



# BUILDING BLOCKS CHILDCARE CENTRES

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## June Newsletter 2018

I always try to rewrite the newsletters every year to give parents from last year something different to read however, it is very difficult when you go through the same feelings and emotions every single year at the same time. Sorry it's not new material however it is very much from the heart (yes, I always have Kleenex in my office close at hand for this one)...here it goes!

It is with great pride and sadness that I write this last newsletter of the year (wow). Pride because of all of the accomplishments and growth we have seen in all of your children. Sadness because the end of the year means letting go and believe me, this is not easy as we all get so attached to all of them. It is really hard not to get so sappy when the last newsletter is being written but I will try to keep it light (ya right)! There will be a short memo for July and August however not a big letter as we move into summer programming.

The theme of the month is Weather. We are continuing to review the letters, letter recognition, phonemic awareness, numbers and number recognition. The shape is an octagon and the color of the month is your favorite color. Please bring something for our color board that is your favorite color with your child's name on it.

On Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> will be our show and tell day. On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Wear Your Favorite Color Day.

### Field Trip: TBA

**RAMADAN MUBARAK:** Building Blocks likes to recognize different cultures within our community so we will be celebrating Ramadan with all of our friends this year. This will be on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will not be teaching the religion of this faith, rather recognizing the end of Ramadan. This will be in the form of having centers set up in our gym for cookie decorating, face painting, crafts and games. At the end of the day children will receive a "loot bag" as I have been told that the end of Ramadan is like Halloween for the children. If you could dress your child in flashy, bright colors for this day that would be great. For classrooms G and D, they will be celebrating in their classrooms. For all other rooms and Southlands, children will proceed to the gymnasium, one classroom at a time, for our fun filled afternoon.

Birthday greetings go out to all of the children who are celebrating their birthdays this month. **These parents will be asked to please bring in a special snack and beverage for the class.** Please ask your child's teacher how many children are in your child's class. Remember: no nut products please.

**Grad Ceremonies** this year will be held at our Southview location (2366 Southview Dr SE) **upstairs in the church sanctuary** on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for Class A and C. This is a very special evening which will consist of the children singing a few songs, teachers giving out the memory books, diplomas and then photo opportunities afterwards with the teachers. This will not be longer than 30 minutes. We have lots of space available so please be sure to invite all of your family. Please have your child dressed in semi-formal wear and don't forget your camera. Please note that it is very important to confirm with your child's teacher that your child will be attending this evening as we need a head count for our preparations. Please do so ASAP!!!

**SOUTHLANDS LOCATION:** We will be opening our Southlands location as a Junior Kindergarten Academy as of Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This facility will focus strictly on programming for children ages 3 – 6 to set them up for success when they enter Kindergarten. We only have 20 spaces which I am sure will fill up fast. If you are interested please talk to Andrea or call 403-504-7544

**FALL PROGRAM:** New registration forms will be available this month for the 2018-2019 year. Please have these completed and returned no later than June 30. Remember: we need a new registration form filled out for September 2018 if you would like your child to attend Building Blocks in the fall along with the \$25 registration fee. **Please Note: If you are planning on pulling your child for the summer and wanting a spot for the fall it is not guaranteed that this spot will be available as we will be filling any empty spaces as of July 1. Any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to Andrea.**

**FEE INCREASE:** As of September 1, fees will increase as follows: 12 – 18 months to \$890/month and 19 months to 6 years to \$746/month.

**TIM HORTONS GIFT CARD DRAW:** The winner of the Tim Horton's gift card draw is Hayle Bachmier. You can come retrieve your gift card from the upstairs office Monday, June 4. Thank you to all parents who took time to fill out our survey.

**SURVEY RESULTS:** A few parents have indicated that they would like to sit on a parent advisory committee so we will be creating one! There will be two meetings per year with the first one being in July and the second one in December. We will discuss any issues or concerns that parents have and possibilities of how the program can accommodate these concerns. I highly encourage you to think about coming to these meetings as this is a great way for your voice to be heard and be a part of our continued effort to strive for excellence in child care for our community. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at our Southview location, 2366 Southview Drive, at 7:00pm upstairs in classroom 2. Hope to see you there.

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank each and every one of you for your tremendous support, feedback, craft donations, play dough and many other contributions to our classroom. Without this help and support, this year would not have gone as smoothly so thank you so very much. I also want to thank you for the trust you bestowed upon us in bringing your children to our program. We have enjoyed each and every one of them and will miss them tremendously as they grow and move on. For those of you who are joining us for the summer program, we will be seeing you shortly and thank you so much. For those of you who will be joining us for another go around in the Fall, we thank you so much. For those of you who are moving on, we thank you so much for your time here and your unique contribution you have made to our program. Know that we will miss you all very much and hope that you will stay in touch.

Thank you so much for allowing us to be your child's first teachers. You have no idea how much that means to each and every one of us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Coulombe  
Director of Programs and Facilities