

October 2021 Newsletter



Dear Families,

We made it through September - the month of new beginnings! I hope your children have been coming home with stories of friendships and explorations. We have been enjoying these warm Fall days at the Juniper Park. The children have been showing great creativity in using natural materials in their play.

This month we continue that outdoor play for as many after school days as we can. The days that are too cool or rainy, we will head back to the center for activities there. Please remember these objectives we have set for the children:

- Being authentic (being our real selves)
- Develop a trusting relationship with at least one educator
- working co-operatively within our After School Community
- Being respectful of self, others, materials, and the environment.
- Being safe in the community – we are at the Juniper Park every day!

We have activities set out at the park every day for the children – including art, physical motor, science, sensory and literacy. We promote them to be independent and engage with the natural environment, but we are also observing for opportunities to engage in one of these planned projects. If you have any suggestions or have observed any interests that your child has and you think we may be able to implement it at our center, please let us know!

Attendance

If your child is *not* going to require Before or After School Care, please contact us directly on our cell phone

anytime. Leaving a text message is a great option!

Cell: 250-682-3732. Our email is jelcascinfo@gmail.com

Important Dates

Monday, October 11th : School closed
(Thanksgiving)

Friday, October 22nd; Pro D day (Pete Murray's Pumpkin Patch)

Covid 19

With the start of the year and cases prevalent in elementary school, we want to ensure you that we are following public health guidelines and doing what we can here to keep the areas sanitized and safe. We will be implementing a mandatory mask policy for ALL children while on the bus and indoors in our facility. We ask you keep your children home if they are showing any signs of illness.

Pro D Days

We will be offering full day care for Juniper Elementary School Closures due to Professional Development. Cost is an extra \$20/day is it's your regular day, \$40/day if it's not. This can be paid with cash or cheque.

The ProD Day in October is Friday, October 22nd. We will be taking the bus to Pete Murray's Pumpkin Patch in Chase.

Unfortunately, we do have to limit our attendance to 15 children for ProD days as that's what we're licensed to have in the upstairs room. We will be taking children on a first come, first serve basis. Some of you have already signed up for this day, so if you need care, please sign up asap and pay to secure your spot.

We do require two separate payments. One for the ProD day itself (cash or cheque), and a separate CASH payment for the activity we plan to do. The pumpkin farm is \$8 and includes a pumpkin to take home. Here is the link for more information:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vo0HL4hmQTckLZO5X5ucBpwee>

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Parent Orientation Meeting

Thank you to the families who came to the center and joined us online!



Happy Birthday to:

Greyson – October 10th

Harlow – October 14th

Jacob – October 14th

Brayden – October 14th

Norah – October 26th

Park Information

With myself on practicum and new and returning teachers caring for your children, please ensure that your child gets signed out. I know it's easy to wave at your child from the top at the parking lot – but it's important that we know they are leaving.

Weather Reminder

We go outside every day after school. Please ensure that your child has proper attire for the day!

Please also ensure you have a change of clothes in your child's bag that is weather appropriate in case everything else they have gets wet at school!

On days that weather permits, we will start our after school program at the Juniper Park until at least 4pm. If the bus is at the park still, that's where we are!

Sincerely,

*Miss Lisa, Miss Wendy, Miss Livia,
Miss Alyse, Miss Sandra, Miss
Shameena, Miss Emily*

