

Bayfair Daycare Newsletter 2015



Happy New Year!

On behalf of all staff members and our Board of Directors, here's wishing you all a happy, healthy and blessed 2015!

2015 Staffing

Supervisor: Lisa Barrett
Infant RECE-Cathy Houston
Infant Assistant- Kathy Davis
Infant Assistant-Ashley Jeffery
Toddler Busy Bee RECE-Sherry Fleming (SD)
Toddler Busy Bee Assistant-Teshia Cadogan
Toddler Busy Bee Program Assistant-Amanda Scott
Toddler Opener and Closer-Cheryl Baker
Toddler Bear Cub RECE-Shinade Malden
Toddler Bear Cub RECE-Jennipher Sorenson
Toddler Bear Cub Assistant-Samira Elsekely
Beluga PS RECE-Tamara Stewart
Beluga PS 2nd RECE-Jaclyn Weiss
Beluga PS Assistant-Janet Jubb
Beluga PS Program Assistant-Andrew Dawson
Beaver PS-Kinders RECE-Angela Dawson (SD)
Beaver PS-Kinders 2nd RECE-Aaron Siewwright-Adams
Beaver PS-Kinders Assistant-Sonia McLune
Beaver PS-Kinders Program Assistant Ruthann McLune
School Age Basking Sharks RECE-Andrea Woodburn
School Age Basking Sharks Assistant-Arlene Hamilton
School Age Basking Sharks Program Assistant-Janel Walters
Floater-Kim Dunn
Opener-Sandra Gosling
Cook-Anell Senior
Housekeeper-Kathy Fillier
Bookkeeper-Kristen Niemimaa
Afternoon School Age Support: Jessica McLune

Brrrr



Baby, it's cold out there!

Please be sure and send warm clothing for your child for outdoor play. Please note that we *will* go outdoors up to -12 including the wind chill.

This is an integral part of program!

Other important reminders...

- Please remember to always have a set of extra clothing on hand for your child at the daycare. Our supply of extra clothing is limited.
- We are a nut free facility. Please do not send any foods with your child that may contain nuts of any kind.
- Parking is not permitted in front of the daycare doors. This is dangerous to the bus drivers who are often releasing children and to families who may be entering or exiting the building. Please be safe and considerate!
- The Bear Cub and Beluga teachers are asking parents to PLEASE bring in a family photo!

With the Cold and Flu Season in full swing, here is some information that may be helpful in determining what you may be dealing with.

Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Fever	Usually Present	Rare
Aches	Usually, often severe	Slight
Chills	Fairly Common	Uncommon
Tiredness	Moderate to Severe	Mild
Symptom Onset	Appear with 3 to 6 hours	Symptoms appear gradually
Coughing	Dry, unproductive cough	Hacking, productive cough
Sneezing	Uncommon	Common
Stuffy Nose	Uncommon	Common
Sore Throat	Uncommon	Common
Chest discomfort	Often Severe	Mild to Moderate
Headache	Common	Uncommon



Please remember to keep your children home when they are experiencing fever, vomiting or diarrhea. This is an infection control measure to help us stay healthy and hopefully “outbreak free”! Please be sure and wash your hands when entering the building and encourage your children to do the same.

Thank you!

Play Based Learning

Winter

See the pretty snowflakes
Falling from the sky;
On the wall and housetops
Soft and thick they lie.

On the window ledges,
On the branches bare;
Now how fast they gather,
Filling all the air.

Look into the garden,
Where the grass was green;
Covered by the snowflakes,
Not a blade is seen.

Now the bare black bushes
All look soft and white,
Every twig is laden,
What a pretty sight!

Author Unknown

Calendar of Events

January 23rd-PA Day for Public and Catholic

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

February 2-Groundhog Day

February 13-PA Day for Public Schools

February 16th-Family Day-**Daycare Closed**

February 17th-Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Lunch!

March 15-**MARCH BREAK EXTRAVAGANZA!!!**

Please be sure and watch out for special notes on your child’s cubby, daycare walls, bulletin boards and doors! We often add special activities or events throughout the month that we want you to be aware of.

RECEs across the country know how important play based learning is because it's the core of their teaching methods. The educational phenomenon that's reaching child care centres everywhere can be confusing to parents at first, but rest assured, every giggle and smile is the sign of a child's learning. Here are 6 great learning through play areas and why they are so useful.

How to learn through play:

Playing house develops language and communication skills while allowing children to handle adult tools and materials. It builds self-awareness and encourages relationships.

Science and discovery activities build on problem solving, gathering information and exploration in the natural and physical world.

Building centres allow growth for both fine and gross motor skill development, spacial awareness and colour recognition.

Creative corners work on hand/eye co-ordination, visual patterns, and responsibility with tools.

Technology games are great for helping a child understand cause and effect as well as any other skill the game is aimed at.

The quiet centre of the classroom improves literacy and self-control in children.

Thanks to Anna Costantino from Schoolhouse Playcare Centre Valley Farm for sharing her ideas with TogetherFamilies. Anna has been an RECE for 21 years.

Please note that Bayfair Daycare will soon have Email transfers as a payment option! Please speak with Kristen for more information.

Healthy Eating



We have always been told that "breakfast is the most important meal of the day" and guess what...it's true!

Just like your car needs fuel to get going in the morning, so does your child.

Here are some healthy examples:

- fruit
- vegetables
- grains (make at least half your grains whole grains)
- protein (meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dry beans, nuts (not at daycare) and seeds)
- dairy products (low-fat or fat-free milk, cheese, and yogurt)

Please avoid candy, chocolate, chips, donuts and sugary drinks for breakfast (yep, we see it). These are unhealthy for a number of reasons but most importantly do not provide the nutrition your child requires for healthy growth and development.

At 8:30, we serve a morning snack to the children. Keep in mind, this is not breakfast. If your child arrives between 6:30-8:15 in the morning, you may send breakfast with them providing they are nut free. Healthy breakfasts please!!

These are our Program Visions for 2015



- To continue to transform our classrooms to create an environment for the children that is warm, comfortable and inviting, using more natural materials and home like features.
 - To continue to build on our observational and documentation skills and working towards ongoing, meaningful observations to be included in individual portfolios.
 - To provide daily “provocations” for the children to enrich their learning environment.
 - To provide opportunities for increased parent engagement.
 - To ensure we are representing the diverse clientele we serve in ways that are observable and meaningful.
 - To ensure we are representing the community in which we live by including individuals with varying abilities and people from First Nations communities in our displays, conversations and activities.
 - To increase our “sensory oriented experiences” for the children, providing more than one per day in different areas of the classroom.
 - To encourage children to use their imaginations and be open to the transfer of materials from one area to another.
 - To continue to provide wonderful, open ended “art” opportunities.
- To increase the children’s learning of concrete concepts by incorporating skill building into play and that learning is measurable through observation and documentation.

We welcome your feedback!

Supervisor’s Corner

Dear Parents

I would once again like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

2014 was a very busy and successful year at Bayfair Daycare! As always we thank parents for their wonderful support of our programs and for continuing to refer other families. We have maintained enrollment throughout the year and have a wait list for our Infant Room!

We have continued our journey to ELECT and the staff have made tremendous progress in their observations and documentations based on the Early Learning Framework.

You may have also noticed that we are working towards transforming our classrooms to a more “home like” environment with softer lighting and more natural materials such as wood, plants, etc.

This year, staff will have many opportunities for professional growth and development through outside workshops and training sessions as well as “in-house training” at our monthly staff meetings.

On behalf of all the staff, we consider it an honour and a privilege to care for and educate your children at Bayfair Daycare.

May 2015 be our best year yet!

Lisa L. Barrett, RECE
Supervisor
Bayfair Daycare

