



To Our Fantastic Fathers

This month, we celebrate Father’s Day on June 15 to honor the many incredible caregivers who support and shape the children in our lives. While some celebrate their dads, others may honor grandfathers, uncles, family friends, moms, or any cherished parental figures. The bonds between children and their caregivers—whether it’s a father, a mom, or another role model—help set the foundation for the adults they will become. Parenting and mentorship are roles filled with challenges, growth, and love, and those who step into these roles leave lasting



impressions on the hearts of their families. Be sure to look out for the beautiful gifts our children have been creating in our programs! They are so excited to celebrate with you.

Thank you to all those who take on the hard jobs, putting in the time, and making space for play, laughter, and love.

We hope you have the day you deserve!

Happy Father’s Day to all!

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The Board of Directors of MTJB warmly invites you to attend our Annual General Meeting, which will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 PM.

We look forward to sharing updates, discussing key initiatives, and engaging with our valued community. Your participation is important to us, and we hope you'll be part of the conversation.

A Zoom link has been sent out with registration.
Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend.

We truly appreciate your support and look forward to having you join us!

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Summer Programming

Summer is just around the corner and our educators have been very busy planning engaging programming for our children. The work that goes on behind the scenes to

create our amazing summer experiences begins in March (!) and we are looking forward to rolling out our summer calendars for our families. We would like to remind families that if you know of any planned vacation days where your child will not be attending daycare please inform staff so we can plan accordingly. Families will also notice an increase in staff at this time as we welcome many summer students to our classrooms; please be patient as new members are trained and become familiar with our day-to-day activities, family preferences, and individual children's needs.



For many of our preschool friends, we say a heartfelt goodbye as they head off to their respective kinder programs. Our infant, toddler, and preschool educators have enjoyed spending the fast-paced and busy days with the children as they have been there alongside the first steps, first words, and first friends. It has truly been an honour to watch them all grow as they master developmental milestones and make connections with one another and our dedicated educators. We wish all our preschoolers a very happy summer and best wishes as they head off to school!

Kinder and School-age families can look forward to many fun trips and guest speakers this summer. This year, with the increase in summer enhancement expenses we are asking parents to contribute toward the cost of the bussing for our field trips. Please stay tuned for more details. We are also very excited to once again be offering our popular hot lunch program. We have a wide selection of in-house hot meals as well as take-out items available for order. The hot lunch forms will be due back for **Maynard & Prescott Sites** by **June 13th**, and for **Kemptville Sites** by **June 11th**. No late orders will be accepted. All payments will be invoiced through Lillio.

Notice For Summer Schedule Changes

On page 29 of our Parent Handbook, it states: Termination/Change of Services: By the Applicant

11. Under the new Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care funding system, MTJB's primary enrollment criteria must be to accept families who commit to a full-time care contract. Families who enrolled on a scheduled basis prior to CWELCC are grandfathered and will continue with their existing schedule arrangement. MTJB can no longer accept a request for a reduction in enrollment from full-time to part-time, as we have a tremendous wait list. If I/we choose to withdraw from full-time care, MTJB cannot guarantee that a space will be available if we wish to resume full-time enrollment in the future.

12. MTJB requires a month's notice for families who wish to withdraw their children for the summer. Also, as notice of my withdrawal is received, my child's name will be added to the waiting list, and I/we cannot be guaranteed re-entry to the program due to the lengthy waiting list. I/we acknowledge that I/we may re-register after this absence if/when space is available.

13. For families on a contracted schedule, as determined at the time of enrollment, there is no allowance for non-payment of fees during vacation periods. You will be billed for the average number of days you utilize in a month. For example, if you typically book 12 days each month/three days a week, you will be billed for three days per week during your vacation period.

Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Program Highlights

Prescott - St. Mark Site - Kings Kitchen & Beacon Visit

Our friends in the St. Mark School-Age program have been busy working on a new charity initiative and their hard work and dedication have paid off! On Tuesday, May 27th, Carol Casselman from Kings Kitchen and Veronica Burchell from the South Grenville Beacon visited the site to accept a presentation of \$125.00 that was raised through a bake sale held in February. The children previously hosted a bake sale for the Angel Tree Fundraiser and expressed interest in hosting another. As a class, the students discussed the different local charities and voted for Kings Kitchen. Carol spoke about Kings Kitchen's long 16-year history and the support it provides to the community through the Wednesday night dinners at South Grenville High School. This initiative is 100% funded through donations.



Prescott - Wellington Site - Outdoor Learning & Chalk Play

Our staff are taking their workshop learning and putting it into practice with enhanced exploration opportunities for the program at Wellington. Scaffolding on the children's schema interest in transforming, transporting, and connecting materials, staff have provided new utensils such as bowls, mortar & pestles, brushes, spoons, chalk, and much more to promote scientific discovery! The crushing and grinding of chalk strengthens the small muscles in the hands and fingers, which improves coordination and dexterity. Chalk play also enhances children's sensory experiences, spatial reasoning, cognitive thinking, communication, and creative thinking skills. By adding water to the play, staff have added another element for the children to investigate. Staff observed the children making tea, creating paintings, cooking food, and working on science projects!



Maynard - School Age - PA Day Playdough Fun

Our friends in the Learning Commons School-Age class spent the PA Day exploring the sensory properties of Marshmallow Playdough! The class took turns measuring and mixing the ingredients, choosing their food colouring, and of course, *playing* with the edible concoction! Many of the friends expressed how exciting it would be to make this recipe at home! Included is the recipe that was used!

Supplies:

- Marshmallows
- Vegetable Oil
- Cornstarch
- Food Colouring (Optional)



Instructions:

Step 1: Put 1 cup of marshmallows into a bowl. Choose a bowl that can hold at least double the volume you are adding. Marshmallows expand when heated and you don't want your bowl to overflow.

Step 2: Add 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil.

Step 3: Microwave for 30 seconds.

Step 4: Add 3 tablespoons of cornstarch. Add food colouring if desired.

Step 5: Mix, mix, mix! Start with a spoon and as your playdough comes together start needing it with your hands. Be careful, it will be hot. If it is too sticky, add small amounts of cornstarch until you have your desired consistency.

Step 6: Make sure your playdough is cool before playing with it. Have fun!

Creating Engaging Outdoor Programming - Staff Workshop

Members from our Kemptville, Maynard, and Prescott MTJB locations spent the evening together on May 8th for an engaging workshop on outdoor play! As part of our Continuous Professional Learning, staff spent the evening at the Early-On Centre in the Swift Waters Elementary School discussing :

- Current and best practices
- New ideas for outdoor learning
- Literacy in outdoor programming
- Connections within our communities
- Innovative ways to incorporate new art mediums and materials into outdoor spaces



The evening was an inspiring way to put on our thinking caps, share ideas, and learn new strategies, and tips for incorporating more engaging outdoor programming into our daily routines. With hands-on activities, staff were able to interact with one another and their environment to dig deeper into their understanding of outdoor play and how to be more effective leaders and educators in the quest to bring back nature play! Parents can look forward to new activities for their children posted in the Lillio App!



“If we want our children to move mountains, we first have to let them get out of their seats” - Nicole Schwartz

Don't miss out on these upcoming events!

- ◆ June 15th - Father's Day
- ◆ June 24th - AGM Board Meeting
- ◆ June 20th - PA Day for CEPEO/CECCE
- ◆ June 23rd - Summer Programming starts CEPEO/CECCE
- ◆ June 27th - PA Day for UCDSB/CDSBEO
- ◆ July 2nd - Summer Programming starts UCDSB/CDSBEO

Last Day of School:
June 19th - CEPEO/CECCE
June 26th - UCDSB/CDSBEO

Upcoming
EVENTS

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