Kingston Day Care

Springing into Spring!

Kingston Day Care offers the highest of quality child care at 3 locations in Kingston:

St. Martha CCC:
Kendra V
Sara D
Kristin L
Katy S
Jade H
Shilpi T
Carol Mc
Alana L
Rebecca C
Crystal G
Susanne N
Judith B
Danielle Mc

Collins Bay CCC:
Serena M
Chantal T
Ashley G
Marlene F
Jessica N
Stephanie N
Farah N
Asia S

Many thanks to our professional team of early childhood educators!

Trillium CCC:
Jayme L
Stephanie S
Tina D
Marlene B
Melanie B
Jessica K

Executive Director:
Colleen Peairs

General Manager/Trillium Supervisor:
Laurie Burega

St. Martha Supervisor:
Marcelina Lugo

Collins Bay Supervisor:
Lisa Warwick

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Thank you to our board of directors, who support Kingston Day Care and its staff members continuously, we appreciate all that they do for us!
Play-Based Learning at Kingston Day Care

By remaining actively engaged with children during their day to day play activities and by using comments and open-ended questions to stimulate children’s reasoning, we are providing a natural play-based learning environment where children are able to extend their knowledge, build on vocabulary, build creative thinking, predict, make decisions, evaluate, imagine, transform, reason, compare and give their own information.

One activity that may interest a child or a group of children, such as pretend baking in the house corner, can quickly develop into a series of learning opportunities related to their area of interest, such as real, hands-on cooking experiences and all the science lessons that this activity can naturally provide. Being involved and participating in play and really listening to what the child is saying during these play times, can lead to endless learning opportunities.

EARLY LEARNING FOR EVERY CHILD TODAY

The “Early Learning for Every Child Today” (ELECT) is a framework for Ontario’s Early Childhood settings that describes how young children learn and develop and provides a guide for curriculum in settings such as Kingston Day Care’s licensed child care centres.

In “Early Learning for Every Child Today”, 5 areas of child development are focused on, those being, social, emotional, language, physical skills and cognitive.

The “Continuum of Development “ found in ELECT outlines the sequence of steps along developmental trajectories that are typical for the majority of children. This tool will be used as a guideline for enhancing the development of the children in our groups and will assist our early childhood educators with their group’s program planning. Children are not expected to achieve certain skills in a specific timeframe; the Continuum of Development is used as a guide that identifies sequences of development and supports the development of individual children and the group as a whole.

PHYSICAL LITERACY AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

STAY FIT FOR LIFE!

Physical Activity:
Physical activity as defined by the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology is “movement that increases heart rate and breathing”. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, both planned and non-planned gross motor activity, active play, music and movement, and co-operative games.

Physical Literacy:
Physical Literacy is the development of fundamental movement and sport skills such as running, jumping, catching, kicking, throwing and hitting, which permit a child to move with confidence and control in a wide range of physical activities and rhythmic and sport situations in order to develop a healthy, lifelong enjoyment of such activities. (Canadian Sport for Life)

“The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things.” ~ Plato (Greek philosopher)
**Exciting Spring News from Trillium Child Care Centre**

It’s all abuzz at Trillium CCC about our enhanced play-based learning experiences which places emphasis on three focus areas. These include “Physical Activity and Physical Literacy”, “Early Learning for Every Child Today” (ELECT), and “Play-based Learning”.

These activities have been incorporated into the children's daily experiences both indoor and outdoor to increase their physical fitness, physical health and all-round well being.

The children have been showing so much anticipation, energy and enthusiasm as they go through these experiences.

These programs are quite beneficial as they raise awareness of the importance of physical activities which enhance and promotes brain development, normal body functions and motor dexterity. *It is quite gratifying, as their early childhood educators, to see the children actively engaged in meaningful play-based learning experiences and to be a part of their social development.*

If parents would like to know more about our physical activities, they are welcome to talk to us; in addition we are also open to ideas & suggestions as we strive together empowering young minds and bodies.

On March 20th we had a Spring Parade throughout the Specialty Care Trillium Centre. The children handed out flowers to the residents and wished them a Happy Spring; this was much enjoyed by all!

Marlene, Preschool Teacher
CHANGING SEASONS AT COLLINS BAY CHILD CARE CENTRE

The preschool group is eagerly waiting for the warm Spring weather! We have talked a lot about the “changing seasons” and the children are excited to know that new Spring leaves, flowers, and animals will soon emerge.

Over the winter the preschool group enjoyed catching snowflakes on their tongues, making snowmen and playing with sleds. Everyone has mastered independently dressing themselves for the cold. Well done!

We are all very excited for our co-worker Ashley, who is expecting her first child later this Spring. We will miss seeing her every day in the preschool room, but we wish her well with her new adventure into parenthood.

Marlene F, Preschool Teacher

WE’RE HAVING A BLAST IN THE SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM IN PORTABLE 1 ~ ST. MARTHA CHILD CARE CENTRE!!

“We had many great things to write about so we decided to narrow it down to a few things we have been busy with this past month.

The girls have made a Bookmark Shop called Fir’s Bookmarks, where we design bookmarks, laminate them and give them away to people.

The boys have been playing hockey, enjoying building blocks and our fantastic new computer with new software!

This past March Break we visited the Frontenac Mall to see Ray’s Reptile show! There were many different types of reptiles, from snakes to turtles! Next we played mini-put where a few of us even got a hole in one! We all had a blast!!”

By: the School Age Children
Portable #1
Thank you to those who completed Kingston Day Care’s Client Survey. The responses were prompt and we appreciate your participation.

CHILD SAFETY FIRST!

PLEASE do not turn your vehicle around in front of St. Martha Child Care Centre. For a few seconds gained, a serious accident could occur from which you would never recover...accidentally running over a small child! Your child could be run over!

In addition, the school has placed NO PARKING signs on the fence at the north end of the school; please adhere to these parking rules.

School Age Children in Portable 2 at St. Martha Child Care Centre are all about research ......

Earlier this year, our after school program received a new computer and some really awesome computer games!! One of our all time favorites is “Zoo Tycoon”.

Each player gets their own Zoo to build and take total care of.

Below are some of our comments about this game:

“In Zoo Tycoon” you are given stars for the level of your Zoo. Right now I have 2 and I am working my way up to 10!”

“Making you own Zoo is so fun!”

“This game is totally awesome!”

“It’s a good game, I only earned one star so far so it’s weird.”

“It’s fun!”

“This game is sweet, It has great graphics—better than most—and you actually get to build your Zoo!”

“I think it’s a pretty good game since you get to learn about running a Zoo so it is educational.”

“I like this game because you get to learn about taking care of animals in a fun way.”

“We all want to thank our friend Rylie Snider and her family for the awesome donation of books and computer games, we are really enjoying them too!

By: The School Age Children Portable #2
“Spring is here and brings with it the magic of a glorious Easter time; a promise of new beginnings and a fresh start.”

HAPPY EASTER TO OUR KINGSTON DAY CARE FAMILIES AND STAFF MEMBERS!

UPCOMING CLOSURES AT KINGSTON DAY CARE:

Friday, March 29, 2013
GOOD FRIDAY

Monday, April 1, 2013
EASTER MONDAY

Monday, May 20, 2013
VICTORIA DAY

We wish you a safe and enjoyable long weekend with family and friends!

Best of luck to a respected KDC colleague from Collins Bay Child Care Centre, Marlene F, on her nomination to become the Regional representative on the Council for the College of Early Childhood Educators during the College’s upcoming elections. Go Marlene!

Contact Information

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Important Reminder:

Soon our Summer/Fall Enrolment Survey will be asking you to finalize your plans for the summer and September 2013. Please complete as quickly as possible so you do not miss out on a space confirmation.