

M.T.J.B. WINTER NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019.



PROGRAM CHANGES:

As many of you know, we have been working with our License Advisor toward expansion at our Maynard Main Site to provide care for those on our waiting list and our current children moving through our programs.

We have been granted our expansion through the Ministry of Education to expand our Preschool Program (Group of up to 16 children) into Room 7 as of January 7th, 2019 and our Kinder and School-age Programs in the upcoming year.

At the Maynard Main Site; as of Monday you will see a change in some of our programs as some of our Infants are becoming Toddlers and some of our Toddlers are becoming Preschoolers.

Some of our Preschool 2 children will be moving across the hallway to Room 7. Our current space in Room 6 is licensed for 24 Preschool children and our new space in Room 7 is licensed for a group of 16 Preschool children. At this time, we are creating more of a balanced group of up to 16 children in each room. From time to time to balance licensed spaces children of Preschool Programs 2 & 3 may experience both programs. Staff will help you out with these transition days.

Staff Changes:

Creative Program Director: Ruth Shay BAsc RECE

Financial Director: Kathy Jodoin BA RECE, Certificate of Accounting & Business

Program Manager: Laurie Arsenault RECE

Maynard Main Site:

Site Supervisor: Ashley Buiting CYW

Assistant Site Supervisor: Sherrie McColl RECE

Program Staff:

Infant 1: Emily Ross RECE, Holly Lauzon RECE, Erin Kilby

Infant 2: Kim Latimer-Crowder RECE

Toddler 1 – Megan Jackson RECE, Elysia LaMarche RECE

Toddler 2 - Sarah Duff RECE, Brianne Pantony (ECE Student)

Preschool 1 – Cali Brennan RECE, Jenn Ireland BA Child & Youth Studies, BA Ed

Preschool 2 - Penny Arthurs RECE, Jen McCarthy RECE

Preschool 3 - Emilie Hanna RECE, Paige Robinson (ECE Student)

Kinder Program – Allison Lumsden RECE, Liam Brennan (ECE Student)

School-Age Program – Jill Betts CYW, Nathalie Mann BA Studio Arts

Dietary - David Coville Culinary Management

Program Support – Sarah Huneault RECE, Hannah Arthurs; Hunter Patterson, Emily Campbell, Cherie Vandine, Marnie Froats, Samantha Morrison, Kayla Woods

TR Site:

Site Supervisor: Sherrie McColl RECE

TR Daytime Family Mixed Age Group – Sherrie McColl RECE, Samantha Morrison (ECE Student)

Kinder/School-Age Program – Cherie Vandine CYW/DA, Marnie Froats

Staff Currently on Leave - Chelsea Burkert CYW, Amanda Mazur

Arrival & Departure:

When parking alongside our playground, please be sure to **stop** up **past** the "**Bus Loading Zone**" signs as we need to **always** keep that space open for bussing in the morning as well as in the afternoon. Bussing is not finished at this location until after 4:15 p.m. and in special circumstances even later.

Parents must deliver their child (ren) to their classroom and ensure that the teacher is aware of your arrival. It is not safe to have your children find their own way to their rooms.

We ask that you insist your children wait and walk with you to your vehicle. It is not safe for them to leave the building without you.

For safety sake, we also ask that you **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING** in the parking lot.

We understand that from time to time there are extenuating circumstances that cause you to be late for pick up. However, if you are delayed please call the MAIN SITE centre @613-925-4032, TR Site @ 613-246-7755. If you have not arrived at closing time, and we have not heard from you, a staff member will be calling you or your alternate about pick up. We also understand that children like to show their parents their accomplishments of the day. If you wish to spend time with your child in the program at the end of the day, please arrange your arrival so that we are able to close. As a courtesy, staff members will have your child (ren) ready and waiting for pickup by 5:45 p.m.

Scholastic Book Club:

Each month you will find a variety of Scholastic Book Club order forms in the children's programs. If you would like to order books please complete the order form and return it with payment (cheques addressed to SCHOLASTIC CANADA, or paid online – no cash please) to your classroom teacher.

Clothing:

The staff members appreciate having the children's clothing and other items **LABELLED** with the child's name. Please label **ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S ITEMS & DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOU ARE LEAVING AT THE END OF THE DAY WITH "YOUR CHILD'S" BELONGINGS**. We are now licensed for 217 children at our Maynard main site and 30 children at our TR Before/Afterschool Program which means many coats, many pairs of mittens, many pairs of shoes etc. the same colour/pattern. We also encourage the children to wear snow pants/splash/mud pants to keep the children's clothes dry.

We ask that each child have **SHOES (not soft slippers – they must have a rubber sole)** to leave indoors, and an extra set of clothing. Again, please remember to **LABEL** everything! It is a requirement of the local FIRE AUTHORITY for the children to wear shoes. Each month we practice our fire drills. No matter what the weather the children exit the building during this exercise, therefore to keep their feet dry shoes are a must.

Board of Directors:

The corporation of M.T.J.B. Child Care Centre is operated under the direction of a volunteer board of directors. Members include professionals and interested parties from our user parents from Kemptville & Maynard and the community at large. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in joining.

Board meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month, September through June, with the exception of the December meeting which is a "budget meeting" and is held earlier in the month. The meetings are held at the main sites in Kemptville and Maynard on an alternating basis. The meetings start at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m. Carpooling is an option.

Charitable Donations:

M.T.J.B. is a registered charity. We are able to issue receipts for income tax purposes for donations.

MTJB Staff ☺

