



Community Child Care ~ April 2018

Coffee Connections

Tuesday April 17, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre some of the providers who experienced a licensing visit will be with us to share what it was like to be inspected.



Annual Provider Appreciation Pot Luck Supper

May 2, 2018 is the date! Share a meal and socialize with your Community Child Care colleagues in the boardroom at the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre from 6:00 to 8:00. Please call the office at 613-592-4636 and let us know if you can come.

We are very proud of our providers and this supper is one small way we can show you how much you are appreciated.



Early ON Activities

Programs for Adults

Building Empathy Skills in Young Children April 18, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Katimavik Preschool Resource Centre, 180 Katimavik Road (Holy Trinity High School rear door)

Empathy is the name we give to the ability to understand what someone else is feeling and to respond in a caring way. It is a complex response that develops gradually as children mature. In this workshop, you will learn stories, songs, games and activities that support the development of empathy in children from infancy to age 6. Call 613-591-6030 or e-mail katimavikresource@ocsb.ca to register.

Emotional and Social Skills for Adapting to the Classroom May 16, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30

Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, 2 MacNeil Court. Adapting to the classroom means more than children knowing letters and numbers. When children can deal with strong emotions and get along with others, they are more open to learning. In this workshop, you will discover age-appropriate ways to build your child's skills through play.

Drop-In playgroups for 0 to 6 years

Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre Mondays 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.,

Wednesdays 9:00 to 10:30 and 11:00 to 12:30, French only Thursday 9:00 to 10:30 and 11:00 to 12:30, and Fridays 9:30 to 11:00.

Katimavik Preschool Resource Centre: Mondays 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays 9:00 to 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. to 12:30, Wednesdays 11 to 12:30, Thursdays 9 to 10:30 and 11 to 12:30, and Fridays 9 to 11 a.m.

Storytime: Mondays 10 to 10:45 at the Hazeldean Mall

For a full calendar of activities go to www.wocrc.ca

Check your paperwork: Is everything signed by everyone who is supposed to sign it? Many things need your, the parent's and an advisor's signatures.

Wanted: New Board of Directors Members

Do you know anyone who would be interested in joining our board of directors? The board is looking for people with a wide range of experience and skills, from legal to social media and anything in between.

Most important, we need people who are very honest and ethical who can work in a team.

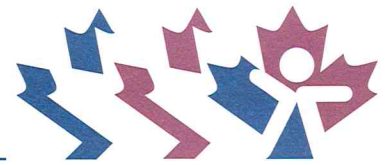
The commitment would be for one meeting a month for two years minimum. If you know anyone, please ask them to send a short letter outlining what they can bring to the running of the agency and a copy of their resume to director@communitychildcare.ca



PD Day

All schools, English and French, public and Catholic have scheduled a PD day **April 27, 2018.**

Did you read the newsletter? Our March winner was Melissa! Congratulations! Read the newsletter and then call the office to be entered in the April draw for a small prize.



Creating Toys and Activities for Children From “Beautiful Junk”

Recycling has become part of most people’s lives. But before some items hit the recycle bin, they can be reused to create toys and art. This kind of “recycling” inspires the imaginations of children and adults alike. Because there is no right or wrong way to create with junk, it encourages a child’s creativity and helps develop problem-solving skills. Allow children to put their imaginations to work with your beautiful junk.

To get you started, below are listed some ideas for using common household materials in creative ways. Some activities may require adult assistance (e.g., cutting).



Ideas

Boxes - Large

- decorate boxes as “Treasure Boxes” for artistic creations
- tie boxes together to make a train; large boxes also turn into houses, castles, elephants, robots, boats, etc.
- use a series of large boxes for making an obstacle course or continuous tunnel

Boxes Small

- use food boxes and cans for dramatic and role play (e.g., playing restaurant or circus)
- stuff small boxes with newspaper and tape them shut to make building blocks
- make a notepaper holder by cutting 2/3 out of one side of a small, thin box (e.g., pudding mix); decorate and fill it with scrap paper cut to fit.

Meat trays and aluminum pie plates

- use as a base for paintings and collages, Christmas ornaments, or table decorations

- put them in the bathtub or swimming pool to use as boats in water play
- equip older children with a dull needle and yarn to sew colourful patterns on meat trays

Large chunks of styrofoam (protectors in packaging)

- buy a supply of plastic coloured golf tees, which beginner carpenters can easily hammer into styrofoam chunks
- poke sticks, straws, etc. into styrofoam chunks to make a 3-D collage

Paper towel and toilet tissue rolls

- tape two rolls together beside each other, add string and use as binoculars
- put beans, rice, etc. inside, tape closed, and use as shakers
- use as a base for puppets, by adding decorative scraps of material
- tape several together lengthwise and use as tunnels for small vehicles

Plastic containers and lids

- cut shapes out of the lids to use as shape sorters (make shapes from other household “junk”)
- use different size containers for stacking and nesting toys
- cut interesting shapes in lids and use as stencils for painting or colouring

Egg cartons

- sort small objects into each egg pocket by size, texture, colour, etc.
- fill each egg pocket with earth, plant seeds (e.g., beans) and watch them grow
- decorate individual egg pockets; hang upside down for bells or a mobile

Milk Cartons

- cut an opening in one side, hang it up and use it as a bird feeder
- cut off the top, add a handle and decorate with ribbon for a springtime basket

Used envelopes

- use large envelopes for safe storage of special projects
- cut the bottom corners off old envelopes and decorate each as a different finger puppet

Wide-mouth jars

- make a mini-terrarium by layering charcoal, potting soil and humus, dampening the soil, and adding small plants; put the lid in place; open weekly if too much moisture builds up
- glue a 3-D scene to the lid, fill bottle with water and sparkles, put lid on, and turn upside-down

Remember, the next time you get ready to throw away beautiful junk - DON'T!