

West Vancouver Child Development Centre
September Newsletter

Welcome

We would like to give our warmest welcome to all of the new families that have joined our centre; and welcome back to all our passed families, we hope that you have had a fabulous and relaxing summer.

Daycare Programs (Fun, Fun, Fun)

Bring a toy day- (Start Date: Monday Sept 13th)

This is the day you can bring your favourite toy to the centre. Children always want to show their new treasures to all of their friends, so this is the day to do it. Please remember to label your items; we have to many toys to keep track of.

Preschool Program – (Start Date: Tuesday Sept 7th)

Our preschool program includes theme based stories, songs, science, and art activities; to enrich the young minds of the future.

The design of our centre gives us the ability to separate the children into two groups a younger (young 3's & 4's) and an older group (older 4's & 5's) This enables us to create activities that are age appropriate for all of the children in the centre.

Pre-k Program-(Start Date: Tuesday Sept 7th)

Our pre-k program is for our older 4's who will be entering kindergarten in the following September. This program takes place from 1 until 2 in the afternoon during nap time. We work on the alphabet, numbers, sequencing, listening skills, right & left, etc. Basic skills to help the children get a head start for kindergarten.

French Class-(Start Date: Wednesday Sept 8th)

A wonderful way to learn a new language Madam Natalie brings the language of French into our world. This program is based on songs, pictures, mime, movement, games, rhymes and book reading. Together the children travel on magical trips using French, for example, row a boat to Easter Island, or pretend that we are squirrels searching for nuts in the fall. The use of the imagination and curiosity in the story create intrigue and a fun way to learn a language.

Visiting the Grandmas & Grandpas at the Capilano Care Centre-(Start Date: Thursday Sept 16th)

This is when we can spend some quality time with the grandmas and grandpas. We go bowling, sing songs, play with cuddles their bunny, enjoy time in the sensory room, do art activities and share cookies and juice.

Music Class-(Start Date: Friday Oct 1st) Both Infant and Toddler and 3-5 program

Fun and exciting class learning about rhythm and beat, Kerry Burke runs his Lets Make Music! program. Percussion drums, singing, world beat, participation, u-play, dance and movement.

Rhythm and Movement Class (Start Date: Tuesday October 5th)

Sonia Ellis who runs Seymour Dance studio has created a wonderful rhythm and movement program for our 3-5 program. Bring your dancing shoes!!!!

Hot Lunch Tuesdays (Start Date: Tuesday Sept 14th) We will alternate between the two restaurants

Verdicchio

Once again Verdicchio Deli and Trattoria in Dundarave will be making our wonderful yummy pasta lunches.

Dundarave Sushi

We are happy to announce that we have added Sushi to our menu. This is a wonderful way for children to try new foods.

Sharing Fruit

Please remember to bring a piece of fruit for our sharing basket. You can either bring one each day, or 5 at the beginning of the week. Please be creative!

AGM – Annual General Meeting (This is a mandatory meeting for all families)

Date: Wednesday 29th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: West Vancouver Child Development Centre

We would like to encourage you to seriously consider taking on an active role on the Board of Directors of WVDC. This Board representation is required in order for the centre to operate as a non-profit organization and to continue qualifying for grants that keep our fees reasonable.

While some of our current Board members will continue to be involved as a Board Member, some will be stepping down. This means that there will be four vacancies on our Board for the next fiscal year starting September 2009.

Responsibility for strategic operation of West Vancouver Child Development Centre rests with the Board of Directors. Therefore, it is important that Board Members be fully aware of their responsibilities to the board:

- a. To oversee the general programs operated by the Society, ensuring that it is carrying out its mandate to the community in a professional and responsible manner.
- b. To ensure adequate funding for continuance of and possible extension of services, and maintain an efficient and effective financial system.
- c. To embark on special projects which will contribute to the quality of efficiency of the services provided.
- d. To ensure and maintain a high degree of staff relations and conducive working conditions.
- e. To represent WVDC in the community.

We encourage you to talk to any current Board Members about positions available and the time commitment involved. You can email Caroline Schier (wvcdccdaycare@gmail.com) for board member's contact information, as well as detailed descriptions of the positions on the board.

Next Work Party - Throughout the year, we organize parent participation work parties to maintain and improve the facilities.

Date: Saturday October 2nd

Time: 9am until noon (3hours) Please don't be late!

Location: At the daycare.

Missed Work Party fee: \$100