

November/December 2018

Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre

# KIDS BITS

Happy November/December!

Time is moving quickly as we find ourselves preparing for January 2019! We will be registering a few new families in the winter term, so it is imperative that our current members pass in your January schedule request no later than **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

A reminder that this is the first year that we are staying open until the holidays. The last day the Centre is open is December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kevin Reynolds, the secretary on the Board of Directors at [reynol15@yorku.ca](mailto:reynol15@yorku.ca).

We have a few new volunteers and will host two E.C.E. students in the new year. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome!

We would like to wish everyone happy holidays and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and warm!

Best,

Stephanie



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We'd like to thank the Board for all their hard work and contributions over the past year.

*Thank  
you!*

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## Gingerbread Cookies

1. In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add the molasses, egg and vanilla. Beat well.
2. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon and cloves.
3. Stir into the wet ingredients until well-incorporated (you can do this with your hands).
4. Separate the dough into three pieces. Form into logs and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.
5. When ready to bake, remove dough from oven and preheat oven to 350 F.
6. Roll dough out to a thickness of 1/4-inch. Use cookie cutters to make gingerbread people.
7. Bake 8-10 minutes.  
Let cool and decorate.



## Reminders to Parents

### FOB Cards

Please understand that we are busy with the children and don't necessarily have time to answer the door. We do not mind opening it occasionally, however, over the past couple months it's become more frequent.

If you have lost your FOB key please know that it's \$10 to replace.

### Late Fee

Please pay late fees as soon as possible, as staff do not get over time until the fees are paid.

Our late policy is:

"The new policy is that parents who are late after 5:40 p.m., according to York University clock, will need to pay \$15.00 for the first 15 minutes or any part thereof. The fee will then go to \$1.00 per minute for every minute late after the first 15 minutes. The parent(s) will pay the Centre directly in a separate cheque or exact cash.

No receipt for tax purposes will be given for late fees as it is a penalty not a fee. The Centre will then pay staff over time from the funds."

### Bills

Just a reminder that bills are given at the end of each month, for the following month. This must be paid the first week of the month or there will be a late fee of \$20 added.

**Full time** children are posted on their cubbies.

**Part time** are posted on the right side of the divider under the "Parent Fee Memos."



## Documentation Binder

Documentation Binders are located on the divider, each child has a binder and an assigned staff that documents their daily activities. Full time children are documented on a weekly basis, part time children are documented every two weeks. If you have any questions about your child's binder, please ask staff and they will direct you to your child's documentation partner.



## Holiday Sing-A-Long

Our Holiday Sing-A-Long will be held on **December 20, 2018**. More information coming soon.



## Winter Closure

We are closed from December 21, 2018  
– January 2nd, 2019.

Have a great break!



## Book and Toy Lending

The resource books are available for borrowing for a two-week period. One book per adult and two books per child may be borrowed.

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.

## *Winter is coming!*

- Please label all your child's belongings including boots/shoes so we can keep lost items to a minimum and ensure that your child is well protected.
- Please help us out by removing mucky outdoor shoes before entering the Centre. Also, please tuck your child's mittens, hat, and neck tube into their jacket sleeves.
- Please all refrain from bringing in strollers into foyer especially if the wheels are wet.
- We go outside twice daily with weather permitting (Ministry guidelines -15 Celsius/ at our discretion) so please remember to bring appropriate outdoor clothing.

