

# June 2018

# Paramount

## Family Centre



Thanks for coming to our June 1<sup>st</sup> Mother's & Father's Day BBQ! We were so glad to see so many participants!



Don't forget to tell us if you have vacation plans, need to change your child's schedule or if you will be terminating service!



PA Day June 7 St. Paul  
PA Day June 8 Billy Green  
PA Day June 22 St. Paul  
PA Day June 29 Billy Green

## LOOSE PARTS

*What are Loose parts and how do they benefit a child's learning?*

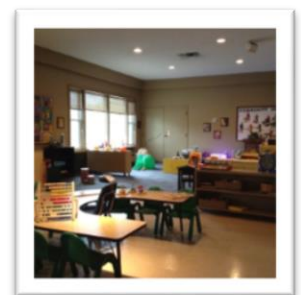
Boxes, sticks and blankets all seem like such simple objects, but they are packed with so much potential and limitless possibilities fueling imagination and creativity.

Children are innovative, especially with loose parts. Open-ended materials help them to ask questions, get creative and collaborate with others. We can enhance children's natural curiosity by introducing boxes, rocks, shells, pine cones, detergent lids, etc. to expand on critical thinking and supports physical, socio-emotional and cognitive development.

We hope you can see the benefits and help us in collecting items. A list has been posted by each classroom door to help you keep an eye out for these items that usually get shoved out of site.

We ask that you keep a few things in mind- items should be in good enough condition to re-use or upcycle, items should be safe for children to handle as is or with minimal modifications and lastly items should be of no cost- think about items you normally recycle or use as a hand me down- someone's junk is another person's treasure!

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## MUDGIRL RUN!

### We did it!!!



We trained, ran, dragged, crawled, climbed, jumped, pulled, swam and got muddy! Miss. Cathy, Miss. Amanda, Miss. Christine, Miss. Susana, Miss. Allison, Miss. Kelsey and Miss. Michelle pictured here as well as Miss. Kelly and Miss. Shannon all took part in this great event to help raise funds and breast cancer awareness. Thank you to those of you who donated, our contribution from Team Paramount Family Centre was a total of \$350 to the Breast Cancer Foundation by participating in the MUDGIRL RUN 2018! Way to go team!

Next year we hope you can join the Paramount team - bring your sisters, friends, moms and aunts too!

# Classroom Updates & Photos

## **Toddler Room Babble**

Hello everyone!

Spring has at last arrived bringing change and new beginnings. The toddlers have been observing and exploring the sights and sounds of this glorious season. Outdoor play provides opportunities for children to engage with their natural world. To support this foundation the playground is transformed into an outdoor classroom. Creative art, music, sensory activities, blocks, and books add to active play.

The toddlers have continued developing self care skills but are now focusing on self-regulation. Sensory experiences, outdoor play, and blowing bubbles are some examples of how this skill is supported in the classroom.

With warmer weather on the way outdoor water play will be available. Please provide extra clothing as toddlers enjoy making the biggest mess possible!

Happy Father's day to all our dads!

Miss Martha, Miss Allison and Miss Shannon

“With toddlers around,  
times are always  
interesting.”

- Beth Ann Fennelly



**PRESCHOOL  
1 NEWS**

## Preschool 2 Corner

May was filled with many exciting activities. We had multiple opportunities for community involvement. We had a visit from a fire truck when we all got to climb aboard and pretend to drive it. We had a look at Miss Kelly's van engine and also climbed inside to pretend to go for a drive to the pet store and Toys r us. Our city bus trip to the Sobey's was another huge success. We all got to choose a new fruit for tasting. Some favourites were the mango and golden berries. Then children practiced their cutting skills as we chopped up our fruit for fruit salad and smoothies. We have been reading a couple of new books this month. The way I act written by Steve Metzger and illustrated by Janan Cain. This books focuses on how we behave. It has given us some new words such as considerate, respectful and persistent. Have you filled a bucket today? Written by Carol McCloud and illustrated by David Messing is another book that offer messages of how to treat others. You may hear your child talk about filling and dipping into each other's buckets. This comes from the book. It refers to us making other feel happy when we fill their bucket and how making someone feel sad will be dipping into their bucket. This message is to help children understand how our own behaviour can effect others around us. We are continuing to work on our fine motor skills with writing and drawing actives such as drawing vehicle pictures and writing our own names. We have been doing cutting actives as well. Cutting up play dough pasta or cutting out shapes to glue together to make vehicles. All in preparation for Kindergarten!  
Miss Kelly.

May was filled with lots of fun activities but we are all very excited to say hello to June and all the beautiful weather it will bring to us. We were able to enjoy our vet clinic in May with generous donations from our parents. We also discovered various bugs and plants in the forest and playground. We were able to plant seeds in the classroom and watch them start to grow. Once they are big enough we will bring them outside to be planted in our garden. This month we are focusing on nature themed learning. We will talk about things we see in nature on our neighbourhood walks and in the forest. We will be bringing caterpillars into the classroom and observe them going through the different stages of development followed by a butterfly release. We will build our very own campsite in our classroom and have s'mores. As the warmer weather is upon us now, please remember bring a sunhat. On hot days we like to cool down with spontaneous water play. Please bring in a bathing suit and a towel (swim diapers if required) that can be on hand every day. Please make sure that your child has extra clothes that are weather appropriate in their bag just in case. June is going to be a great month as we are all going to enjoy the beginning of summer and sunshine!

Miss. Shamima and Miss. Amanda

# Preschool 3 Adventures



*We have been enjoying a beautiful Spring, and have seen so many changes in our outdoor nature space. A lot of our outdoor play has been inquiry-based, as we use our observation skills to notice new sights and smells, such as new flower blossoms or even bird poop! We have been asking lots of questions, making hypotheses based on our previous knowledge, and then manipulating objects to see what will happen!*

*Why We Use Loose Parts: Think about a gallery or a museum, which exhibits are you more drawn to: the paintings on blank walls or the interactive pieces? While the paintings are undoubtedly beautiful or invoking in some way, it is always the interactive exhibitions, the ones which I can engage with physically which draw my attention, inviting me to come and experiment.*

*We want our learning environment to reflect our image of the child. If you believe the child to be inquisitive and creative, competent and capable, intelligent and whole, then you will create environments which reflect this.*

*An environment which is rich in open-ended materials and real materials, invokes children to experiment, engage, construct and invent; invites them to tinker, to manipulate and to play.*

*In the month ahead we plan to build on this play with continued incorporation of math and literacy, as well as sensory-based play both indoors and out! We are hoping to create a sensory garden, so if you come across any interesting smelling, looking, or even sounding plants when you are gardening, we can use them! Some days will be MESSY! On rainy days we always love playing in the mud and puddles, and looking for insects, but we also have our 3rd Annual Mud Race planned this month! Please come prepared with old clothes or bathing suit to wear to school!*

*Take a look at our Parent Information Board for more details!*

*Miss. Kelsey and Miss. Michelle*



# Kinder Before and After School Catch Up

Can you believe your children have been in school for almost 10 months, time flies when your having fun!

We have had a blast discovering pastels and colour in our class. I'm sure you have noticed all of the colourful pictures coming home. The children have expressed a new found love for pastels. We have discovered you can smudge, smear and blend pastel colours together on paper especially on the black paper. I plan to foster this new found love by suppling some chalk and charcoal for the Kinders to explore on our creative shelf.

With the heat fast approaching we will be spending lots of time outdoors and exploring nature. Please have a bottle of labeled sunscreen in your child's bag for after school, we don't want anyone getting sunburned. Please spend some time with your child in the classroom or outdoors at pick up time, they are always eager to share with you what they like to play with and who they like to play with. I will be planning some time at the local park right after school in the upcoming month, please plan for a later pick up that day or you are more than welcome to join us at the park.

Don't forget there are a lot of PA Days in June, sign up your child on the kinder bulletin board under the proper school board.

Miss Christine

# School Age Words of Wisdom

Can you believe it's the last month of school! This year has gone by very fast as we have had a lot of fun creating, building, and observing while using great teamwork, cooperation, and communication skills. Some of our favourite moments during the school year were, building amazing habitats and structures in the forest, our dance breaks in between play, expressing through our drum circles and the "annual" talent show hosted and organized by our students. We hope you all have had as great as a time during before and after school as we have. If your child is going to be attending summer camp this year please be sure to check your calendar daily for events, lunches provided and activities. Also a reminder for appropriate clothing to be worn daily, please check the weather and relay it back to your children so they can dress appropriately. Hoping everyone has a wonderful last month of school and a great summer!

Miss. Shelby and Miss. Les



# June Birthday Wishes!!

<b>Julia</b>	<b>June 2</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>Charlie V.</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>Albert</b>	<b>June 5</b>
<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>June 7</b>
<b>Edwin</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>Theodore</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>Lucas</b>	<b>June 10</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Cali</b>	<b>June 21</b>
<b>Antonio</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>Haryad</b>	<b>June 24</b>
<b>Natalia</b>	<b>June 27</b>