



BRIDGES KINDER CONNECTION DAYCARE

Dear Parents,

Spring is finally here, hooray! We are so excited to see everyone back at the centre now that restrictions have lifted 😊 We are also looking forward to getting rid of the endless layers of clothing and incorporating more fun, weather-friendly activities into our daily curriculum. As you read through this newsletter, please remember to make note of the important dates and activities that will be happening at the centre in upcoming months.



THE WEATHER IS CHANGING

Spring weather comes with lots of rain. The weather has been up and down quite a bit lately, some days are warm and other days are snowy! With that being said, please remember to bring your child in appropriate clothing. Please ensure on warm days that your child has a light jacket, splash pants, a hat, rain boots as well as an extra change of clothing in their cubby.

***An extra change of clothing is extremely important for all of the children including preschoolers, parents please ensure that extra clothing is available in the cubby at ALL times.**

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ONLY

PA & School Closure Dates (DDSB & DCDSB)

Please make note of the following dates:

- **April 15th**- Good Friday (All Schools & Daycare Closed)
- **April 18th**- Easter Monday (All Schools Closed)
- **May 23rd**- Victoria Day (All Schools & Daycare Closed)
- **June 3rd**- PA Day (All Schools)
- **June 29th** - Last Day of School

SickKids® WALKATHON

Our annual walkathon for Sick Kids is an event that all of the children really enjoy, we make banners and head bands to wear on our walk around the community in support of **SickKids Hospital**. We also collect donations from family and friends.

During circle time we discuss the importance of helping others and explain to the children why we walk.

Unfortunately, the sponsor of this event has decided to postpone it for 2022 and we will not be having the walkathon event this year but we hope to resume it next year!

IMPORTANT DATES AT BRIDGES

Please make note of the following dates:

- **April 15th**- Good Friday (**Daycare Closed**)
- **April 22nd**- Earth Day (Bridges Clean up for Earth Day)
- **May 23rd**- Victoria Day (**Daycare Closed**)
- **June 1st**- Picture Day
- **June 24th**- Fundraising BBQ
- **July 1st**- Canada Day (**Daycare Closed**)
- **July & August**- Summer Camp!

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please ensure that your child is up-to-date with ALL of their immunizations as Public Health checks in with us monthly. Review your child's record and speak to your healthcare provider for more information.

Vaccinate...Then update! Please provide us with a copy to keep your child's file up to date with Public Health. As a new regulation, Public health will now be contacting parents directly if their child(ren) immunizations are not up to date.

***It is our responsibility to keep your children safe. If there are any changes to personal information or emergency contacts please remember to let us know right away!**

HOPPY EASTER!

In light of Easter, please wear Spring colours on Thursday, April 14th (a fun easter outfit or pastel colors such as pink, blue, yellow, green etc.) If you would like to bring in candy or treats, please ensure that they are in a sealed package and are **peanut-free**. We will not be accepting homemade treats or goodie bags. All of the treats given to us will be distributed fairly amongst all of the children.



FUNDRAISING BARBECUE

Every year Bridges hosts a Fundraising Community BBQ where we encourage parents to come out and purchase dinner from us in order to help support our fundraising efforts for the Summer program.

This is a major fundraiser for us and all donations are welcome! The funds raised help to alleviate some of the trip, visitors and event costs for the parents. We usually have music, face painting, baked goods, Bouncy castle and more. This is also a great way for parents and families to socialize amongst each other and with the staff. Bring the whole family! Due to COVID we were not able to have this event in 2020 or 2021 but we are excited to announce that we will be resuming this event for 2022. Please save the date and join us on **Friday, June 24th**. We hope to see you all there!

SUMMER

Summer is around the corner! We have loved spending time with the children going on trips and having visitors in the centre over the years. However, due to COVID we were not able to do any of the fun activities that we usually do for the past two years. We are very pleased to announce that we will be resuming Summer Camp program in July and August! We are planning a very fun filled Summer with lots of trips, visitors, activities and more. We try our best to include all age groups in the planned activities and events however this is based on age as some groups are not able to attend trips due to age. We will need volunteers and are more than happy to have parents accompany us on our trips. If you are interested, please let us know. You will need to get a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSC) if you plan to volunteer on trips with us which can be obtained from Durham Region Police. This can be obtained online or in person. We will provide you with more information regarding this closer to date.



PICTURE DAY

Picture day will be on **Wednesday, June 1st**. Every year we have a professional photographer visit the center to take the children's photos and class photos. Upon request of the parents, the photographer can also do sibling photos. These photos will serve as a lifelong memory and are great keepsakes to have/ gifts for other family members! This year we will also be doing family portraits from **3:30pm to 5:00pm**. If you are interested in family portraits please sign up with Anna or Rupa. You will need to fill in your name beside a vacant time slot on the sign-up sheet in order for to plan accordingly.

DONATIONS

We just wanted to thank everyone for their donations of toys, books, diapers, etc. We always put these items to good use and appreciate receiving them. If you are able to donate items, we are more than happy to take them especially plastic bags. Thank you in advance!

RATE US

Thank you for all of your positive feedback on social media/google. We really appreciate our parents always looking out for us, sending us referrals and bringing important issues to our attention. All of your positive reviews and recommendations really help to boost our small business. We always strive to be a leader in the community and provide the best quality childcare that we can. As part of the Bridges Family, please feel free to write us a review on **Yelp, Facebook** or **Google** (if you have not done so already).

