



September 2017

“A Happy Place to Grow”

Back to School

Warm greetings to all families new and returning or just back from vacation! It is our pleasure to be your choice for child care.

September brings a sense of new beginnings filled with new or rekindled friendships, routines and experiences. Although

it is sad to say goodbye to so many families each September with children moving on to school, it is so nice to see so many new faces as well. We look forward to getting to know you and your child, making new memories and sharing experiences with you all.



Over the summer months there was a lot of attention and detail paid to the playgrounds. Both preschool and toddler playgrounds were carefully curated to extend the learning to the outdoors. If you have not yet done so, please make sure you stop by the “forest” just outside of the preschool playground. This area is a non-structured play space that is kept natural, using only basic materials that are open-ended and encourage imaginative play. This allows for endless possibilities in terms of learning and programming. If you have a skill such as building/constructing to share or have time to assist us in evolving this space, we would gladly welcome you lending a helping hand. This would be a great opportunity for children to see bridging of relationships, adult problem-solving, co-operation and team work.

Speaking of teamwork, we would like to give a great big thank you and way to go to the many staff it takes to run Paramount! Everyone from the frontline permanent staff to the volunteers, students and Church staff all working together to make this place “A Happy Place to Grow”. We could do it without such great people! For new families to the centre, there are many new faces to get to know, that can sometimes seem confusing. All permanent staff take a special part in your child’s day in some capacity. We consider ourselves a very big family that work together to get everything done in a day. Your child’s classroom teachers are scheduled to work the bulk of the day, with a float staff and a few split shift staff opening and closing the centre. Rest assured that we will do our best to deliver important messages in person or use HiMama as a back up to that.



HiMama is a great tool that helps us document milestones and data about health and well-being. First and foremost, educators are working hard to build a connection with your child- building trust and encouraging participation in the program. Once that is established, children will feel comfortable in the environment and have the confidence to explore and learn. This is when the learning and documenting can take place. Simple reports are sent daily and our goal is to capture a special moment periodically to share to with you. Our priority is hands on interaction as part of How Does Learning Happen- Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years, specifically the areas of Well- Being and Belonging, to be followed by Engagement and Expression.

TODDLER

September is a time for new experiences and a new start for some. It is also a continuation of current learning interests, responsive relationships and the four foundations of learning. Our goal as educators is that every child has a sense of belonging, sense of self, can express themselves in many ways and be in an engaged learner. Caring and nurturing relationships and being respectful to the interests and needs of each child are our beliefs and how we support children to achieve their full potential.

Last spring our outdoor playground transitioned to an outdoor learning environment. Items were added to engage children in active play and meaningful exploration. The summer proved this transition to be a positive one. On so many occasions the children connected to others and the natural environment. We will continue to make additions in the fall for more shared exploration.

It is our privilege to co-learn with each child and we look forward to many learning experiences. Remember we have an open-door policy so please feel free to be a part of the classroom. We thank all toddler parents for their ongoing support.

Miss Ana, Miss Martha and Miss Shannon

PRESCHOOL 1

So.....apparently summer happened and it's over. The summer flew by very quickly. We had some fun times this summer like water play and a trip to the zoo.

Even though we had a lot of fun together, at the end of it all we had to say goodbye to a lot of friends. They are either moving up to Preschool 2, going to the before and after school program because they have started school or some are leaving the centre all together to go to school. We wish them all good luck and we will miss your smiling faces in the classroom. Please don't be strangers be sure to stop by and say hello when you can.

We also welcome brand new faces to our room at this time of year. We will spend the month getting to know each other and look at how the season is beginning to change as the month goes on. We will take some neighbourhood walks and use our "forest" playspace. We would also like it if everybody could bring in a family photo to keep in our classroom.

Just a reminder to make sure your child has an extra change of clothes in their bag at all times. When we play and it can get messy at times or sometimes accidents just happen. We can't wait to build memories with all our new friends as we get to know each other. Please help welcome our new teacher to the classroom, Miss Amanda!

Miss Shamima and Miss Amanda



PRESCHOOL 2

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new friends and families joining our classroom. I'd like to tell you a bit about myself, my name is Miss Kelly and I've been in the field for 17 years. I am married with 2 school age girls of my own.

In preschool 2, we work on self-regulation, independence, working together with our peers, and of course we have tons on fun while doing so.

Please always have a labeled change of clothes in your child's bag, some of our exploring can get messy!

You can feel free to approach me with any questions or concerns you may have or even for just quick chat about how the day went, I am always available to speak with you.

Here's to a great year filled with fun, adventure and learning along the way.

Miss Kelly.

PRESCHOOL 3

This month we start a fresh new "school year" with new and familiar friendships ahead! Each month we will be planning activities that are reflective of the observed skills and interests of the children. These activities are included in the "Calendar" section of HiMama, as well as posted on the parent information board just outside our classroom door. In the year ahead we will also be learning more about the four foundations of more meaningful childhood learning; Belonging, Engagement, Expression, and Well-Being. These four foundations of learning and child development will be incorporated into each aspect of our day to day program. We look forward to engaging with you as a team to reflect on the learning that takes place on an ongoing basis. Our door is always open for ongoing conversation!

Miss. Kelsey and Miss. Les

KINDERGARTEN B/A

Hello and welcome to the Kindergarten classroom! For those of you that don't know me my name is Miss Christine and I have been working in the Kindergarten class for 4 years. I can't wait to get to know each one of your children over this next school year so we can all learn and grow together.

Some information for you:

- Take note of the bulletin board located outside the far classroom door in the hallway, this is where our program information is posted for you to read and explore.
- Please keep indoor shoes in your children's cubby for inside, especially for inclement weather
- Always call the daycare or send a message on HiMama if your child is not attending daycare
- Our first PA Day is almost upon us, it is on Friday September 22

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask and please feel free to come in the classroom and explore with your children!

Miss Christine

A handwritten message in black ink that says "Happy Birthday!" with a large exclamation point and a decorative underline.

Rylin	Sept. 1
Jessica	Sept. 4
Adrian	Sept. 8
Brooklyn	Sept. 18
Liam	Sept. 23
Salvatore Samson	Sept. 23
Aidan K.	Sept. 26

SCHOOL AGE B/A

September is here, school is starting, and the weather is getting cooler. We can't believe summer Camp is completed and would like to thank all who enrolled for a fun summer, and wish everyone all the best for the upcoming school year.

This school year we would like to welcome back all our friends attending before and after school, and say hello to our new friends joining us. This year's group is a little younger with the introduction of the SK's into our program, allowing many friends to become young role models. We will continue to have an inclusive classroom and hope that all students feel comfortable to be themselves. We hope that as the school year progresses, we can learn more about each of our students and even learn from them. As one of our goals is to involve the students more with their interests, we will be placing a bin whereby students will be able to drop in any suggestions or comments they have about the school year. This box will only be opened by the teachers in hopes that we can implement more student generated interests.

Next month we plan to work on our team building skills through activities and games and are looking forward to our school age Halloween party later in the month.

All the best for a safe and fun September.

-Miss Shelby and Miss Dianna

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



Picture Day

Picture day for Preschool and Toddler children is scheduled for Monday Oct.23 and Tuesday Oct. 24 starting at 9 a.m. On these dates children will take individual as

well as class photos. Parents will receive proofs of individual photos and may choose to order online following the instructions provided. Complimentary class photos will be provided for all children in these classes. Special/dress up clothes is optional for the photos; a pair of spare play clothes is recommended for the remainder of the day.

P.A. Day care for School Age Children

Sept. 22- please be sure to sign up for a full day of care with lots of exciting activities planned and possibly a trip to the farm. Details to follow with permission forms.

NEW MENU

Please look out for the fall/winter menu to start on September 25'th. We ask that parents of children with a food restriction/ intolerance or allergy please review the menu and consult with our wonderful cook, Miss. Tracey about ingredients and available alternatives. Please be sure to make necessary changes to existing allergy/food intolerances/restrictions to reflect the new menu.

PARENT HANDBOOK

We are catching up with the times! Please be sure to check out the new and improved revised version of the Parent Handbook available online from the child care website. This will be a living document that will be updated as needed. Important policies and procedures are outlined in the handbook regarding relevant child care information. Happy reading!



REMINDERS

Help keep the germs away by washing your child's hands before you dropping them off in the classroom and again before you go home.

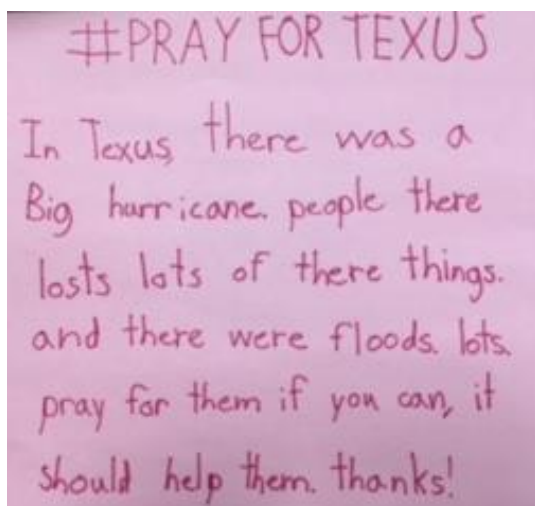


Pastor Josh will be occasionally visiting the School Age After School Program starting mid-September. Pastor Josh is expanding his connection to the youth attending the child care centre throughout the school year. Please be sure to read his profile posted on the School Age Room door for more info.





Our thoughts prayers and are with those affected by the recent natural disasters south of us. It is devastating to see people suffering from the effects of such brutal storms. We may not always notice how this may affect the children around us who could be watching or listening and trying to make sense of this. Our little friend Brooklyn became aware of this and decided to write down some thoughts. In her own thoughtful and caring words, a prayer for those in Texas.



Wishing you all a fantastic September from the Paramount Family Centre Staff!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Apple-Lee Fun Weekends at **Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery** 1468 #8 Highway, Winona **weekends Sept.-Oct. 1, 2017**

Live Entertainment, Children's Village, Fall Harvest Train Rides, Wine/Cider pairings, Pick-Your-Own Apples, Campfire & Marshmallow Roast, Freshly Baked Desserts & Pies, Fall Craft & more!

All events offers: Pay as You Play or Event Day Pass ~ Warm Buffet Lunch Available

All event day pass: (24 months +) \$20/person

Phone: 905-643-1015

Website: www.puddicombefarms.com/assets/2017--fall-events.jpg

International Talk Like a Pirate Day at the **Hamilton Children's Museum** 1072 Main St. E., Hamilton **September 16, 2017**

Arrrgh! Shiver me timbers! If ya don't visit us on this day be prepared to "Take a long walk on a short plank!!!" Talk like a pirate; enjoy pirate food and enjoy pirate indoor and outdoor fun!

10 am – 3 pm

Regular admission rates apply.

Dress Like a pirate and get into the museum for free

Website: www.hamilton.ca/childrensmuseum

Sidewalk Sale **Ottawa Street Shopping District** 204 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton **September 23, 2017**

Shop till you drop! Discover fabulous food, fashions & finds outside on the sidewalk. From Barton to Main Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Phone: 905-544-5822

Website: www.shopottawastreet.com/events/sidewalk-sale

Treehouse Presents: Splash'N Boots Big Yellow Tunes Tour at the Lincoln Alexander Centre 160 King St E, Hamilton **September 28, 2017**

Their interactive, spontaneous live performance and danceable music is a yellow and blue experience no family should miss out on!

Phone: 905-528-5000

Website:

www.lincolnalexandercentre.com/event/treehouse-presents-splashn-boots-big-yellow-tunes-tour/