

Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre

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Mother's Day- May 10th all moms welcome for a special pm snack

Victoria Day- May 20th Centre Closed

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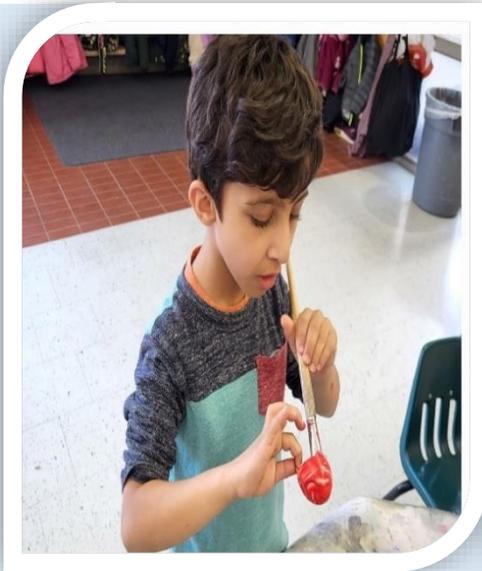
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Our Programs

Daycare Program – Infant to preschool

School Age Program -6yrs- 12yrs

Resource Program- Offering guidance and support for Early Childhood Educators and families



Message from
DONNA ROBERTSON:
Executive Director

Happy Spring!

At Thorncliffe park we view families as competent, capable, curious, rich in experience and expertise, and we recognize the central role that families play in the lives of children. We are open to provide support in ways that empower our families. Feel free to reach out to our team should you have any questions. Our goal is continuing to foster authentic partnership with you. In this spring edition you can read all about the exciting events that have and are taken place.



Message from
TRUDY WATTS: Schoolage
Supervisor

We extend our gratitude to all the families who joined us for our Open House last month. It was delightful to see the children proudly sharing their creations and newfound interests discovered during their time in the program. Many of you had great things to say and we are thrilled. We look forward to many more opportunities to connect with you.

Visit our website to learn more about How does learning happen:
<https://thorncliffeparkdaycare.ca>



Message from
SHARON SIMMONS: Daycare Supervisor

It certainly does not feel like it right now but spring is here. Spring weather is unpredictable at best and almost always wet. Remember spring is a time for kids and they will always find a way to get messy no matter what so be sure to pack extra clothes.

We prioritize the well-being of all children in our daycare center. When picking up your child, we kindly request that you face the camera directly to allow us to verify parental identity before granting access. Additionally, we ask for your understanding if there is a brief delay upon ringing the bell, as staff members may be attending to classroom duties. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

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



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



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 contacts are not successful

Lock Down procedures

To ensure the safety and security of children and staff in the event of a threat or emergency situation such as an intruder, violence, TPDC has procedures that involve securing the premises, restricting movement, and taking actions to protect children and staff until the situation is resolved. Please note that if this occurs signage will be posted on our main entrance or window and no parents will be able to enter or leave until notified.

Pin these reminders



- **Extra clothes-** As the season has changed, please remember to switch your child's winter clothing to spring attire should they need to change their clothes.
- **Sunscreen-** Please sign off on your child's sunscreen permission form.
- **Health:** Children should be in good health to attend. If your child is sick, please keep them home.

Email is our main source of communication. Please check your Lilo (Hi-mama) and regular email for important information.

Bug Hunts: Exploring the Micro World



At TPDCC the children embarked on exciting bug hunts to explore the fascinating world of insects and other small creatures. As the weather continues to warm up, we will be equipping children with magnifying glasses, bug catchers and observation jars, and set out to discover the diverse insect life in their surroundings. We invite you too to join us on one of our nature walks. As the time draws near, we'll be sure to send invitations for you to join us.

Parents are welcome to join the class on community excursions. Just ask your child's teacher in advance.



Earth Day Initiative



On April 22nd the Thorncliffe Park staff and children showed amazing enthusiasm and dedication during our clean -up campaign in the main park. A special awareness was expressed to the community about taking care of our environment by throwing trash in the garbage. It's inspiring to see such commitment and promoting environmental responsibility. A big thank you to all our wonderful parents that joined.



Field Trip Benefits

For many students, field trips, though controlled, are truly an adventure that takes them to unfamiliar places. Our trip to the Science Centre in March sparked curiosity, hands on learning and social engagement. Here's why;

Hands-on learning: This hands in approach allows children to explore, experiment and discover in a way that stimulates their curiosity and encourages critical thinking.



Social Development: Collaborative activities and group discussions during field trips promote teamwork, communication skills and social bonding.



Science Center



Stimulating curiosity and Imagination Field trips are invaluable experiences for children that go beyond the confines of the classroom walls. They spark curiosity and imagination by presenting students with new sights sounds, and experiences. Exploring unfamiliar places and ideas ignites their sense of wonder and encourages them to ask questions and seek answers.

We support

LITERACY

In young children at TPDCC

Early literacy and physical development. It's more than just reading, writing and arithmetic. Children learn literacy and numeracy skills through listening to stories, talking about pictures, drawing, singing, playing musical instruments or pouring sand into different-sized containers. Our RECEs and ECA's enhance a child's literacy daily by offering fun, 'play-like' activities.



"Like a sponge, toddlers absorb language and literacy skills at an astonishing rate through various activities and experiences" says toddler infant educator Nusra. Group activities such as collaborative cooperative games provide opportunities for children to practice listening, speaking, and turn-taking.

This toddler activity gave D.S the opportunity to not only observe details of the car, but also observe the design the marker left on the paper. This play-based learning in the early childhood culture is referred to as cause and effect.



"Children are like sponges, they soak up everything they see, hear and experience"

"D.S uses the car and coloured marker attached to make lines on his paper".



PARENT INFORMATION

Check out these family events in Toronto

Evergreen Brick Works- 550 Bayview Ave, Toronto. April 20th
Free Admission

Toronto gone wild'
April 10-August 4th Museum of Toronto, 401 Richmond Street West. **Free Admission**

Royal Ontario Museum-Every 3rd Tuesday beginning April 16- Dec 17th 4:40am -8:30pm
Free Admission

Jurassic World: The Exhibition.
100 city centre Dr, Mississauga
April 21-May 5 Price \$21.49 50 \$39.99 Get closer to dinosaur than ever before in Jurassic World: The Exhibition.

Enroll soon

If you have a child attending Fraser Mustard please speak to Trudy or to begin the enrollment process: call 647 224 5117



Friday May 10th for a yummy afternoon treat!





Do you have a picky eater? Get your child eating:

Creativity can go along way in getting your child on the right nutritious track. Simple snack creations can make meal times enjoyable. For more tips click the following link https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/healthy-living/when_your_child_is_a_picky_eater



The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and its high time to get out on the patio and start enjoying the warm weather. Before you kick back in that lawn chair, grab a cool beverage to beat the heat. These smoothie recipes are surefire favorites for porch lounging in the spring.



If you're a parent with a talent or expertise, we'd love for you to share it with us during the summer months. Whether you're skilled in baking, building, nursing, dentistry, or singing, we invite you to join us in our program. Your contributions will enhance the center's activities and offer valuable learning experiences for the children. Please email or speak to your child's teacher for more details.

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