

# Halton Hills Child Care Centre

## Spring Newsletter 2024



We would like to remind all our families that we have children in the Centre with Anaphylactic allergies. We take anaphylactic allergies very seriously.



**Allergy alert**

**These allergies are life threatening.**

Some of the allergies we have in the Centre are not limited to tree nuts or peanuts but also include dairy, egg, banana, chickpeas, wheat, salmon, shellfish, sesame.

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

It is extremely important that your child **NOT** have food products on their hands, face, and clothing before attending daycare.

There are wipes on the entrance table if you need to give your child (or yourself) a quick clean to ensure no allergens are being brought into the Centre.

*Spring is here*

We are looking forward to sunny days and warmer weather.

This year, we are celebrating **38** years of quality child care in our community.

I would like to thank all our staff for their caring, enthusiasm, hard work, and passion they bring with them everyday.

Communication is very important. My door is always open.

**Message from Grace**



## SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY

As per the Ministry of Education, we are required to ensure the safe arrival of all the children in our care. Below is the procedure we follow:

- \* If your child has not arrived by 9:30 am, classroom staff will check for messages.
- \* If there are no messages, staff will contact the parents message via the childcare app and by phone.
- \* At 10:00 am, staff will phone parents.
- \* It may be necessary to contact your emergency contact, if we are unable to reach the parents.
- \* At 10:30 am, staff will phone parents.
- \* Please do not leave children unattended in your vehicle.
- \* For more information, please refer to our Parent Manual. A copy is posted on our website: [hhchildcare.ca](http://hhchildcare.ca).



- \* The first day of spring is March 19th.
- \* Happy Holi on March 25th.
- \* The Centre will be closed on Friday, **March 29th** for Good Friday.
- \* Happy Easter on March 31st.
- \* April 1st is April Fools Day.
- \* Solar Eclipse on April 8th.
- \* Rainforest Day on April 11th.
- \* Earth Day on April 22nd.
- \* Passover begins on April 22nd.
- \* We will be doing Star Wars Day a day early on May 3rd.
- \* Happy Mother's Day on May 12th.
- \* The Centre will be closed on Monday, **May 20th** for Victoria Day.
- \* We will be having a Donald Duck Day on June 10th.
- \* Happy Father's Day on June 16th.
- \* The first day of summer is June 21st.

**Toddler-Red is welcoming spring with open arms. In the spring, we experience winter and summer in one day! Take note of this and please make sure your child has a jacket, snowpants, hat and mittens everyday. It is very cold in the morning but very nice in the afternoon. We are also looking forward to continue to explore shapes, colours, numbers and letters.**

**from Toddler-Red Team**

Do you have any special occasions that your family celebrates? Please let us know, we would be happy add them to our curriculum.

*Let's Celebrate!*

## 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 you are unsure of your health care options, visit this site for more information.

<https://www.haltonhealthcare.on.ca/know-your-healthcare-options>

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 childcare

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

**We would like to welcome Courtney to our Toddler-Yellow classroom.**

**We say goodbye to a few friends who moved on to other classrooms. We also get to say hello to our new friends.**

**We are asking that you still provide winter gear for the mornings still tend to be quite cool and damp. Please bring a lighter jacket for warmer weather.**

**We look forward to helping your child learn and grow. Hope you enjoy your time with Toddler-Yellow.**

**from Toddler-Yellow 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.



**Spring is here and Toddler-blue is very excited! We have already begun to introduce spring into the classroom, you may noticed our spring board. We are very excited to see where the children's interests take us! We are hoping to explore bugs, birds, flowers and more.**

**from Toddler-Blue Team**

Wow, spring weather is just around the corner. For now, please continue to bring your child's winter outerwear.



## Oh What to Bring?

Once the weather becomes warmer, your child will need:

- ◆ spring jacket
- ◆ light mittens
- ◆ rain boots
- ◆ splash pants
- ◆ warm hat (for the morning)
- ◆ sun hat (for the afternoon)

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.

**Please do not bring backpacks or bags, as the cubbies are full, and leave your child's toys at home to prevent being lost or broken.**

When the UV Index reaches 5 or above (usually in mid April), we will be asking parents to bring a new bottle of sunscreen with the sales receipt.



## What Else Should I Bring?

- ◆ 2 pants
- ◆ 2 underwear
- ◆ 2 tops
- ◆ 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.

Classroom staff will send messages on HiMama whenever your child needs more items such as spare clothes, diapers, wipes, etc.

**Please label all of your child's belongings.**

For sleep/rest time, please bring a blanket. If your child wishes to bring a cuddly 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.



## We Can Help

We see the children as competent, capable, curious and rich in potential; each with unique personalities and individual needs. However sometimes, everyone needs a little help along the way. Through services provided by Halton Region and other community partners, parents can access numerous resources for help and guidance.

Christina, our resource consultant from Community Living - North Halton is available for conversations/meetings.

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



Preschool-Purple is so excited for the upcoming spring! We cannot wait to celebrate the nice weather coming soon, talking about the new experiences that the new season will bring. With the rainy months coming upon us, we cannot wait to talk about the sounds that the rain makes! There will be lots of talks about the budding trees and the blossoming flowers and our bird friends coming back more as a few have been spotted already! We cannot wait for spring!

from Preschool-Purple Team

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. Drivers, please watch for people walking behind your vehicle as you back up to leave.



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 a permit to do so.

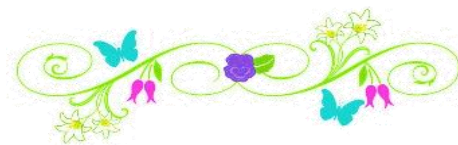




Dinah - 1 year  
Alana - 2 years  
Marci - 2 years  
Sara - 2 years  
Bri - 5 years  
Kim - 6 years



We are so fortunate to have these amazing people in our Centre. They are tremendous assets to their teams and the Centre.



Spring is fast approaching and Preschool Green is looking forward to the warmer weather and sunny skies!

We will be watching and exploring the outdoors for the first signs of spring. We will learn about Easter, spring, flowers, bugs and birds. Please refer to our monthly calendar for details!

Preschool-Green will continue to work on our ongoing goals for preparation for kindergarten. We practice letter of the week, offer daily crafts, singing alphabet songs, calendar circle, Second Step, toileting, getting dressed and undressed independently.

from Preschool-Green Team

Its been such an exciting time of year in the Preschool-Orange classroom. So much to celebrate!  
Spring - Easter - St. Patrick's Day! And we have been celebrating so many wonderful birthdays.

We are really enjoying the warmer weather and getting use of the bikes and the scooters outside. Our gross motor skills are developing well as we love to run, chase and play tag. Happy Hopy Spring Everyone!!

from Preschool-Orange Team

