Allingham from our Toddler Program at Ange Gabriel will be replacing Rebecca Foster in the role of Administrative Assistant. She is presently working alongside Rebecca at Bosco in the morning and Ange in the afternoon preparing for Rebecca's maternity leave in June. 

Please help me welcome both Sydney Windsor and Hannah Ouderkirk back to our Centre. Sydney is back after her adventures abroad. Hannah has just completed her Early Childhood Education. They will be working in the Kindergarten Program. We said Goodbye to Makenzie Baker this month, she worked at our J.L. Jordan program before and after school and lunch break in our preschool program at Bosco. She is leaving for a position at Girls Inc. We wish you all the best in your new position! 

### Rest Time

According to our Licensing Manual, Subsections 47(2) and 47(2.2) are in place to make sure that a portion of children's day at a childcare centre is reserved for rest and relaxation to balance all of the activity and play that children do during the rest of the day. While the need for rest and sleep varies greatly at different ages, and even among children of the same age, rest is an important part of the day for all children. While not all children need a mid-day nap, young children benefit from periods of quiet rest and relaxation to balance all the active play they do at the centre. Some children who are tired may need quite a bit of time to relax and sleep, while others only require a short rest period. Children's needs may also change from day to day or week to week. While children should be provided the opportunity to rest and sleep if

needed. Children are not required to sleep but everyone will be asked to participate in quiet time for thirty minutes. Non-nappers will be directed to quiet activities after 30 minutes. Programs take into consideration instructions given by parents regarding their child's sleep and rest period. These instructions are followed as closely as possible but the needs of the individual child are also taken into consideration. Where a parent indicates that the child does not need to sleep, the staff will respect these directions, but we would like to remind the parent that the program is required to allow the child to sleep, rest or have quiet time according to the child's needs.

~Francine~

ABSENCES EMAIL	SITE CONTACT INFO....
<p>Please remember to send an email if your child will be away from their program!</p> <p>BOSCO-  <a href="mailto:boscodaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com">boscodaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com</a>            ANGE GABRIEL -  <a href="mailto:agdaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com">agdaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com</a>            ST. FRANCIS -  <a href="mailto:stfrancisdaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com">stfrancisdaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com</a>            JL JORDAN -  <a href="mailto:jldaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com">jldaycareabsences.sjb@outlook.com</a></p>	<p>BOSCO (MAIN SITE)            613 342 1479  <a href="mailto:sjb@bellnet.ca">sjb@bellnet.ca</a></p> <p>ANGE GABRIEL (BILINGUAL SITE)            613 498 1900  <a href="mailto:stjohnbosco_angedgabriel@bellnet.ca">stjohnbosco_angedgabriel@bellnet.ca</a></p> <p>ST. FRANCIS (B&amp;A SCHOOL PROG)            613 213 2420</p> <p>JL JORDAN (B&amp;A SCHOOL PROG)            613 349 0632</p>

## DE LA DIRECTION

Bienvenue au mois de mai.

Le lundi 21 mai est un congé férié. LA GARDERIE SERA FERMÉE .

Le printemps est enfin arrivé, avec des températures chaudes les plantes sont en pleine floraison. Nous sommes prêtes à commencer nos jardins.

Votre aide est grandement appréciée, si vous pouviez faire un don de plantes ou légumes pour planter.

**PARENTS :**

**INSCRIPTION D'ÉTÉ**

L'inscription d'été est ouverte le mercredi 1er mai pour les enfants âges maternelle /jardin et parascolaire. Inscrivez votre enfant maintenant, car LES PLACES SONT LIMITÉES.

**INSCRIPTION AUTOMNE**

L'inscription d'automne est ouverte le mercredi 15 mai à toutes nos familles, c'est impératif que vous inscriviez votre enfant, car nous avons une longue liste d'attente.

**DÉVELOPPEMENT PERSONNELLE :**

Nous nous réservons le droit de fermer nos centres une fois par année pour observer une journée de Développement Professionnel parrainé par les Comtés Unis de Leeds et Grenville. La date pour cette année est le vendredi 25 octobre, 2024 ou tous les services de garde se réuniront pour une journée de croissance personnelle et de la

valeur éducative.  
Je vous souhaite un bon mois de mai.

*~Mme Cathy~*

**FROM OUR PEDAGOGICAL LEADERS....**

I have been reading an inspirational book, Love Builds Brains, by Jean Clinton, MD. Dr Clinton is a pediatric psychiatrist who specializes in brain development and is a powerful advocate for children and adolescents. In the book she describes young children's journey of attachment, connection, self-regulation, resilience, and well-being backed by scientific explanation. Her intuitively appealing approach brings us back to the wisdom of our older generations, that Love and building secure relationships are the most important things you can do to help build your child's brain. Rather than stuffing our children with facts and knowledge, we should be providing sensitive, loving supportive relationships that help them feel secure. From this, they will flourish!

This book is written with much wisdom and easy to read conversational format. It addresses the adolescent years, anxiety in the aftermath of the pandemic and tackles the issues of raising children in a digital age. I highly recommend this book ! Often parenting books overwhelm us with impossible to do lists, this book reinforces what we instinctively know as parents, Love and Connection are most important!

~Maureen~

**FUNDRAISING NEWS!**

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser with Pickle & Myrrh. We are pleased to announce we sold over \$3000 in caramels, resulting in \$1050 for our Centre. Well done everyone! Caramels will be going home on Thursday May 9 th .

<b>BOSCO TODDLER</b>	<b>ANGE BAMBINS</b>
<p>Every Monday in May we will be exploring in different types of water experiences to prepare for the warmer weather that's to come! We will also be continuing our outdoor activities with bugs, planting, and other messy sensory activities!"</p> <p>Teegan &amp; Tamara</p>	<p>Avec le printemps, les tout-petits s'intéressent aux vers et aux insectes. Nous aimons les trouver dans notre jardin. Nous intégrons les vers à nos activités préférées (peinture et activités sensorielles). Nous sommes ravis de découvrir de nouveaux insectes à l'extérieur et tout ce que le printemps a à offrir.</p> <p>Keira, Hailey &amp; Carly</p>

BOSCO PRESCHOOL	ANGE PRÉSCOLAIRES
<p>Happy May!            We had a great month exploring all that spring has brought us! From planting flowers, to looking for bugs and worms, and playing in the mud, we have had a great month! We have really been learning about our emotions and how we can manage them. We have been referring to our colour zones of regulation, and maybe you have noticed your child expressing they are feeling a certain colour or emotion. In May, we will be spending more time outside, and we will incorporate more outdoor activities. We will be planting some new plants in our raised garden bed that is in our yard. We will be getting caterpillars in a few weeks, in which we will give them names and watch them transform into butterflies!            We are looking forward to a fun month!</p> <p>Brittany, Melanie &amp; Emily</p>	<p>Les enfants savent que c'est le printemps et que les températures sont plus chaudes. Sa donnent des opportunités pour les jeux d'extérieurs. Les amis adorent les bulles et les bicyclettes. On commence à apporter les choses qu'on fait dans la classe dehors. Aussi dans la classe comme déjà dit en avril on a commencé les choses du jardin dans la classe. On pousse des tomates, de l'asperges, et des fleurs. Pendant les journées de pluies les amis adorent les flaques d'eau. L' exploration des sont les verres de terre, chercher, regarder et toucher.</p> <p>Morgan, Jaime &amp; Mia</p>
BOSCO KINDER	ANGE MATERNELLE/JARDIN
<p>It's hard to believe May is upon us already! The children are very excited about the upcoming Mothers' Day Tea! They are busy preparing decorations and special surprises for their Mothers..</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you there! The children's interest in all things science grows, and so we will be continuing with science based activities for the children to explore. Magnet exploration and weighing objects are of particular interest to the children now, so we will continue with hands-on activities where they can explore these concepts. Spring art activities and building structures with a variety of loose parts will also be a focus. We would like to welcome back Sydney and Hannah to our Centre and Kinder Program. Both staff were with us last summer and I know the children are happy to have them back and will enjoy the fun activities they have to offer</p> <p>Maureen</p>	<p>Avril a été un mois intéressant du point de vue de la météo ! Trop froid ou trop chaud... qui sait ! Quoi qu'il en soit, les enfants vivent dehors en jouant sur la structure, en jouant au football et même en utilisant les cordes à sauter. Nous en apprenons beaucoup sur le poisson d'avril, l'éclipse solaire et le Jour de la Terre.</p> <p>Janice &amp; Mia</p>

**\*\*\* ATTENTION TODDLER & PRESCHOOL FAMILIES: ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER... EXTRA CLOTHES AND SOCKS ARE ALWAYS A GREAT IDEA TO KEEP ON HAND THANK YOU! \*\***

<b>BOSCO SCH AGE 1</b>	<b>BOSCO SCH AGE 2</b>
<p>We have been really enjoying learning how to play new board games together such as Sequence, Dice and Yahtzee. These board games foster group play, sharing, a sense of patience, as well as numeracy and literacy skills. With the increase in nicer weather, we've been having extended periods of outdoor play which is a great physical outlet for us. While outside we have fun on the swings, learning to Double Dutch jump rope, or play a friendly game of soccer. We're looking forward to celebrating our Mother's this month during our Mother's Day Tea ceremony.</p> <p>Zee</p>	<p>In school age 2 we are looking forward to our mother's day tea, creating art outside and being more active! Our school age children love playing soccer and jumping rope, as the weather continues to get warmer, we will be spending more and more time outside.</p> <p>Shelby &amp; Katie</p>
<b>ANGE PARASCOLAIRE - JR</b>	<b>ANGE PARASCOLAIRE - SR</b>
<p>Le mois de mai apporte de nombreux changements dans nos cours, et les enfants sont à la recherche d'insectes, de vers, de flaques d'eau et de boue à examiner et avec lesquels interagir. C'est une partie naturelle de la croissance et d'apprentissage que nous aimons partager avec eux.</p> <p>Kim &amp; Eve</p>	<p>Bienvenue mai! Ce mois-ci, nous célébrerons le printemps de toutes les manières possibles en sautant dans les flaques d'eau, en plantant des fleurs et en dansant sous la pluie ! Mai est aussi le mois où nous célébrons la fête des mères et toutes les mamans extraordinaires. Nous montrerons notre appréciation aux femmes extraordinaires de nos vies avec de l'artisanat, des poèmes et beaucoup d'amour! Certains de nos amis ont exprimé leur intérêt à acquérir de nouvelles compétences. Ce mois-ci, nous allons donc explorer le bricolage, travailler avec du fil et planter des graines. Nous sommes également ravis de tenter des expériences scientifiques amusantes et bien plus encore! Dans l'attente d'un autre mois incroyable avec nos amis!</p> <p>Thomas</p>
<b>ST. FRANCIS</b>	<b>JL JORDAN</b>
<p>May is such a beautiful Month to celebrate all the Moms around the world. With the flowers blooming and the weather changing, we truly want to thank all the women that have dedicated their lives to their children. We have created a moment for you and your</p>	<p>April showers brought May flowers here at JL Jordan. Lots of planting to come and the children are super excited to see how long it takes from start to finish. We are looking for donations of 2L pop bottles for planting, and bird feeders to decorate our school yard. Chalk murals, monkey bar challenges, baking and fresh air! Stay tuned</p>

child(ren). You'll be able to celebrate at your own time. Your child will bring home a surprise that you can enjoy with them. We hope you love it, and truly enjoy capturing the memories.

Peek in our classroom and you'll see some wonderful things growing. We have planted some vegetables that are growing very big.

Our garden outside is also blooming.

We'll be focusing on changes in our environment. With the warmer weather and the children's interest in gardening. We'll be spending more time outdoors. If the weather is nice, you can bet we'll be outside! So please remember when our sign is up, to come around the back of the school for pick up. We'll also be introducing our little caterpillars soon! Stay tuned.

Fairyana & Laura

as science experiment Fridays are coming back!

Courtney, Emily, Makenzie