

Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre

Fall Newsletter

Special Edition

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TPDCC

Monthly Highlights



SEPT 1ST

LABOUR DAY- DAYCARE CLOSED

SEPT 2ND

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPT 26TH

PA DAY

SEPT 30TH

***TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY**

OCT 13TH

THANKSGIVING DAY- CENTRE CLOSED-

OCT 20TH

DIWALI

OCT 31ST

HALLOWEEN

NOV 11TH

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Pin these important reminders



Children should be in good health to attend. If your child is ill please keep them home.



Please complete a daily health check with your teacher when dropping your child off.



Families are required to provide 2 weeks notice of their child's withdrawal from the program. Without sufficient notice you will be forfeit your security deposit.



Label all of your child's belongings, including clothing, shoes, water bottles, lunch containers, and personal items.



We uphold a 10:00 AM drop-off time for your child. For the smooth operation of our daily schedule and to ensure that all children can fully participate in activities. If you are running late, have appointments etc., please call us in advance, and we will do our best to accommodate you.



Parents who pick up their child(ren) after 6:00 PM will be charged a \$2 late fee per child.

Infant to preschool 0-4yrs / School Age Program -6yrs- 12yrs /
Programs include; monthly enrichment activities. Resource Consultants- guidance and support for
Early Childhood Educators and families. Parenting workshops and training.



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Schoolage Email: Schoolage80@gmail.com



Kwe / Kwé – “Hello” (Cree)

As summer comes to a close, we celebrate the wonderful season we shared at Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre. Our daycare and school-age programs were filled with fun, learning, and friendship, creating lasting memories for the children.

As we prepare to enter the fall season, we also pause to acknowledge the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. This is an important time to recognize the history and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, and to reflect on how we can build a future rooted in respect, understanding, and healing. At TPDCC, we are committed to fostering an environment where children learn the values of empathy, inclusion, and community- values that align with the spirit of reconciliation.

Executive Director: Donna Robertson



Trudy: Schoolage Supervisor



Sharon: Daycare Supervisor



Jabeen: Inclusive support staff



Note from the Editor




This issue of our newsletter honors Truth and Reconciliation by highlighting and celebrating Indigenous languages and culture. Each page features words in Cree and Anishinaabe, giving children and families the opportunity to learn greetings, expressions, and meaningful concepts from these languages. Through these features, we aim to foster respect, understanding, and appreciation for Indigenous peoples, traditions, and stories within our community.

Editor: Sarah Guthrie

TPDCC Parent Session coming soon:

Join us for our upcoming Parent workshop: **Building Emotional Intelligence in Children**, where we'll explore ways to help children express and manage their feelings in healthy ways. Care will be provided for this event. More details will be sent out so please check your emails.

Click  [“Supporting Your Child’s Emotional Growth”](#) for more info on this workshop.



Sona: Training Co-ordinator



A SPECIAL EVENT IN HONOR OF INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

Sharon Simmons

Aanii – “Hi” / “Hello” (Ojibwe)

At TPDCC, we recognize and celebrate many meaningful events throughout the year. Among them is *Truth and Reconciliation Day* on September 30th, a day that honors the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. It is an important reminder of Canada’s history and the need for healing and understanding.

Throughout the month of September children learn about Truth and Reconciliation in age-appropriate ways- through stories, songs, and discussions about kindness, respect, and the importance of every child’s voice. Art activities, wearing orange, and sharing reflections help children build empathy and awareness while reinforcing the message that “*Every Child Matters.*”

To learn more

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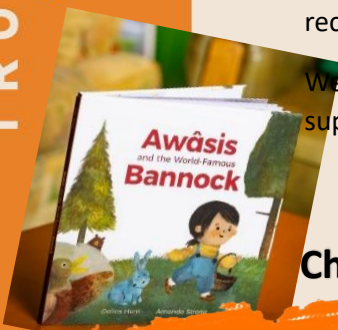
JOIN US

SEPTEMBER 30TH



We invite all TPDCC families to join us for our **annual *Every Child Matters Walk*** on **Tuesday, September 30th** @ 10:15 at the main centre. Together, we will walk in solidarity to honor the importance of every child and to continue building a spirit of respect, awareness, and reconciliation within our community.

We encourage families to wear **orange T-shirts** on this day as a symbol of remembrance and support.



Chi-miigwech – “Thank you” (Anishinaabe / Ojibwe)



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

SUMMER BLISS

This summer was filled with sunshine, adventure, and learning in Preschool 2! The children enjoyed many outdoor group activities—from water play and obstacle courses to nature walks and playground games—that encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and gross motor development.

We also welcomed families for parent engagement activities, which gave children the chance to showcase their creativity and build stronger connections between home and school. Each experience was designed to foster important skills:

- Sports and outdoor games-built confidence, coordination, and cooperation.
- Exploration walks and nature hunts encouraged curiosity, observation, and a love for the environment.
- Creative parent-child activities strengthened relationships and supported language and social skills.

Together, we created a summer full of memories, discovery, and growth for every child in Preschool 2!



Outdoor Sports Day

“Running, jumping, and teamwork made Sports Day a summer highlight!”

Building a 3D Fort

“Children worked together to design and build a 3D fort, fostering creativity and problem-solving.”

Family Engagement

“Parents and children shared special moments together during our Family Engagement activities.”



Preschool 1



Preschool 1 had an exciting and memorable summer filled with hands-on learning and fun! Our weekly water days in the park gave children the chance to explore cause and effect while developing gross motor skills through splashing, pouring, and experimenting with water play. A very special highlight was the opportunity to investigate a real fire truck! The children were amazed to see the lights, hear the siren, and even peek inside the truck. This sparked conversations with the group about community helpers, safety, and the important role firefighters play.



Infant Room

Our infants spent the summer exploring the world through rich sensory experiences—touching different textures, listening to sounds, and engaging in playful exploration that supported their curiosity and development.



The Indigenous Medicine Wheel uses the colors red, black, yellow, and white to symbolize the four sacred directions, seasons, life stages, and the interconnectedness of our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being.



SUNSHINE AND SMILES

Toddler Room



The toddlers had a wonderful summer filled with joyful outdoor play! They especially loved our water days, where splashing, pouring, and exploring helped build their sensory and motor skills. Music was also a big part of our activities—children moved, clapped, and danced to rhythms, fostering self-expression, coordination, and lots of smiles. Together, these experiences gave our toddlers the chance to learn, grow, and enjoy the summer sunshine in playful and meaningful ways.

Nîpîy (NEE-pee) – “Water” (Cree)

SCHOOLAGE PROGRAM



Trudy Watts

The new school year has begun, and we are excited to welcome your children back to the School Age Program! Our program runs across four rooms--three located within the school and one in the portable.

In order to see that each day runs smoothly, we kindly ask for your full cooperation with a few important routines:

- **AM Sign-In:** Morning sign-in ends promptly at **8:30 a.m.** Please arrive on time to help us stay organized and to confirm your child is accounted for.
- **Absences:** If your child will be away, we ask that you let us know as a courtesy. This helps us maintain accurate attendance and supports the safety of all children.

With your partnership, we can provide a safe, supportive, and engaging environment for your child throughout the school year.

Chi-miigwech (Thank you) for your ongoing support!

BUS POLICY

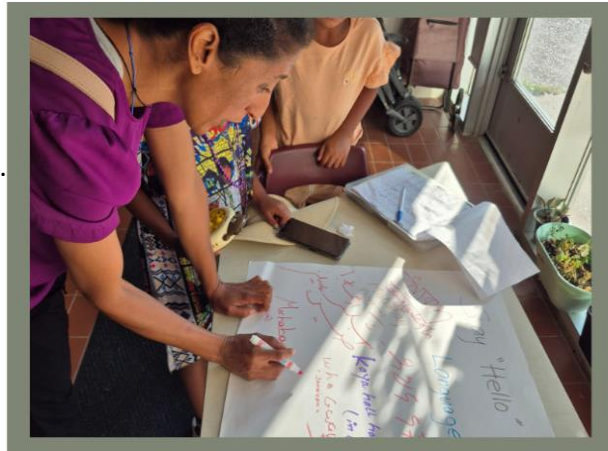
When registering a child for the School Age Program, parents will be asked to provide the following:

- The school their child attends
- Confirmation if the school is one that we currently escort children from
- Drop-off details, including:
 - -Estimated drop-off time
 - Bus route number
 - Bus driver's name
 - Bus company name
 - Phone numbers for both the bus driver and the bus company.

For more info on click [bus policy](#)



This summer, our School Age Program was filled with excitement, creativity, and community spirit! A highlight was Children's Cultural Day, where children proudly dressed in their cultural attire and shared traditions with their peers. This celebration fostered pride in identity, respect for diversity, and a sense of belonging as the children learned from one another's cultures. It was a joyful reminder that our differences make us stronger together!



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• **Manidoo (MAH-nih-doo) – Spirit**





Schoolage 3 and 4 had a summer full of movement and creativity in the cooking! The children enjoyed daily sports and active games that strengthened their gross motor skills, teamwork, and confidence. In addition, they explored cooking activities, learning about measuring, following steps, and making healthy food choices. Together, these experiences fostered cooperation, independence, and problem-solving—all while having fun!



Schoolage staff were engaged alongside the children. They were encouraging, guiding, and celebrating their efforts in face painting, cooking and so much more.

Nêwo (NAY-woh) – Four (Cree)





Our summer BBQ brought families, children, and staff together for a fun-filled day of food, laughter, and community connection."



FAMILY RESOURCES & INFO

Hand foot and mouth disease. Know the signs click [here](#) for info in various languages on this disease



Ordering your child's birthday cake



If you wish to have a cake delivered to the centre our catering company (RFRK) can help. click on the link or visit their website to find out how <https://rfrk.com/>
Cake order link: <https://rfrk.com/cakes/>
(416) 410 5437

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We are privileged to provide care on lands that Indigenous peoples have called home for thousands of years.



Today and every day, we encourage you to learn whose lands you reside on, learn local Indigenous histories, support and resource Indigenous leadership and organizations

TPDCC QR Codes

To make it easier for you to stay up to date, we've introduced QR codes throughout the daycare center and school-age program. Simply scan the codes with your smartphone to instantly access important updates, event details, and more- all right at your fingertips! In addition to our regular email communication, these QR codes offer a quick and convenient way to stay informed about everything happening at TPDCC.



Mental Health

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-mental-health-support>

For other languages click [CAMH](#)



Food Bank

[Thorncliffe Food Bank](#)

Family And Marital Counsellors 1 Leaside Park Dr · 647-428-9755

[Flemingdon Food Bank](#)

Humanitarian, Mutual Aid, Social Action Associations 10 Gateway Boulevard · 416-422-4322

Safe Arrival

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

Parent spotlight

"A big thank you to Thorncliffe Park for all that you do to support our children and families. Your care, kindness, and commitment help make our community a brighter, happier place every day" - Miss Karakus (TPDCC schoolage program)

Baamaapii (BAH-ma-pee) – See you later

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