

Newsletter



A message from the Executive Director

We hope you enjoyed the summer and had some much deserved rest and relaxation.

We have many new children joining us at Bright Starts — **Welcome to all of our new families.**

We also extend best wishes to our friends who have moved on to Kindergarten — we will miss you.

Summer Camp was a success! Thank you to our camp educators Chrisanne, Noemi and Rebekha for a terrific summer.

A message from the Board of Directors

The Board would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our families for your continued fundraising support. We raised \$1,854 from the Fun Fair and we are looking forward to our upcoming Apple Crisp fundraiser. This money will be used to replace more of the grass in the playgrounds with AstroTurf.

We welcomed a number of new faces to the Board in May and we are excited about the upcoming year! We are in the process of installing a bulletin board with pictures and contact info for the Board members.

Since we are a co-operative childcare centre, we rely on volunteers. Please consider helping out to make Bright Starts better. It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents, and to have a say in the future of the centre. There's a variety of volunteer opportunities available from sitting on standing committees to helping out at the occasional fundraiser. [Click here](#) to volunteer on one of our Board committees

Just a friendly reminder that our policies state you are to pick up your child and be out of the centre by 5:30pm. It does not mean you just have to be at the centre by 5:30pm. Staff at the centre also have families and personal responsibilities to attend to at the end of their day. We do not want to enforce policies surrounding pick-up times and late fees. Refer to <http://brightstartsearlylearning.ca/arrival-departure/>

Parent Resource Corner

[Parenting Now](#) is a local website for parents and those who care about kids.

Check it out to connect with other parents, learn new skills and ideas, and find support through local services and resources.

[Zero to Three's](#) article "[Helping Children Learn Right from Wrong](#)" guides us in an exploration of questions such as: 'Where does a sense of fairness come from?' and 'How do children begin to develop a sense of right and wrong?' The article also provides us with ideas on how parents and educators could help children develop a strong moral sense.

It's time for a wardrobe change!

We play outside 2 hours every day. Cooler weather means packing warmer clothes.

- ✓ Jacket
- ✓ Splash pants
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Mittens
- ✓ Boots



Please remember to:

[Label your items](#) so they don't get misplaced.

Clean out your cubby every Friday for cleaning.

If you share a cubby, please take your items home each night so they don't get mixed up.

Share Your Feedback!

Share your comments and praise with the Board of Directors in two ways:

- [Fill out the online feedback form](#)
- Complete a hard copy feedback form and drop it in the comment box (located in the front foyer)

The Board will review comments monthly.

If you have an immediate concern, please contact the office. This new process is not meant to circumvent existing policies and procedures.

Did you know...that your every day shopping can help Bright Starts?

[Purchase gift cards](#) every month for groceries, gas, and other retailers. Order by December 3 to get them in time for Christmas.

Label your child's belongings using [Mabel's Labels](#).

Every order through the [Scholastic Book Club](#) supports our programs through free books and resources. You can now shop online!

Help keep children healthy

If your child is sick, please keep them home. Help us reduce the spread of infections and illness. Not sure if you should keep them home? [Check out our Health and Illness policy](#).

Congratulations

Rita and Marcia have been nominated for an Early Years Professional Award. This award recognizes individuals supporting children and families in the Early Years Community and is awarded annually.

Please congratulate them when you see them—this is a huge accomplishment.

Students

Bright Starts partners with high schools, colleges, and universities to offer student training and experience. This brings additional knowledge and resources to support our program. Please help us welcome our new students.

Building Access - Reminder

A secured access entrance can create a false sense of security at times; especially if members hold the door open for others behind them. To minimize this risk, say hello and don't be afraid to ask someone which room their child is in or tell them they'll need to use their own Key Fob or tell them to speak to staff before entering.

Bright Starts is CLOSED

October 8th - Thanksgiving
December 24th - January 1st - Christmas Holidays (Re-opens January 2nd)

Fundraisers

[Apple Crisp](#)

Orders due Oct.3rd (by noon),
pick-up Oct.4th

[your order electronically here](#)

[Scholastic Book & FundScrip Orders](#)

October 12th

November 9th (FundScrip only)

November 15th (Scholastic only)

December 3rd

January 11th (FundScrip only)

January 15th (Scholastic only)

Events

Photo days - Sept.24th-28th

Early Childhood Educator

Appreciation Day - Oct.16th

Halloween Dress-up & Preschool

Parade to Optometry - Oct.31st

Preschool Field Trip to Herrles

Farm - Oct. 23rd and 24th

Board of Directors Meetings

October 23rd December 18th

November 20th January 15th

Dress up on October 31st.



Preschoolers are invited to visit Optometry and parade in their costumes and pick up some "treats". Toddlers and Infants will be parading the halls at Bright Starts.

Children without costumes will be invited to dress up using costumes from our dramatic play centres.

We will do our best to keep costumes in good condition but unfortunately we can't make any promises.

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