

Thornccliffe Park Day Care Centre



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Spring Highlights

Upcoming Events

Eid
Mubarak

HAPPY NOWRUZ

APR 14TH-17TH TPDCC OPEN HOUSE (DAY CARE)

APR 18TH GOOD FRIDAY (CENTRE CLOSED)

APR 21ST EASTER MONDAY (CENTRE CLOSED)

APR 22ND EARTH DAY

MAY 9TH MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 16TH TPDCC MAYFAIR

MAY 19TH VICTORIA DAY (CENTRE CLOSED)

HAPPY
Easter



Pin these important reminders



Please do not use the back entrance to enter or exit the daycare from the rec centre, as this poses a safety risk for children and staff.



Parents 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.



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.



لطفاً ہنگام رساندن فرزندتان، یک بررسی روزانہ سلامت را با معلم انجام دهید۔

لطفاً از ورودی پشتی برای ورود یا خروج از مهدکودک از طریق مرکز تفریحی استفاده نکنید، زیرا این کار خطر ایمنی برای کودکان و کارکنان ایجاد می کند۔

والدین موظف هستند دو هفته زودتر از خروج فرزندشان از برنامه اطلاع دهند۔ در صورت عدم ارائه اطلاعیه کافی، ودیعه ضمانتی شما ضبط خواهد شد۔

ہم آپ کے بچے کے لیے صبح 10:00 بجے کی ڈراپ آف ٹائم پر عمل کرتے ہیں تاکہ ہمارے روزمرہ کے شیڈول کو بہتر طریقے سے چلایا جا سکے اور تمام بچے سرگرمیوں میں مکمل طور پر حصہ لے سکیں۔ اگر آپ دیر سے آ رہے ہیں، آپ کو کوئی اپوائنٹمنٹ ہے وغیرہ، تو براہ کرم پہلے سے ہمیں اطلاع دیں، اور ہم آپ کی سہولت کے لیے پوری کوشش کریں گے۔

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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happy spring !
❀ بهار خوش آمدی ❀

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.

DONNA ROBERSTON: Executive Director



We sincerely appreciate all the families who joined us for our Open House last month, as well as our pancake breakfast. It was wonderful to see the children proudly sharing their creations with their loved ones. Your kind words and positive feedback mean so much to us, and we are truly grateful. We look forward to many more opportunities to connect with you. Be sure to check out the pictures on page 7, capturing these special moments!

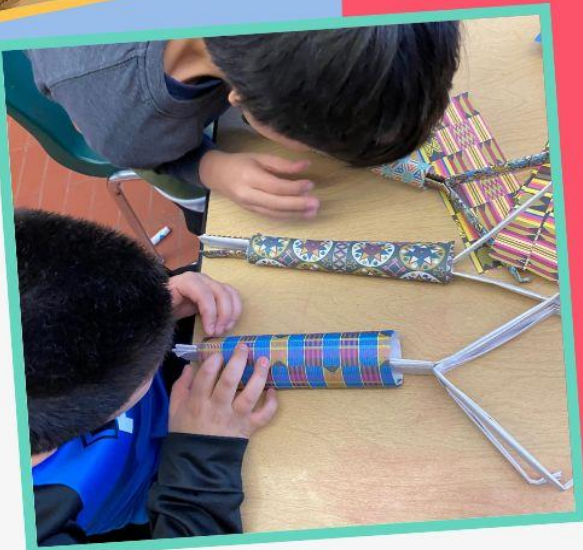
TRUDY WATTS: Schoolage Supervisor

Visit our website to learn more about How does learning happen:

<https://thorncliffeparkdaycare.ca>



Throughout January and February, the children in Schoolage 3 room were actively engaged in various activities. We celebrated Lunar New Year by constructing a 3D Lego dragon, creating diamond painting art symbolizing the Year of the Snake, and discussing traditions like sharing red envelopes with classmates. During our open house event, the children took charge as representatives at stations such as science and art. The children also explored Black History month, through storytelling, discussions, and creative activities. The children had the opportunity to reflect on diversity, equality, and the importance of celebrating cultural heritage. As we transition into spring, the children are looking forward to new adventures, outdoor explorations, and fresh learning opportunities.



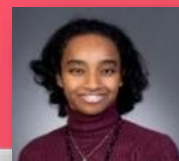
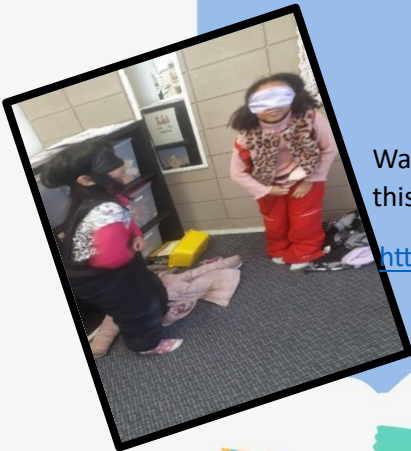
SA 2 room

Like the other rooms our months were filled with self-expression and discovery. One particular activity had some of the children exploring a braille book, became curious about the experience of navigating daily tasks without sight. This led them to challenge themselves by attempting to get dressed while wearing a blindfold, allowing them to better understand what it might feel like to rely on touch rather than sight. This hands-on activity sparked meaningful discussions about accessibility and different ways people experience the world.

- Helping a friend trace their hand
- Making Silly Putty
- Parent Engagement
- Pancake breakfast

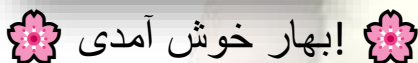
Want to learn how to make silly putty? click on this link:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Silly-Putty>





Main centre Program



Spring is finally here! While we are enjoying a reprieve from the cold, we want to remind families that temperatures can still be unpredictable. Please continue to dress your children in warm clothing and don't put away their winter gear just yet!

We have some exciting events coming up in the next few months. we are hosting an **Open House from April 14-16**. This will be a great opportunity for families to engage with their child's teacher, learn about the daycare and how the child's environment can act as a teacher. Details will be shared soon!

We are also looking forward to our annual **May fling**, happening on **Friday, May 16**. This is a special event where families can join their children for a fun-filled day of activities.

Additionally, graduation will be approaching soon – we will be taking pre-graduation photos. Families, please check your email for more details.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to sharing these special moments with you.

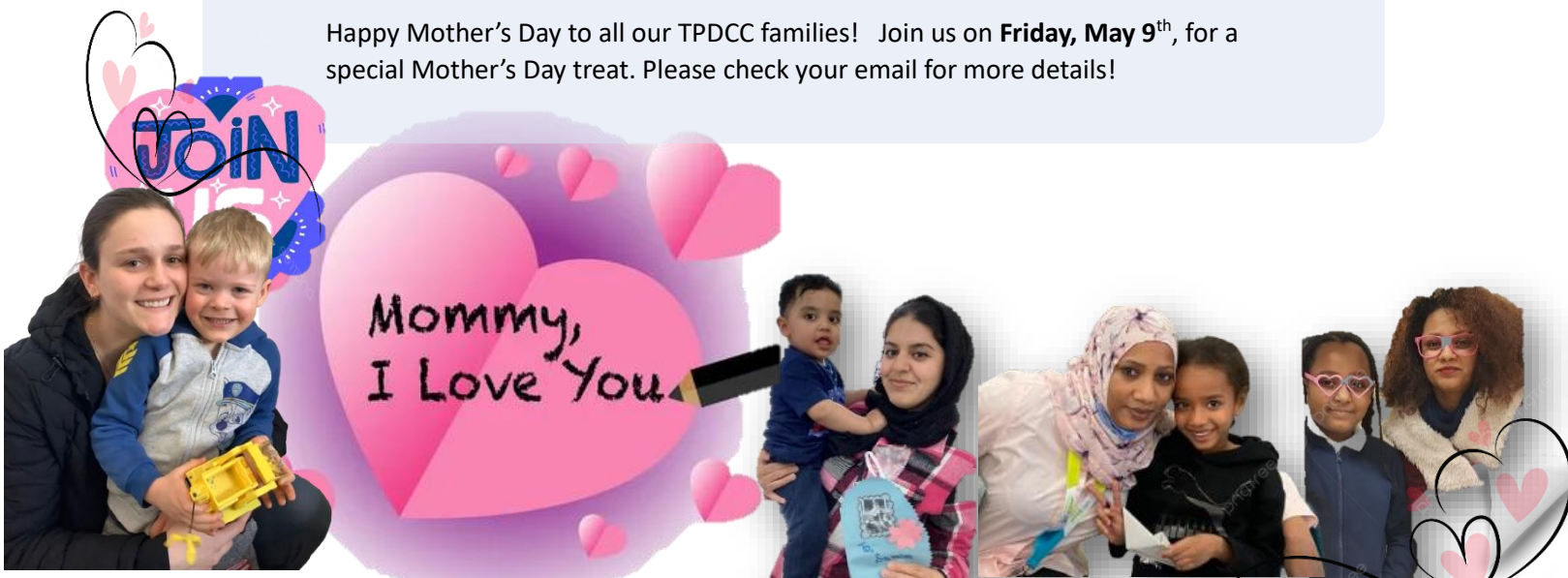
SHARON SIMMONS: Daycare Supervisor



Clean up campaign

To celebrate the arrival of spring, Thorncliffe Park Daycare staff and children will take part in a clean-up campaign at the main park on **Thursday, April 22nd**. Their enthusiasm and dedication will help promote community awareness about keeping our environment clean by properly disposing of trash.

Happy Mother's Day to all our TPDCC families! Join us on **Friday, May 9th**, for a special Mother's Day treat. Please check your email for more details!





What's math gotta do with it!

Our preschoolers in room 1 engaged in an exciting *Pumpkin Project* that combined creativity, science, and math through hands-on exploration.

The children made predictions about the pumpkin's size and weight. With the guidance of their teachers, they used a tape measure to determine its circumference, introducing measurement concepts in a meaningful and interactive way. This hands-on pumpkin exploration introduced several foundational math concepts

This activity fostered critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity while strengthening fine motor skills and collaborative learning.



Parent Engagement

The children were thrilled to gather in the circle with a parent from our room eagerly participating in a puppet show and story time. Thank you to all the parents that took the time to come out to our pancake day.

Parental involvement in daycare plays a vital role in a child's development, fostering a strong connection between home and school. Aligned with *How Does Learning Happen?* (HDLH), collaboration between families and educators helps create a supportive, enriching environment that nurtures children's holistic growth. If you would like to participate in our program please let us know- we would love to have you?





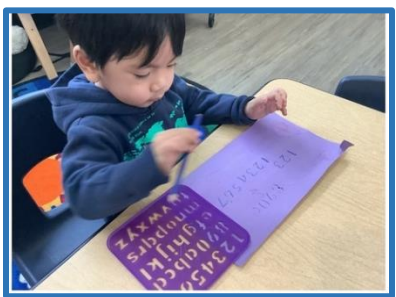
Celebrating culture through creativity- Preschool 2

Preschooler 2 room had a wonderful time decorating their lanterns with vibrant paint colors as part of our Lunar New Year celebrations. Educators introduced children to Chinese traditions, sparking curiosity and cultural awareness. Together, they painted a dragon, fostering creativity, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for special holidays. Through this hands-on experience, children explored artistic expression



Celebrating Love and Family- Infant room

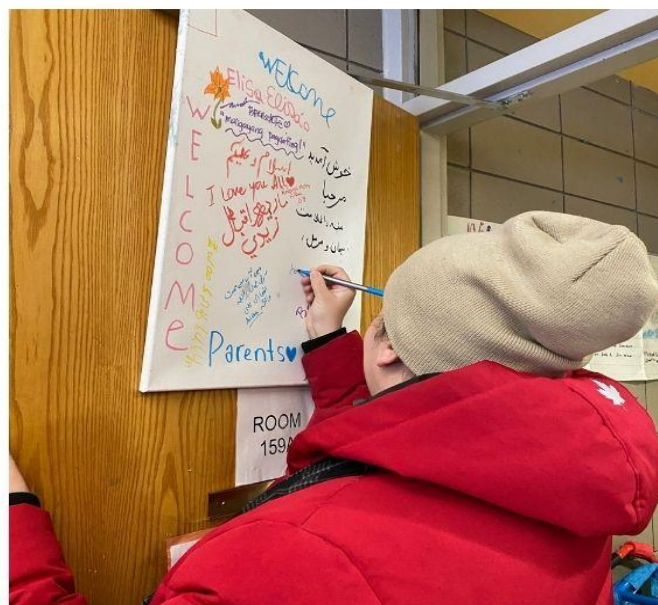
The infant room created heartfelt Valentine's cards using colorful paper, gift wrap, and various craft materials. They were eager to decorate their cards and make beautiful paper flowers as a special gift for their parents.



Building independence in the Toddler room

This season, our toddlers have been actively developing their self-help skills, such as putting on and zipping their jackets and walking down the stairs with confidence. These daily tasks foster independence, coordination, and problem-solving, helping children build essential life skills. In addition to self-help routines, toddlers have been exploring early literacy through letter recognition activities. We also planned special experiences, including winter-themed activities, parent engagement events, extended projects, and celebrations for Black History Month, Valentine's Day, and Family Day.







The collage illustrated in these pictures captures meaningful moments of family engagement—parents participating in activities, children sharing experiences with loved ones, and the joy of learning together. Whether through shared reading, cultural celebrations, or hands-on projects, these moments strengthen relationships and create lasting positive impacts. Don't miss our open house next month and other exciting events in the future.



Sona Hassanimohibi: Training Co-ordinator

Get ready to Grow

Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre focuses on empowering families through engaging workshops designed to support you and your child's journey. Please stay in the know of our upcoming family workshops

Prospective topics include:

Observing and understanding your child
Positive communication and Independence
Healthy Screen time habits
Aligning home and childcare routine
Parent Mental Health and Well-being
Family Financial wellness

Community Living Toronto: 416 225-7166

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Fraser Mustard Learning Academy 416 396 3050

- Anishnawbe Health Toronto's Mental Health Crisis Management Service: 1-855-242-3310 (<https://aht.ca/about-us/contact-us/>)
- Distress Centres of Greater Toronto: 416-408-4357 or 408-HELP (<https://www.dcoft.com/>)
- Naseeha Mental Health Hotline: 1-866-627-3342 or 1-866-NASEEHA (<https://naseeha.org/>)

City of Toronto Free Parenting Programs
www1.toronto.ca

Canadian Paediatric Society
www.caringforkids.cps.ca

Toronto Public Health
www1.toronto.ca
416-338-7600

Child-Care Subsidies
www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/paying.html

بهار جشن‌های فرهنگی متنوعی مانند عید، عید پاک و نوروز را به همراه می‌آورد. فصلی را که با آن ارتباط دارید جشن بگیرید و این دستورهای دسر محبوب را امتحان کنید!

Spring welcomes diverse cultural celebrations like Eid, Easter, and Nowruz. Embrace the season you connect by trying these popular dessert recipes!



White Easter Egg



Persian Chickpea Cookies



Mango Pudding

Order your child's Birthday Cake

Our food catering company offers birthday cake orders. 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/> or call (416) 410 5437

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Little Kickers Outdoor Season Subsidy 2025

Little Kickers offers free soccer programs for kids from low-income families, serving ages 1.5 to 7 years.

Applications for their **Spring/Summer 2025 subsidy**, where you can enroll a child in their outdoor soccer season is now open! For more info click on the link below or email wetorontoadmin@littlekickers.ca

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerAdMcKOYES1WpXGgJVsB0Vl9txDpVj8gpweucuEpL6zHfg/viewform>



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Next TPDCC Newsletter issue: **Summer 2025**

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