

July Newsletter



I wish I had known...

I recently read an article that I believe is the mind set of a lot of us parents at certain times. In life, in general, we might hear ourselves say, “I wish I knew then what I know now”. A more serious regret would be wishing we had known more about our children while we watched them growing up, or treating them in a different way, or even just understanding their different actions.

No one likes to live with regret. If we had a way to predict the future, I am sure everyone would subscribe to it in order to avoid those mistakes that will be made in our lives down the road. Unfortunately, all we have is our own mistakes to learn from. But I also believe that we need to also learn from the mistakes of others, because we might not live long enough to make them all ourselves. Hopefully this article will be of help to parents of young children out there today:

“I wish I had known that my

children’s behavior was a language—that their actions and words were telling me something about what they were feeling or thinking. I wish I’d remembered that they did not get up in the morning plotting to do things to frustrate me. I wish I had known that meltdowns and explosions usually meant my kids were tired, or hungry, or bored, or frustrated themselves. I wish I’d known that they needed an adult to help them find the words to express what was troubling them.. But they sure didn’t need a frustrated adult. I wish I’d known more about child development, brain development and behavior. I wish I’d known that growing up is a slow process. I wish I’d known how each development stage has its own way of seeing the world. I wish I’d known that most times, they saw things differently from me. I wish I’d listened more to what was true about their hearts and spirits and personalities than worrying about what other people thought about their behavior.”-*Dawn Hallman, M.A., Executive Director of the Dallas Association for Parent Education.*

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Fatima—July 3

Director—July 17

NOTICE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCOUNT SEASON:

It is still discount season. Refer a friend and **each** successful enrolment for a term will attract a 5% discount towards your next payment.

ABSENT DAYS: Please remember to give us advance notice if your child

will be absent from the Centre for a period of time. If there are any questions concerning your time off, please do not hesitate to ask.

JULY CHARACTER TRAIT IS GENEROSITY

Let us teach our children to be generous. Giving is not always the easiest thing to do, especially if you had not learnt it as a child. But the paradox about being generous is, the more you give, the more you will receive. But also remember, “real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.” (Frank A. Clark)

COLOUR/BOOK OF THE WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
RED			1 CANADA DAY Centre closed	2	3
BROWN <i>My Tooth is About to Fall Out</i>	6	7 Read book of the day	8 Wear brown today	9	10
PURPLE <i>Peter Pan</i>	13 Read book of the week	14 Wear purple today	15 WATCH ME GROW!!!	16 Bring a Friend Day	17 Last day of Kindergarten
GREEN <i>Rainbow Fish ABC</i>	20 Lunch on the Patio	21 Read book of the week	22 Show and Tell: my favourite fruit	23 Water play day	24 Making fruit salad with our favourite fruits
YELLOW <i>If You Give A Pig A Pancake</i>	27	28 Summer loving sand play	29 Gardening	29	31

WHAT IS TRENDING....

Weird... But True

A man once blew a bubble gum that was larger than a basket ball

Hot water can freeze faster than cold water

Ostriches can swim but they can't fly

A U.S. ice cream shop sold insect-flavoured ice cream

Bees have five eyes

In Taiwan, garbage trucks blast music to remind people to bring out their trash

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

SAYING GOODBYE IS NEVER EASY

Our dear Kindergarteners are spending their last weeks with us as they prepare for Elementary school. We cannot believe how fast the year has gone by, and we are so proud of how much you all have learnt and how hard you have worked. We will all miss you, and we wish you all the best in your new school in September. Continue to keep up the good work and make us proud.

KINDERGARTEN 2015/2016 YEAR

A few of our children will be moving to Kindergarten in September. If your child was **born 2011 or earlier**, then he/she is eligible for the Kindergarten program. Please let your friends and colleagues know. ***Referrals attract discounts***. The administration process for existing Maple Leaf children will be communicated to parents of those eligible. For other children, we will be accepting admissions starting from the week following the last day of Kindergarten (the week of July 20, 2015).

Please remember that spaces are limited.

CONTINUED CARE DURING THE SUMMER WEEKS

We are open even in the summer weeks, and as such if you want to have your children still in our care during this period, this is available to you at a special rate. Please ask Management if there are any questions on the duration and fees for this special service.

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