



## Community Child Care ~ November 2017



### Prepare for Winter

We don't want to admit it, but winter is almost here. There are a few things you can do to help with the changing weather and temperatures.

- Ask parents to leave a hat, mitts and sweater with you or bring one every day regardless of what the weather looks like first thing in the morning.
- Having a complete change of clothing for each child is also a good idea for those wet days.
- Talk to the children about the changes in the trees, grass, flowers, temperatures and bird and small animal behaviour. Younger children won't remember much from last winter, so talking about it in advance will help them understand why they need to cooperate in wearing warmer clothes.
- Allow more time to prepare to go outside. It can take a long time to zip all those jackets and help get the thumbs into the mitts.
- Dig out your shovels (adult and child) so you know they are ready to put to use when the snow comes.
- It may be cold, and snowing or raining, but outdoor play every day is important. Unless the temperature is dangerously cold.
- On those few days when you really can't go out to play, watch the path of the sunshine on the floor and see if it travels the same path each day. Or paint on the windows (add a drop of dishwashing soap to the paint so it is easy to wash off). Or read stories about the seasons and snow and then draw pictures or dance about it.
- The agency does not recommend driving with the children, but if you do, get your snow tires installed and make sure you understand whether the children are to wear their warm coat in their car seat or not and how to safely adjust the straps to accommodate heavier clothing. If the roads are bad, don't drive!



#### PD Day

French school boards have a PD day  
November 17, 2017

English school boards have a PD day  
November 24, 2017

#### Thank you

As you know, since September 1, 2017, all children in your care are considered the same for Ministry of Education purposes. We know this has created a significant paper burden for you.

We want to say thank you for stepping up once again to provide the information we need.

Because of receiving that information, we are now able to pay you the PHCCEGRT on days when all your agency children are away and you have only private children in care. We still cannot pay the grant if you have no agency children.



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Our annual Merry Mingle is scheduled for November 23, 2017 at the Kanata Golf and Country Club on Campeau Drive.**



The LHCCNO would like to invite all providers affiliated with a licensed agency to

# Loose Parts Inspire Children's Play

*“Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways.” (Nicholson)*

Loose parts in early learning environments promote children's play, creativity, and learning. Materials found outdoors: rocks, sticks, leaves, pinecones, acorns, pods, and reusable loose parts from home: buttons, corks, ribbons, fabric scraps, keys...can be used for art, learning math, and with blocks. Participants will explore the process of gathering loose parts, sorting, and storage, and offering them thoughtfully to children every day.

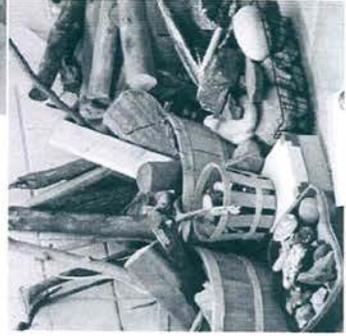
**Saturday November 25th, 2017**

**8:30am—12:00 pm**

**Odawa Friendship Centre**

**250 City Centre Ave, 1st floor**

**\*Please register with your home child care agency by November 10th, Spaces are limited.**



**Ministry: No Update.** Our licensing visit from the Ministry of Education has still not happened. We appreciate your continuing cooperation while we wait.