

The September & October Newsletter



Welcome Everyone!

We are excited to start a brand new term, with new families and a few new staff. We were proud to send our well-prepared children off to “Big School” and are confident they will excel!

Please take a moment to read the staff profiles on our website www.yorkuchildcare.ca, they are also going to be posted across from the kitchen door.

The staff have some great programs planned for the children. Staff will also document their observations of your child(ren) and follow up with activities and document their process in their binder.

Please take time to read your child’s binder, as the staff have put a lot of thought and care into programs and the documentation.

All contents of the binder will be given to you when you withdraw from our program.

Please ensure we have received all of your information for your file. We will be licensed soon and will receive non-compliance if files are incomplete. Michelle will be reviewing all children’s file and may ask you to sign or complete missing information.

Here too a great year and hope we have great weather for fall as our summer was not great this year!

Gentle Reminders

- Please ensure your child’s file is updated and completed. This includes vaccinations and providing topical cream for the Centre to have on hand.
- Annual flu shots are required. Once completed, provide the Centre with the form for us to photocopy and add to your child’s file.
- Wash hands (yours and your child) upon entering the Centre.
- Only full-time children have permanent cubbies. Please remove the name tag at the end of your stay.
- Part-timers – leave diapers in your child’s pocket by the washroom.
- Full-timers – check your child’s basket/bin for diapers.
- Ensure that your child is warm and comfortably dressed for fall weather.
- Please help us out by removing mucky outdoor shoes before entering the Centre. Also, tuck their hat and splash pants into their jacket sleeves.
- Label all your child’s belongings (i.e., hats, shoes and clothes) so we can keep lost items to a minimum.
- Please see Stephanie or Lesley for financial questions with the exception of payment. Any staff may assist with counting cash.

Important Dates to Remember!

- **September 3:** Closed. Labour day.
- **September 23:** First day of fall.
- **October 8:** Centre closed. Thanksgiving.
- **October 29 – November 2:** Costume Mash Up (Optional costume participation).
- **October 25:** RECE Appreciation Day!
- **October 6 – 12:** YorkU fall reading days. Centre open.
- **October 31:** York Lanes Halloween walk.



LWCC's Amazing Staff!

Please see our detailed staff profiles located by the parent communication board.

Lesley Powell – Coordinator, RECE
 Michelle Pham – Assistant Coordinator, RECE (Maternity leave)
 Stephanie Pappas – Full Time RECE/Acting Assistant Coordinator
 Rita Colacino – Full Time Assistant
 Carly Laurenza – Assistant
 Ayesha Saleem – Assistant
 Alix Best – Assistant

Cindy Sanchez – Supply Assistant
 Varisha Memon – Supply Assistant
 Christy Tse – Supply Assistant
 Sayera Babur – Supply Assistant/Volunteer
 Gail Coranado – Supply Assistant/Volunteer
 Meagan Asquith – Supply Assistant
 Courtney Huynh – Part-Time RECE

LWCC's Amazing Board of Directors!

The Board is made up of 7 members. The full Board typically meets 10 times per year, usually for 2 hours. Meetings are typically held monthly with the exception of the summer and December.

The responsibilities of Board members include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that the LWCC meets the needs of the people it serves.
- Ensuring financial solvency of the **NEW** through budget development/approval; monthly review of financial statements and ensuring an annual audit.
- Ensuring LWCC meets all legal standards and requirements.
- Assisting the Coordinator to market the Centre's services, lobby and raise funds.
- Developing a mission statement and policies for the Coordinator to implement.
- Selecting the Coordinator and delegating the person to carry out their policies.
- Providing the Coordinator a complete and current job description.
- Evaluating the Coordinator based on performance (Formal evaluation annually, but ongoing feedback provided).
- Working as a team with the Coordinator and Staff to accomplish objectives.

THANK YOU LWCC Board of Directors 2018/2019

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Allergy Alert!



LWCC is aware that some of the children attending the Centre have allergies, some of which may be life threatening. These allergies may include a condition known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life threatening allergic shock caused by exposure to certain foods and other substances. Common allergens include peanuts, strawberries, fish, shellfish, wheat, dairy, soy, latex, and bee stings.

LWCC does not claim to be free of foods and non-food items that may lead to a severe allergic or anaphylactic reaction. However, our Centre's anaphylaxis plan is designed to ensure that children at risk are identified and strategies are in place to minimize the potential for accidental exposure.

LWCC takes reasonable efforts to reduce the risk to children with severe allergies or anaphylaxis. Creating an environment that reduces the risks will require the cooperation and understanding of all members of LWCC, including staff, volunteers and parents/guardians.

LWCC Snack Suggestions?

We create our snack menu on a weekly basis.

Please feel free to email us with any healthy and multicultural snack suggestions to add to our grocery list!



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The Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre at York University
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Apple Crumble

Can be served warm or cold. Light and fluffy, with just a touch of old-time goodness.

Serves 4 – 6

- 6 apples
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoon butter

Crust

- 3 teaspoon butter
- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup rolled oats

Peel and slice apples into greased baking dish. Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over apples. Dot with 2 teaspoons of butter. Blend the remaining 4 teaspoons of butter into brown sugar. Mix and add flour and rolled oats. Spoon mixture over apples.

Bake 350F for 15 mins. Uncover and bake until crust is golden and apples are tender (approx. 35 mins).

Serve warm or cold with a scoop of ice cream. Delicious!



Book and Toy Lending Library

The resource books are available for borrowing for a two-week period. One book per adult and two books per child may be borrowed, due to the size of the library we offer.

The toy lending library offers a wide variety of toys ranging in ages from infancy to school-age children. Toys and costumes can be borrowed for a one-week period and on a one-per-child basis.

If a book or toy is lost or misused the fee will be the full replacement cost. All fees collected will be put into a fund for the purchase of new resource materials.



Documentation Partners

Staff documents observations of each child based on the *Early Learning for Every Child Today* document (E.L.E.C.T.). Each child has a documentation binder found on the divider.

Full time children are generally paired with a part time staff and full time staff paired with a part time child. This way, we optimize the amount of observation time between partners.

Full time children are documented once a week, part time children twice per month.

Although each child will have one designated documenter, please keep in mind that all staff supervises the children. There is not just one “go to” staff.

Hours of Operation

Our hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. At the end of the day, please arrive at 5:30 p.m. and leave the Centre by 5:40 p.m.

The staff has had a long day and have many duties to prepare for the next day. Please be respectful of the staffs’ time.

P.A. Days

Do you need or know someone who may require care for school-aged children? If so, we offer occasional and emergency care!

Please email the Centre ahead of time to see if we have space.



Vacation Notification

The LWCC is open during YorkU reading weeks. If you would like to request a vacation during this time, please provide the Centre with one month written notice.

Members who register their child(ren) for 1 year, or 3 consecutive semesters may take 10 consecutive business days without being charged. 5 consecutive business days of vacation may be taken at a time. All other vacation time that is taken will be considered payable days.



Halloween Safety with the Canadian Red Cross

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighbourhoods across Canada, the Canadian Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common-sense practices can keep events safer and more fun!

- Costumes should be light-coloured and flame resistant with reflective strips so that children are more easily seen at night. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping.
- Remind children to keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover the eyes.
- Remind children to walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks - not in the street.
- Explain to children that calls should be made along one side of the street first and then the other, and that it's best to cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks.
- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Provide yourself or the children with a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.
- Trick or Treaters should travel in groups of four or five. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Make sure children know they should accept treats at the door and must not get into cars or enter the homes or apartments of strangers.
- Remind children not to eat their treats and goodies until they are examined by an adult at home. Candy should not be eaten if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.
- Make sure you and your children know where the Block Parent houses are located in the neighborhood.
- Set agreed-to boundaries with your children. Explain the importance of staying within them and arriving home on time.



Halloween Safety - Canadian Red Cross. (n.d.). Retrieved September 11, 2017, from <http://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/halloween-safety>

A Word from Our Resource Teacher, Josie

Every Child Belongs

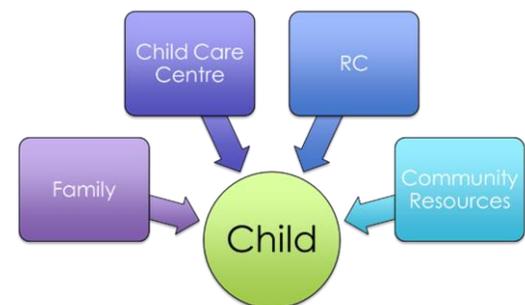
At Lee Wiggins Child Care Centre, we work with Toronto Children's Services to promote positive and healthy learning environments that include all children. Children's Services offers services for children who need extra support to participate in child care programs through the Every Child Belongs service model. Every licensed child care program in the City of Toronto has access to a Resource Consultant.

My name is Josie Iannaccio, Resource Consultant from Humber Child Care Consultation supporting Lee Wiggins Child Care Centre. You may see me in the program working alongside the staff and child care team to continue to build the quality of the program for all children and for the children that may require support.

We work in partnership with families to ensure children are able to receive the services and supports they may need to help reach their full potential.

Please feel free to speak to Leslie, Michelle or a staff member if you would like to find out more about Every Child Belongs services and supports or contact me directly.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." -Helen Keller



Sincerely,
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