



Halton Hills Child Care Centre Winter Newsletter 2023



Do you have any special occasions your family celebrates? Please let us know so we can add to our curriculum.

As another year is coming to a close, I would like to thank all our staff for their enthusiasm and passion. They create appealing environments that are both welcoming and engaging for the children. I am so proud of all their hard work and dedication!

I would also like to thank our families and our Board of Directors for your continuing support of Halton Hills Child Care Centre.

Happy New Year! I hope 2024 brings you lots of laughter and joy!

Message from Grace

Thank you for your generous support of our annual toy drive for Halton Women's place. Your donations were very much appreciated.



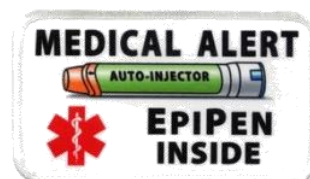
No outside foods/and or drinks are allowed to be brought into the Centre.

We often think of anaphylactic allergies being related to nuts or peanuts.

However, these are not the only allergies we have in the Centre.

We also have children with severe allergies to dairy, eggs, bananas, wheat, and shellfish. **This allergies can be life threatening.**

Please take a couple of minutes prior to drop off to ensure child your does not have any food products on their hands, face, and clothing. There are wipes on table in the entrance if anyone needs a quick clean.





- ❄ The Centre's Annual Toy Drive for Halton Women's Place will be from December 1 to 14.
- ❄ Happy Hanukkah beginning, December 7 to 15.
- ❄ Winter/Christmas Sweater Day is December 15.
- ❄ We will be saying hello to winter on December 21.
- ❄ Merry Christmas! The Centre will be **closed** on Monday, December 25.
- ❄ Happy Kwanzaa beginning, December 26 to January 1.
- ❄ The Centre will be **closed** on Tuesday, December 26 for Boxing Day.
- ❄ Happy New Year! The Centre will be **closed** on Monday, January 1.
- ❄ January 17 is Polar Animal Day.
- ❄ February is Black History Month.
- ❄ Happy Chinese New Year on February 10, the Year of the Dragon.
- ❄ Happy Valentine's Day on February 14.
- ❄ The Centre will be **closed** on Monday, February 19 for Family Day.
- ❄ Maple Leaf Day is March 7.
- ❄ The first day of Spring is March 19.

We would like to welcome our new families into our classroom.

Please remember to bring warm winter gear for your child as the weather is getting colder.

We are looking forward to seeing what this winter has in store for us. We can't wait to start exploring the snow with the children.

from the Toddler-Red Team

Toddler Yellow is preparing many wonderful activities to create memories for the children and families during this magic time of the year.

December is a month that we all happily look forward too. During this month, the Toddler Yellow children will learn about Hanukkah, Christmas and Japanese New Year.

We wish you all
Happy Holidays.
from the Toddler-Yellow Team

Illness

It is extremely important that children do not attend daycare when they are ill in order to stop the spread of illness in the classrooms. A mild illness in one person may become something more serious in any person.

If your child becomes unwell while at the Centre, we will contact you for pick-up. We highly recommend parents to seek medical assistance for guidance in regard to illness.

If your child starts a prescribed antibiotic, he/she may return to daycare after taking the medication for at least 1 full day, and your child is feeling better.

We are happy to help you navigate what course to take when your child is ill.

Please continue to screen all household members for COVID-19 prior to attending child care

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Oh What to Bring?

Your child will need:

- ❄️ winter coat
- ❄️ snow pants
- ❄️ warm hat
- ❄️ winter boots
- ❄️ 2 pairs of mittens
- ❄️ neck warmer (no scarves)
- ❄️ extra socks



- ❄️ If your child is wearing a lighter car coat, you may want to leave their winter wear in their classroom and take it home for the weekend.
- ❄️ If your child's group is outside or going out soon after your arrival, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and ready to go outside.



What Else
Should I
Bring?

- 👕 2 pairs of pants
- 👕 2 tops
- 👕 2 pairs of underwear
- 👕 2 pairs of socks
- 👕 indoor shoes with a non-slip sole
- 👕 diapers & wipes (if needed)



If your child is toilet training, please bring extra shoes and more spare clothes.

Please do not leave backpacks or bags, as the cubbies are full.

Please leave your child's toys at home to prevent being lost or broken.

Please label all of your child's belongings.



For sleep/rest time, please bring a blanket. If your child wishes to bring a sleep toy, it must be one we can keep at the Centre all week. We will sent the blanket and sleep toy home for laundering at the end of the week. We realize that the need for rest and sleep varies greatly, even among children the same age. However, rest is an important part of the day for all children. Quiet activities will be provided for children who do not sleep.



Let's avoid any accidents in the parking lot.
Please hold your child's hand. Drivers may not see your
little one dashing across the parking lot.

It is hard to believe that winter is upon us. We have been busy in Preschool-Purple. We have some children joining us in January and we will say goodbye to some too. We know all the children will enjoy some new adventures.

Winter is a great time for sensory exploration and maybe a visit to the arctic. We will talk about some new animals and what they do in the winter. We are hoping for some snow to enjoy outdoor activities so we can build a snowman in the playground. As we are laying our clothing for the colder weather, please make sure your child's belongings are labelled with their name or initials. Let's have a healthy and happy winter season.

from the Preschool-Purple Team



If you arrive after 6:15 pm, there is a late fee of \$5.00 per minute per child. Please have a back-up plan. Make sure you contact the Centre to let us know of your late arrival or if someone else is picking up. Alternate pick-up people must have photo ID.



Outside Time

The Centre must follow the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) requirement of going outside for a least two hours each day, weather permitting.

As part of our *Daily Playground Inspection*, staff and management will determine whether or not to go out prior to morning and afternoon outside time based on extreme weather alerts from Halton Region, the current weather as per Weather Network for Georgetown and playground conditions.

The classroom staff will ensure the children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions; zippers pulled up, hat covering ears, coat hoods on, mittens pulled up, and snow pants tucked over boots.

Water will always be available while the children at the playground.

Careful monitoring of children and staff will occur to ensure no one is feeling ill or having adverse effects from weather conditions. If the children are cold, we will come inside.

When weather conditions do not allow for outside time, each classroom will set up gross motor activities in their classroom.



Just a reminder, when dropping off or picking up, please do not park your car along the fire route in front of the Centre or use the handicap parking unless you have permit to do so.

Our Annual General Meeting was a zoom meeting held on November 21st. Thank you for making it a success. Information shared at the meeting included:

- * Auditor Report
- * Centre Update
- * CWELCC Update
- * Speech & Language Presentation
- * Board of Directors Election
- * Marketing Report
- * Fundraising Report
- * Treasurer Report
- * Staff Milestones
- * What's Happening in Your Child's Classroom Slideshow

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This winter, we are looking forward to celebrating everything that comes with the winter season!

We have been working hard trying to learn how to dress ourselves in our winter gear as we prepare for the snow! We can't wait to enjoy the snow and learn with it as well.

We are going to be focusing on learning our shapes and colours along with learning our emotions through the colour monster!

We cannot wait to see what the winter months have in store for us as a class!

from the Toddler-Blue Team



We Can Help - We can assist with providing information, support or directing to our community partners. Our resource consultant from North Halton Community Living is available for conversations or meetings.

We strongly believe each child deserves all the support they need to become independent, self-confident, and inquisitive learners.



HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY

Gurvinder - 1 year

Linda - 1 year

Cieara - 1 year

Laurie - 1 year

Bess - 2 years

Marci - 2 years

Barb - 20 years

Thank you for being so dedicated!

All of the Preschool-Green classroom is excited for the winter season. We have many fun crafts, experiments, and learning experiences planned.

See our calendar for more details.

Come the winter season, we will be practising our self-help skills when getting dressed to go outside, but also in the classroom.

The teachers are looking forward to watching the children grow as they get ready for kindergarten!

from the Preschool-Green Team



Holiday Hours

Dec. 25 – Closed (for Christmas day)

Dec. 26– Closed (for Boxing Day)

Dec. 27 – 6:30 am to 6:15 pm

Dec. 28 – 6:30 am to 6:15 pm

Dec. 29 – 6:30 am to 6:15 pm

Jan. 1 – Closed (for New Year Day)

Jan. 2 – 6:30 am to 6:15 pm



Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be ready by the end of February. Please ensure that you review the information on the tax receipt. If any changes need to be made, please email Grace at director@hhchildcare.ca.

Please note, there is a \$20.00 replacement fee should you need one.

It's been a very busy few months in the Preschool-Orange classroom. We have been working on practicing a lot of skills during playroom times as well as enjoying the playground outdoors.

We have been welcoming our new friends into our program and we have been so excited with all the wonderful new shelves and beautiful classroom toys.

We are continuing to do a really great job of following the classroom rules and being kind, patient and helpful. The preschoolers are so excited for Santa...

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!

from the Preschool-Orange Team



Wishing everyone a wonderful winter!

