

# Bayfair Daycare News-January 2014

## Food and Toy Drive



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our food and toy drive this year. We appreciate all you do to assist us in helping others! All items were delivered to St. Vincent's Kitchen on Christmas Eve.

## Welcome Kristen!

Hopefully by now, most of you have met our new bookkeeper Kristen! If not, please stop by and introduce yourself!

Kristen's hours are:

Monday: 9:00-3:00

Tuesday 12:00-6:00

Wednesday 9:00-3:00

Thursday 12:00-6:00

Friday 9:00-3:00

## Guess What...



- A jolly old fellow made a surprise visit to the children on December 20<sup>th</sup>! Guess who!
- One of our young parents is a very talented young man and may soon be famous!
- One of our very own staff members has been keeping secret a very special singing voice!
- Someone has been doing a fantastic job decorating our front hallway...don't you agree?
- Hmm, someone is having a baby! Wonder who?

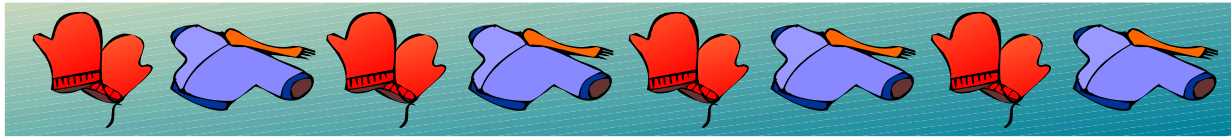
## Cancellations of Christmas Events



We deeply regret having to cancel our Annual Christmas Concert and Breakfast with Santa this year due to an "outbreak". The Department of Health would not allow us to have any large gatherings for the safety of the children and others.

We just heard that even though Santa was not able to visit...he **has** agreed to visit Bayfair Daycare while he is on vacation! Now he may be dressed in his Hawaiian shirt and sun-glasses but he said he would be delighted to join us for a pancake breakfast! The Polar Express will be joining us as well. Watch for an Invitation and ticket sales in January!

We are also planning on having a "Welcome Spring Concert" in March, so be sure and watch out for notices!



## A New Year's Prayer

God grant us this year a wider view,  
So we see others' faults through the eyes of You.  
Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue,  
Neither the adult ... nor the young.

Give us patience and grace to endure  
And a stronger faith so we feel secure.  
Instead of remembering, help us forget  
The irritations that caused us to fret.

Freely forgiving for some offense  
And finding each day a rich recompense.  
In offering a friendly, helping hand  
And trying in all ways to understand;

That all of us whoever we are ...  
Are trying to reach an unreachable star.  
For the great and small ... the good and bad,  
The young and old ... the sad and glad

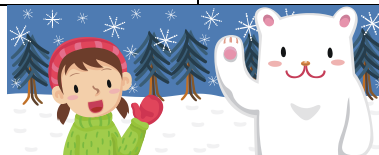
Are asking today; Is life worth living?  
The answer is only in, loving and giving.  
For only Love can make man kind  
And Kindness of Heart brings Peace of Mind.

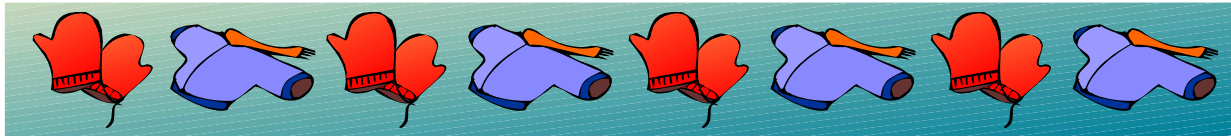
By giving love, we can start this year  
To lift the clouds of hate and fear.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

## Parent Reminders:

- Please **do not leave** your child(ren) in the front foyer in the morning. It is imperative for their safety that you bring them right into the classroom and let a teacher know that they are present. If you require assistance with the transition, please ask a staff member.
- We are happy to provide extra daycare clothing when available, but we ask that you please return them!
- Parents, we implore you to not park in front of the daycare doors when dropping off or picking up your child. This is not a safe practice.
- We are a nut free facility! If you are sending any food with your children, please read the label to ensure they are nut free. Tim Horton products are not permitted as they cannot guarantee they are nut free.
- Please take a few moments each Friday to clear out your child's cubby. This helps to keep the daycare looking neat and tidy!
- Ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated. Please stop by the office anytime!
- Baby, it's cold out there! Please send warm coats, snow pants, winter boots, hats and mittens each day. We will take the children out unless the temperature reaches minus twelve or below (with or without the wind-chill). The children will have more fun if they are warm and cozy.





2014 Fee Schedule



By now, all parents should have received a fee increase letter and 2014 fee schedule. We have attached a copy on the next page for easy reference.

If you have any questions about payment of fees, please feel free to contact Kristen by telephone or email at [daycarebookkeeper@bellnet.ca](mailto:daycarebookkeeper@bellnet.ca)

**Black-Eyed Pea Gumbo**



Rated: ★★★★★

Submitted By: Lynn

Photo By: ANNA

Prep Time: 15 Minutes  
Cook Time: 55 Minutes

Ready In: 1 Hour 10 Minutes  
Servings: 8

A winter time favourite!

Black-Eyed Pea Gumbo

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 5 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup brown rice
- 4 (15 ounce) cans black-eyed peas with liquid
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

**DIRECTIONS:**

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat, and cook the onion, pepper, and celery until tender. Pour in the chicken broth, and mix in rice, black eyed peas with liquid, diced tomatoes and green chiles, diced tomatoes, and garlic. Bring to a boil,

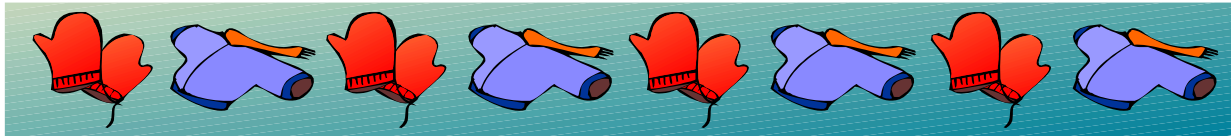
**DIRECTIONS:**

reduce heat to low, and simmer 45 minutes, or until rice is tender. Add water soup is too thick.

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

*Happy New Year*

*The staff of Bayfair Daycare would like to wish you all joy, peace and prosperity for the coming year. We would also like to thank our families for the privilege of caring for your children each day. We look forward to the year ahead and commit to providing excellent care and education to the children of Bayfair Daycare!*



**New Fee Schedule  
Bayfair Daycare Inc.  
January 6, 2014**

<u>Infant Program ( 0 to 18 months)</u>	.....	\$	247.00
daily rate	.....	\$	65.00
<u>Underage Toddlers 15 - 18 months in Toddler room</u>	.....	\$	220.00
<u>Toddlers: children 18 - 30 months</u>			
Full-time (5 days)	.....	\$	210.00
Full day (per day)	.....	\$	49.00
Half day with lunch (per day)	.....	\$	43.00
<u>Nursery School (8:45 to 11:15am)</u>	.....	\$	72.00
daily rate	.....	\$	20.00
<u>Pre-school: children 2 1/2 years &amp; up</u>			
Full-time (5 days)	.....	\$	200.00
Full day (per day)	.....	\$	45.00
Half day with lunch (per day)	.....	\$	37.00
Before and/or After School (JK/SK) 5 days	.....	\$	132.00
Before and/or After School (JK/SK) per day	.....	\$	29.00
<u>School Age: children up to 12 yrs</u>			
SA Full time ( 5 days per week)	.....	\$	120.00
Daily Rate	.....	\$	27.00
Before or After School Only	.....	\$	92.00
Holding Fees (per week, 3 consecutive weeks)	.....	\$	50.00
Registration Fee (non-refundable)	.....	\$	30.00
Re-Registration (within 1 year of withdrawal)	.....	\$	15.00
NSF Cheque Service Charges	.....	\$	30.00
Late Fee Payment Charge per week	.....	\$	5.00
Daily Rate Diff. for PA Day, Schoolage Children	.....	\$	21.40
Daily Rate Diff. For PA Day, JK/SK B&A Children	.....	\$	19.00