

PARAMOUNT FAMILY CENTRE

October 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

Centre **CLOSED**
Monday October 9 for
Thanksgiving Day!

We wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday, may it be surrounded with family and friends.



Eat **TONS** and
take a nap.



Preschool & Toddler Picture
Day!!!
Oct. 23 & 24 starting at 9 a.m.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR EDUCATORS

For the fall season, we thought perhaps you would enjoy getting to know the wonderful staff here at Paramount a little better. We will be featuring staff profiles on the family tree board. There are 15 regular staff as well as a few support workers and occasional supply staff that make up this family. Our combined experience in child care field adds up to 163 years and 7 months and if you were to count motherhood to the mix, it's an additional 159 years in experience raising children. All these years of experience and knowledge make this environment rich in skills, traits and characteristics that contribute to a developing mind. The proverb "it's takes a village to raise a child" holds true as that child then has the best chance to become a healthy adult if the whole community plays a positive and active role in contributing to their upbringing. Although your child has specific classroom teachers, he or she will engage with many other educators to complement their experience here. You can read up on us by taking a closer look at the family tree on the board by the playground doors. Additionally, you are welcome to have your family picture added to that board.

Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is all gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway- Thanksgiving comes again!

<http://www.teachingfirst.net/Poems/Thanksgiving.html>



"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."
William Arthur Ward

TODDLER BABBLE

October has arrived so let's give thanks for all our blessings. Although we are celebrating the autumn season the weather has been reflective of the summer months. An assortment of clothing will be needed as we adjust to varying temperatures. Water bottles are still required. Please, remember to label all your children's belongings including soothers. We know it is time consuming but we do appreciate the support.



The toddler has many sweet new faces to say hello to! Everyone has done such a great job adjusting. As co-learners with the children we will provide them with opportunities to develop and enhance a sense of well-being and belonging. Participating in social interactions, shared exploration, and physical activity are ways in which these foundations can be fostered.

Remember we have an open-door policy so feel free to come in the classroom. If you have any questions we are here to give the best possible answer.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Ana, Miss Martha and Miss Shannon



PRESCHOOL 1

Fall is upon us and the colours are beautiful. It seems the days are going slow but somehow the months are just flying by. We really enjoyed our September welcoming new children in our class and getting to know each other. It has been unusually warm this September so we have enjoyed spending most of our time outdoors while summer is still here. Also if you have not yet done so please bring in a family photo for our family tree. Lots of new faces have been added to our class and they are adjusting well to the new space and environment.

The month of October brings to us Thanksgiving and Halloween. Please note that the centre is closed on Thanksgiving Monday. On Halloween we will be having a costume party so please bring your child in their costume that morning with a change of clothes. We will be going trick-or-treating around the centre. Also with October comes the change of weather so we ask that you please make sure that the extra clothes you have packed in your child's bag are appropriate for this season. Please also make sure rain boots and splash pants are in the bag. We are going to have a wonderful autumn!

Miss Shamima and Miss Amanda

PRESCHOOL 2

Fall is quickly approaching. We are seeing the changes of the season all around us. Almost time for fall jackets for the children and spiced pumpkin latte for us adults. The children have all settled nicely into the classroom and routines. We have made some new friends and continued our connections with some old friends. The children have been engaging in a lot of social play with the cars and truck and dinosaurs and have really been enjoying music, singing and dancing. I have seen many gains in following direction and independence this month. We will continue to work on our dressing skills as before we know it we'll be putting all the winter gear on. Keep encouraging your children to do their own dressing at home also. Little tricks like 'up and over' for putting on coats can be very helpful for them to be successful and independent. I would like the children to feel that the classroom is their space. We have made picture frames to put our family photos in to display in the classroom. Please send a family photo in so your children can hang it on our family wall. As always if you have any questions, concerns, thoughts or ideas please feel free to let me know.



Miss Kelly

Kindergarten News!

September is over already; can you believe it?!

The Kinder's have started to settle into their new routine in their new class. New friendships have formed and old ones have become new again. We have been very interested in transportation and building in our class. We have built rocket ships, walls, structures and more. To help further this interest I will be providing new materials to build with such as cups, paper, binder clips, Popsicle sticks and so much more. I can't wait to see what the Kinder's come up with weather it is on their own or together.

We have also been very interested in transportation. A lot of the boys love the large cars and trucks that we have on the shelves in our classroom. To further this interest, I will be providing a felt board with road pieces, cars, buildings and so on. This will give the children an opportunity to build their own town.

The centre will be closed on Monday October 9th for Thanksgiving!

Miss Christine



PRESCHOOL 3

Our first month together has flown by and we have begun settling into our new routines with new friends. This month we have seen a few sniffles in our class as the weather changes from cold to warm to cold again, and we have been working closely with children to practice nose-wiping and hand-washing as a form of self-care and well-being for our bodies. We have been encouraging children to wash their hands after they wipe their nose, and singing "Happy Birthday" as they make lots of bubbles with the soap before rinsing off. We would also really appreciate your continued practice of washing hands with your child, either in the washroom or in the classroom, when you are dropping off and picking up.

At the same time, we have seen so many children take initiative in acting responsibly towards others and to taking care of our learning space. We have been practicing cleaning up toys when we are finished using them, helping friends when they have difficulty, washing the table at meal times, sweeping the floor when we make a mess, and putting on our shoes and socks all by ourselves. To continue in helping children feel capable and competent in their learning, please consider the type of shoes that your child is wearing to school and whether or not they are able to put them on by themselves at home too! Wearing running shoes or hiking footwear also helps children to run and climb in the forest, as opposed to flip-flops and open-toed sandals.

As new friendships have begun to form, children are beginning to recognize the similarities and differences between themselves and others, and to see themselves as individuals apart from their families. They love to talk about you!! To bring families together into the classroom, we will be working on a fall group project together: As you spend time outdoors together this fall, take time to embrace all of your senses as you observe the signs of a new fall season all around us. There are so many unique and colourful treasures to be found! Collect your treasures and bring them into the classroom to decorate our "Fall Family Tree" together as a family. Please also bring in a family photo for the classroom!

We can't wait to continue to learn with you!

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile."

*[Indian Summer]
– William Cullen Bryant*



SCHOOL AGE UPDATES

What a great first month of school we've had! During the month of September we met some new friends and welcomed back some of our returning friends. We had great conversations about our interests, and further discussed our behaviour board and what type of behaviour we would like to see in our classroom. This lead to the discussion of what will occur if a child gets 15 smiley faces (a.k.a A PRIZE!) We also enjoyed the warm weather we've been having and even played a few games involving water balloons! This month we hope to discuss some more about what we are thankful for and celebrate the upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Halloween! We will also be incorporating ourselves into the younger classroom through reading. Just a reminder that home toy day is every Friday (P.A Days are exceptions).

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a fun-filled Halloween!

Miss Shelby & Miss Dianna

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Halloween Ho-Down

OCTOBER 7-9, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 28 2017

[Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery](#) 1468 #8 Highway, Winona
905-643-1015 www.puddicombefarms.com/assets/2017--fall-events.jpg

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

All event day pass: (24 months +) \$20/person Pass Includes: Live Entertainment, Children's Village, Food & Wind/Cider pairings, Halloween Train Rides, Campfire & Marshmallow Roast, Kids Bouncy Fun, Trick or Treat around the farm, Halloween Craft and more! Pick~Your~Own Pumpkins Available

The Wiggles BIG SHOW!

October 8 & 13, 2017

[FirstOntario Concert Hall](#) 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton 905-546-3100 www.coreentertainment.ca

Ready to delight families across the continent with their incomparable brand of preschool entertainment, The Wiggles will be celebrating their 25th birthday and supporting their brand new CD and DVD, Wiggle Town!, as well as a new season of their hit TV series airing on Hulu in the U.S and Treehouse in Canada.



#IMOMSOHARD : Mom's Night Out

October 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

FirstOntario Concert Hall <http://www.coreentertainment.ca/> 905-546-3100 www.coreentertainment.ca/

Jen and Kristin from #IMOMSOHARD are taking their show out of the playroom and onto the road.

There's no one making moms feel as uncomfortably normal as Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley, the hilarious oh-so-real women behind #IMomSoHard. With over 1,000,000 Facebook fans, and more than 55 million views of their web series, Jen and Kristin's blend of honesty and humor offer the kinds of levity most of us only get from our therapist, proving that if we weren't all laughing, we'd be crying, right? Right!? It's like an evening with two of your besties.

Halloween at Paramount Family Centre

Tuesday October 31 from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Join us for our annual Halloween dress up parade and trick'o' treating in the centre. Peanut safe candy is welcomed for distribution among the centre- you can drop it off prior to in the child care office or kitchen. Parent volunteers are welcomed to distribute candy and join in the fun! Please contact the child care office if you are interested in participating. You may send your child's costume for staff to assist them with or send them already dressed if they won't be too hot. We encourage child friendly costumes and urge you to not send costumes representing violent or disturbing themes. We will change out of these costumes as soon as the parade is over for the rest of the program. Please help us keep our kids safe by only bringing in nut safe Halloween candy, no store bought or homemade baked goods or candy can be accepted.

Upcoming in the near future...

Shoebox Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes, watch out for it in your child's classroom along with instructions on how you too can contribute or check the website www.samaritanspurse.ca.

Poinsettia Fundraising through Terra Greenhouse of Upper Stoney Creek. Families can order holiday floral arrangements to be delivered to the daycare in time for the holiday festivities or to use as gifts, all proceeds go to a local charity, to be announced.

Birthday's

Benjamin W. Oct. 5

Nina Oct. 7

J.T. Oct. 11

Olivia Oct. 14

Drasco Oct. 23

