



October 2018

Staffing Teams 2018

TODDLER PROGRAM: Bryn Roberts and Breann Hovi
JUNIOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM: Kristie Walraad and Paula Marsh
SENIOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM: Tammy Rose and Nicole Richard
KINDERGARTEN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Shaleena Foekens and Nicole Richard
SCHOOL-AGE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Amanda Doig and Amanda Streutker
HOLY FAMILY KINDERGARTEN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Madison McBain
HOLY FAMILY BEFORE AND SCHOOL-AGE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Allison Hill & Carrie Anderson
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General Information

- Mailbox folders are organized alphabetically by your youngest child's first name.
- Inform staff of any changes or absences in your child's schedule; by calling the centre.
- Please provide extra clothing, indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor wear for all programs and label clothing whenever possible (this will decrease lost items).
- For centre and community information, please view our family bulletin board.
- Invoices for September, October, November and December have already been distributed. September fees are due upon receipt and the other months are due the first business Monday of each month (Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3).
- New Parent Handbooks with detailed policies and procedures will be distributed to all families via email. Please email rroots@tbaytel.net to request a paper copy.
- **Allergy Alert:** Please note we are a flax, peaches, peanut and tree nut safe environment.
- **Reminder:** Friday October 26, 2018 is a P.A. Day for Holy Family School; therefore, all programs at this site will be closed.

Reminder that all Rural Roots Children's Centre sites will be closed
Monday October 8, 2018 for Thanksgiving Holiday!



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OCTOBER 16, 2018: IS.....
CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY CHILD
EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY!!

Toddler Program

During the month of September, the toddlers have shown a huge interest in school busses. We have the ability to watch the school busses out our front window both in the morning and the afternoon. "Bus!" they yell as they run towards the window. In our room the children like to drive the busses around the room and fill them with toys. "Beep Beep!" Building on the children's interests we have talked about and read books on children going on the bus to school. The toddlers also **LOVE** to sing the wheels on the bus all day long.

Our group of toddlers enjoy doing painting activities. We always have lots of fun finger painting however we are trying to introduce new ways for the children to paint. Using paint brushes and other materials is something we will present over the next month to expand their learning.

For the month of October, we look forward to welcoming the fall weather and participating in fall activities. Reminder to bring hats and mitts for your child as we are beginning to feel colder weather.

Bryn & Breann



Junior Preschool

We had a great September in Junior Preschool, and have enjoyed getting to know your children and their likes (and dislikes). Our kitchen, dress up area and block carpet have been busy every day, with children creating and recreating events they see in the world around them. Our group loves music, and are often leading us in many song and dance activities, while using the different instruments around our room. Since the children are very active, we spend time outside every day, enjoying the natural environment around the Centre. Art is also a favorite with this group, and we have used a variety of mediums to create and show their imaginations. Educators look forward to learning more about your children and providing engaging learning experiences.

Paula & Kristie



Senior Preschool

“Children usually prefer play that stimulates their curiosity and gives free rein to their imaginations and creativity. We believe that one of the best ways to enhance their natural curiosity is to introduce a wide variety of materials we call “loose parts” into their play settings”
– Lisa Daly and Miriam Beloglovsky.

We believe that the environment plays an important role in children’s learning and development. We want to provide materials based on the children’s interests, through our observations we will then determine what skill level they are at and how to best scaffold their learning. We would like to invite parents to bring any materials that will extend this learning, a list of items that can be brought in will be posted on the Senior Preschool door.

New to the program is our second year Early Childhood Education student, Nicole Lex. She will be with us on Monday’s and Tuesday’s until the end of December.

Tammy and Nicole

Kindergarten After School

October is here and we are busy in this program. We are still familiarizing ourselves with our new environment, but there is so much here for us to do! The children are very active with outdoor play; they are constantly running and testing their bodies out to see what they are capable of. Some of their experiences include running races, jumping off the playground equipment, balancing on the sandbox and baking mud pies. We are having lots of fun and it's only been one month! As the new month approaches we are ready to explore our minds to their fullest potential.

Shaleena & Nicole



School-Age Afterschool Program

Hello to all!

We've had a great time bonding over the month of September. Grade One's are making new friends with the older children who are showing them the ropes. We're learning about our space and all the wonderful things we can do in it! We play a really fun game called Captain's Orders where the children have to listen to instructions like, "Move fore/aft/starboard/port", "Scrub the deck", and "Hit the deck!". This is a great way to get everyone's body moving, and to test those memory skills...which pose goes with which saying? We look forward to a festive October where we can watch the colours of our playground change. This is a perfect time of year to go hiking at the tree farm, or at High Falls and see what kind of leaves you can find. Which leaves fall first? Let us know your favourites!

Amanda D and Amanda S

Holy Family School Afterschool Programs

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Kindergarten:

This month the children have shown me just how creative they can be. At the art table they have used anything and everything provided for them to make some interesting creations. Their creations include puppets, collages, jellyfish, and paper airplanes (only to name a few.) Their creativity has also been shown in the block area. They have been busy working together and building towers, cars and animals. When they are done building, they use their imagination to act out what their characters are doing. The children have even brought some of their art creations into their block play to act as the characters! We will continue to expand on this interest by bringing in new materials to explore and construct with.

Madison

School Age:

It's hard to believe that all the children have been in school for almost 1 month already! The areas of interest over the past month have been building with LEGOS and blocks, barbie's and horses, and creative art. With the construction of the portable outside, we have been using the front play area with the children exploring in the garden, finding worms, and climbing and sliding down the boulders outside. We hope within the next week or so we will be able to use the back-play area again. With this, please keep in mind the weather. Some days have been chilly, and some have been warm. Please be sure that children come prepared with the proper attire for outside.

Wednesday October 31st is Halloween. We will be having a fun day planned for the children and they are welcome to wear a costume if they'd like.

Thank you to all parents for your understanding with the gate being closed at times and having to use the front door for pickups.

Please feel free to talk with an educator with any questions or concerns you may have.

Gobble Gobble!

Allison & Carrie