

Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre

Winter Newsletter 2026



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“Where the journey begins”

TPDCC Winter Highlights Upcoming Events



JAN 1ST NEW YEARS DAY- LOCATIONS CLOSED

JAN 5TH SCHOOL RE-OPENS

FEB BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEB 13TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FEB 16TH FAMILY DAY -DAYCARE/SCHOOLAGE CLOSED

FEB 17TH CHINESE NEW YEAR/BEGINNING OF RAMADAN

MARCH 9TH-13TH
MARCH BREAK



Pin these important reminders



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



Water bottles need to be taken home daily to be washed. each day.



Ensure all contacts are up to date as well as emergency numbers



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



For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that strollers not be brought through the hallway



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.



Late fee pick-up is 2 dollars per child



Parents are required to provide 2 weeks notice of their child's withdrawal from the program.

Schoolage Enrollment 6yrs and up -don't wait!

For parents that have children in the day care centre program our engaging school age Program is available starting from grades 1 and up. To learn more or to enroll, please visit



ThorncliffeParkDayCareCentre.ca or email Schoolage80@gmail.com

Don't wait!

HONOURING BLACK EXCELLENCE AT TPDCC

Executive Director: **Donna Robertson**



Honouring Black Excellence- Editor Sarah Guthrie

In recognition of Black History and the incredible contributions of leaders within our community, we are proud to highlight a special moment for our Executive Director, Donna Robertson. On Friday, November 31st, Donna was honoured among a group of distinguished women receiving an Award of Recognition presented by The Honourable Rechie Valdez, Member of Parliament for Mississauga.

Donna was celebrated for her outstanding dedication not only to children, but to their families—especially mothers whom she has consistently supported, uplifted, and encouraged over the years. Her work extends far beyond her office touching the lives of families and helping them achieve stability, confidence, and hope.

Within our own TPDCC team, Donna continues to be an inspiring leader. She has empowered staff to grow independently, reach their professional goals, and pursue academic success.

We are proud to celebrate Donna's achievement and honour her contributions as we reflect on the legacy and ongoing impact of Black excellence in our community.



Seasonal Highlights Across All Rooms



DAYCARE SUPERVISOR- SHARON SIMMONS

Happy New Year!

As we move through this season together, we would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a joyful time filled with learning, celebrations, and meaningful moments for the children across all rooms. Please be sure to review the important reminders on page 2, as they help us keep our program running smoothly and safely. Our daycare has grown and we welcome the arrival of new staff. We look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and shared experiences with the children and families.

Weather Gear: Outdoor play doesn't just strengthen bodies -it nurtures imagination and a lifelong love of the natural world. But there's one catch, appropriate clothing. Be sure to see pg. 8 of this newsletter on how your child can get the best experience outdoors while staying warm.



Seasonal Highlights Across All Rooms

This past season was filled with joy, creativity, and meaningful connections across all program rooms. Children enjoyed fun and engaging Halloween activities, including themed crafts, dress-up days, and classroom celebrations. We were also grateful for the continued parent engagement, whether through participation, support, or sharing in special moments with the children. As we moved into December, each room celebrated with festive holiday activities, creating decorations, and taking part in joyful learning experiences that reflected the engagement of the season. Thank you to our families and staff for helping make these moments so special.





Schoolage Program

Schoolage Supervisor -Trudy Watts

We are excited to begin another year and welcome back our returning School-Age staff, as well welcome new staff to the team whose experience and dedication continue to support a positive and engaging program for the children.

We would also like to thank the Toronto Star for their generous toy donation last December, which brought joy to all of our School-Age children.

Morning Arrival Reminder:

Our program doors will remain open in the morning until 8:30 a.m. After this time, doors will be closed, and parents/guardians will be required to sign their child for the afternoon. This supports safety for the program as well as the school.

Parents are welcome to enter their child's room during drop-off and pick-up; however, we ask that families do not walk through the school.

For your convenience, the School-Age Supervisors can be reached at 647-224-5117 or 416-526-5115.

We look forward to a wonderful year!

Trudy Watts

Fall into Winter Highlights – School-Age Program

Throughout the fall and into the winter season, the School-Age children have been actively engaged in a variety of fun and meaningful experiences. The children enjoyed Halloween-themed activities, including crafts, games, and creative projects that encouraged imagination and teamwork.

As the weather changed, programming shifted to include indoor games, group challenges, art projects, and hands-on learning activities that support social skills, problem-solving, and cooperation. Children have had opportunities to express themselves creatively, stay active, and build friendships in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

We are proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and curiosity the children continue to show as we move through the seasons together.

**WHAT'S
NEW**



Hi! As the gym facilitator I will be holding gym days for the kids, with each schoolage class attending once a week, to cover all the classes according to the schedule.

As part of the learning process and experience, the goal is to make the kids engage in more structured physical activities to help them improve their health and well-being. It also plays an important role in developing the children's social, emotional, cognitive, language, and communication skills, besides the physical aspects.

Please remember to check your child's day and that they have appropriate indoor shoes.



A CUP OF WARMTH & CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2025



This simple gathering creates a cozy moment for families, children, and staff to connect, share smiles, and build a sense of community.



Parent Workshop

Sona Hassanimohebi – Training - coordinator



Our parent workshops are designed to support families by sharing practical tools, resources, and meaningful learning experiences that promote children's development and family well-being. As the new year begins, we look forward to offering more workshops focused on helping families thrive. Stay tuned for workshop dates coming in 2026.

Individualized Support Staff

Jabeen Syeeda: Classroom Support Staff



I support children through inclusive, nurturing practices that build confidence and independence. I observe children in classroom and outdoor settings, create individualized reports highlighting strengths and areas for growth, and develop goals and action plans. I provide one-on-one, small group, and in-class support to help preschool and school-age children thrive.



Apple Cinnamon Flourless Cake

You Will Need

- 2 cups almond flour
- 1 medium apple, finely grated
- 3 large eggs



Kitchen co-ordinator- Saida Siddiqui

Made with almond flour and freshly grated apples, it's perfectly moist, full of cozy flavor, and meant to be enjoyed slowly-ideally with a good book and a warm drink.

Click the picture item for the complete recipe



Family information and Resources

Accessibility Statement

If you require this newsletter in an alternate format (such as large print, accessible Word or PDF, audio version, or another accommodation), or if you need support accessing this information, please contact the office. We will be happy to work with you to meet your needs.



Your gateway to real-time updates on your child's day at Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre! With Lillio, you can effortlessly track your little one's activities, from nap times to meals and exciting learning moments. Stay informed and connected wherever you are.

To get started, simply download the Lillio app from the App Store or Google Play, and follow the easy setup instructions provided

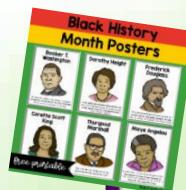
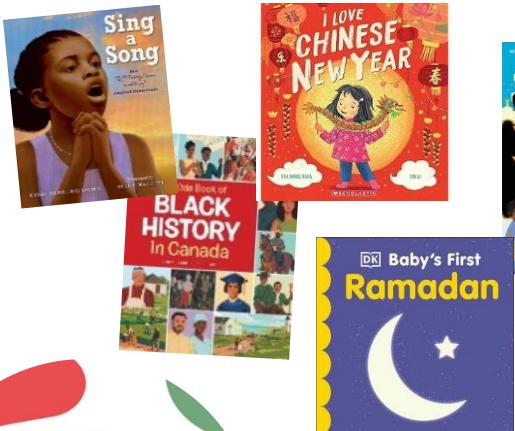
At Thorncliffe Park Day Care Centre, we proudly celebrate inclusion and diversity. Black History Month provides an opportunity for children to learn about the important contributions of Black communities while building respect, understanding, and a strong sense of belonging

In the upcoming months of February and March, we will be engaging in activities, educational events etc. that will highlight; Black History, Chinese New Year, Easter, Ramadan and much more! Be sure to check your Lillio app for details. Click the links below for books that you can purchase on various events.

Click [here](#) for books of interest on Black History.

Click [here](#) Chinese New Year

Click [here](#) for Ramadan



join us!
Our locations will be having a pancake breakfast
on Friday February 13th. Details will follow

TIPS FOR DRESSING IN WINTER MONTHS



Cool Weather (Late fall / Early spring)



Base Layer: Long sleeve shirt and pant layer made of synthetic fabric (not cotton, which absorbs sweat and can make you cold)

Outer Layer: Lined, wind-resistant, waterproof jacket and snow/splash pants

Warm, waterproof boots or rain boots

Cold Weather (Early winter / Late winter)



Base Layer: Long sleeve top and long johns bottoms made of synthetic, wool or silk fabric (not cotton) and non-cotton socks (wool is best)

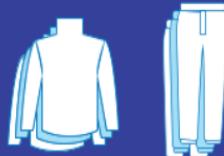


Insulating Layer: Sweatshirt and sweatpants, or fleece jacket/ pullover and fleece pants



Outer Layer: water-resistant snow suit, non-cotton hat/toque, tube neck warmer and water-resistant mittens

Warm, waterproof boots



Extreme Cold Weather (Mid-winter)

Dress in a 3-layer system (wicking base, insulating mid, waterproof/windproof shell), avoid cotton, wear mittens over gloves, use wool/synthetics, cover extremities with hats/scarves, and protect skin from frostbite to stay warm and dry.