



**BANTING AND BEST CHILD CARE CENTRE
NEWSLETTER
September 2022**

Centre Update

- ✦ Children had a wonderful summer participating in various activities organized by the Centre.
- ✦ Last day of Summer Camp is September 2nd, 2022. We wish all the children leaving the summer camp Good Luck. We will miss you all.
- ✦ We wish all our parents Happy Mid-Autumn Festival.
- ✦ We would like to Welcome Mavis, Christina, Ezekiel, Akshaya, Alaina, Romello & Chance to our center. Welcome back Alexander, Jeff, and Selena.
- ✦ Staffs at the Centre will continue to follow the Toronto Public Health and Ministry of Education Operational Guidelines.
- ✦ Preschoolers and Kindergarten groups at Banting and Best CC site will continue to use HIMAMA. Pictures of the activities that your child participates in, meals and any other information will be sent through HIMAMA. For School Age groups and Kindergarten groups (at Prince of Peace), the staff will email the children's activities and documentations to parents through email.
- ✦ Limited Spots are available in all the rooms at both Banting and Best and at our Satellite program at Prince of Peace.

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Dear Parents: Please feel free to e-mail us if you have any questions and concerns. The Centre is a PEANUT FREE environment. We are NO LONGER accepting Birthday Cakes, along with Loot bags. This is due to COVID-19, as we are limiting things that are coming from homes. This is to ensure that all children and staff are safe. Thank you for your understanding

Happy
Birthday 

Sept 01st -Samuel D
Sept 10th - Thaenuygen N
Sept 12th -Annie H
Sept 24th – Jaden L

JR ROOM

By: Bindu

Time flew by and now we are at the end of summer. Some of the children are looking forward to their first year at school. We had lots of sunshine, cool air, and some rain with storms, amidst all, we still enjoyed all the weather, and we spent lots of time outdoor whenever the weather permitted.

In July, the children were interested in Canada day, nature, animals, and insects. Children were excited about Canada day. We sang O' Canada and made different crafts for Canada day. We read some books about Canada, animals, and bugs. We grew tomato plants in our playground, and as the tomato plants started to grow the children were happy and observed it day by day. We had lots of fun watching our tomatoes plants grow and bear fruit. We discussed about several types of tomatoes. We walked around our neighbour hood to look at the flowers and vegetable. Children were able to name a few flowers and vegetables.

In the month of August, the children were interested in fishes, beaches and ice creams, and recycled cardboards. We discussed about their favourite flavours of ice creams. We turned the dramatic center into ice cream parlour. Then we moved on to the fish, we discussed the nutrients in the fish, and then the children wanted to build a fish tank. We used recycled boxes, sand, seashells, and handprints to create a fish tank. We did it like a project. Children learned more through this Activity. They were able to learn about under the sea and various kinds of fishes. Children were interested in restaurant, and we changed the dramatic centre into a restaurant, and we discussed about the healthy food and how to avoid the junk food. The children connected it to the fish project, and they wanted to add various dishes of seafood.

We had special events and workshops in July & August. Yoga day and Global dance party workshop was conducted by travelling stage which the children loved participating. Mystic Drums workshop was one of their favourites. Jumping castle was a huge success, the children were delighted to see the jumping castle and enjoyed jumping in the castle. Movie day was fun as they watched their favourite movie.

In the month of July and August, the preschool room had different special activities on Friday like water play, Pajama Day, multicultural dress day, song day, bubble day and crazy hair day. On multicultural day Children wore traditional costumes and danced to multicultural songs.

We were sad to see Mason, Lydia, Scarlett, Julian, Amy, Annie, Jaxon, Zachariah move to Kindergarten Group. We wish them Good Luck as they start their first year in school. Graduation photos were taken and given to parents along with certificates. For those who are leaving the centre to join another school good luck in your new school. Many great memories were made with each one of you. It was a great pleasure and honour for me to be a part of the children's growth.

A big thanks to the parents for the co-operation and their patience. We hope, you all enjoyed this summer with us.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and have a wonderful year!

FDK 103

By: Jolentha & Bing

Summer! What can we say about it, other than it was a blast! It was only eight weeks, but those eight weeks just flew by. From all of us entering the new experience with new children and new friends, which is what made it a blast.

Let us recap the last eight weeks of our summer camp. In July, we did a lot of exploring, it was a new room to everyone who entered our Kinder Summer Camp, Meeting new friends and old friends.

These are the many ways we learned to share and play with each other. We were engaged with lots of activities. Building and constructing, opening a Sushi Restaurant and an Ice Cream shop. In the Dramatic Centre we had a sushi shop and served our friends different types of sushi such as Maki, Sushi Roll, and Hand Rolls. Ice cream shop we took down orders and served nine types of ice cream with 9 different toppings as well.

We each took turns giving our friends wagon rides around the Kindergarten Playground. We rode bikes and scooters around the biking area. We learned to take turns to be Mr./Miss Wolf. Learned to play kick ball, Kicking the ball in a triangle formation to the next person. We learned to throw and play scoop and ball.

An event workshop was held every Wednesday, we would have traveling stages come and do Yoga, Dance, Mystic Drums, and Mad Science. The children were excited about each Wednesday to do a different workshop each week.

Every Friday's we would have a special event. One week we had Recycled items day, we brought out boxes and recycled items where the children got to use tools from a set called, "Make-Do". They used plastic Saws to cut the cardboard boxes and used special bolts that screws into the cardboard to connect pieces together. Camping Day was another event, we set up the tents and made a pretend campfire and roasted marshmallows over the fire pit. Pajama day we all wore our pajamas to school and watched a movie with popcorn as well.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe Summer here with us at the Banting and Best Kindergarten Summer Camp. We wish all the children a safe and exciting school year. We will miss you and hopefully we will get to see you once again in the future.

Take Care and have a great school year.

SA 102

By: Lily, Tharani & Hong

In June, the children really enjoyed playing Hedbanz. They got to ask each other questions to find out which character they had. Some of the children enjoyed playing giant pick-up sticks together. They used their strategies to get as much as sticks for themselves. After they have collected all the sticks, whoever got the most sticks won the game. On PA Day, two children built a puzzle of the map of Canada together. They were testing each other's knowledge of the map. They ask each other to find places on the map.

In July, the summer camp started. After two years, we finally can book some activities from outside the center such as dance fitness, yoga, and jumping castle. Also, the teacher planned activities for the children to have fun. We had bingo day, picnic day, baking day and outdoor sport day. For bingo day, the children did alphabet bingo and multiplication bingo. For baking day, we made banana cupcakes. The children read the recipes from the paper. They helped to measure all the ingredients and then they used a hand mixer to beat all the ingredients into a paste. Then they scooped the paste into the mini cupcake maker. After a few minutes, they were able to enjoy freshly made banana cupcakes. They loved it so much that they copied the recipe on the paper and wanted their parents to make it at home. On outdoor sports day, the children did some group games such as Relay Race, Octopus, Four Square Basketball, Grinder, Field Soccer, flew a kite, obstacle course, played badminton and Manhunt. When we were on the school field, all the children went to collect wooden sticks. They collected some long and short ones. One child said, "let's make a campfire," so they put all the sticks into a pile and pretended to make a fire. Another child had an idea to make a stick maze. They laid out the sticks and cooperated with others to build a maze. In the classroom, the children really enjoyed making perler beads characters. The girls made perler bead cats and Minions. The boys liked to make Pokémon characters, they made poke balls and water plane monsters. For sensory activities, the children explored slime, moon sand, water beads, instant snow powder and Oobleck.

In August, we had planned activities such as watching movies in the library, Bug hunt, Mad Science, "jello town", dance through decade and science activities. For movie day, the children went to the library to watch a movie called "Sign 2". All the children enjoyed watching it. Afterwards, the librarian introduced herself to the children and tested their knowledge of the Toronto Public Library. At the end, she had some gifts for the children such as a library card holder, a poster of the galaxy and information about the summer reading club. For Bug hunt week, the children found Ladybugs and Grasshoppers on the school field. They searched on the grass very carefully and found many ladybugs and collected them in the insect box. However, the grasshoppers were very jumpy, and the children only caught three grasshoppers. On Friday, we went to see the neighborhood garden. We found a black swallowtail caterpillar on the leaves. We brought it to the classroom. one child said, "I will name it big head. Another child said, "I will name it Cater pie, because I have a Pokémon card that has the name for it." By using the iPad, the children searched up information about the caterpillar. After the weekend, the children observed the caterpillar turn into a Chrysalis. Also, we went for a nature walk. The children found cicada shells on the pine tree. In the classroom, the children did a cup building challenge. Each team had three people and were provided eleven red cups and rubber bands. The goal of the game was for the teams to make a pyramid of red cups, placing one cup upside down on the top without touching the cups or the figure with their hands. The children worked together to come up with a way to move the cups. For science day, we did a cloud turn to rain and a balloon rocket experiment. Making food is always fun for the children. We made Jell-O, pizza, banana pancakes, and bread. The children enjoyed eating the food that they made.

We hope you enjoyed this remarkable summer and have memories forever. As the school year approaches, we look forward to having more fun in the classroom. Good Luck to all the children!

SA 104

By: Monica & Raina

Our Summer Camp 2022 is coming to an end in which the children in SA104 have thoroughly enjoyed and rejoiced after a long school year. It was great for all us educators to finally see families once again to continue building on our partnerships with everyone. We welcomed many new friends and built many memorable moments to cherish in the years to come.

Our playful days were filled with building especially using Lego, melting beads, PlayStix, and K'NEX as we used our imagination to the fullest. Many worked together or worked apart to create something from pieces. We became more imaginative as we moved onto foam blocks, OctoPlay, Straw lox and even taking apart cardboard. Cars, trains, ramps, and structures were built with and sometimes without the manual.

When we were not engaged with building, we were painting and creating with crafts. Mediums such as paintbrushes, sponges, markers, cotton balls and even just our hands and getting messy. Our slime day became slime week which turned into a slime nightmare as we started to experiment with new ingredients which piqued our interests.

Visiting the beach became easy as our children began to use buckets, shovels, sifters to create our own sandpit. Imagination brought forth pools of water in which we began to design house layouts with sticks, rocks, and leaves. Visiting each other's houses became pretend play as we designated each section of the pavement to someone's house. We discovered roots to trees nearby which created more questioning and curiosity about the systems of the world around us.

Science, music, dance, and physical activity were all parts of the special events that we went through. This summer, we learned about new musical instruments with a trip to Jell-O Town and experimented a test of our creation of Jell-O and blueberries. We learned about how the force of gravity keeps us, so we don't fly off the face of Earth and we learned about the importance of movement through dance, yoga and even jumping with a giant bouncy castle!

Connections were rebuilt in several ways. We learned how to be friends, how to work together cooperatively and most importantly, remembering how we play is how we learn from one another. We would like to thank families for a great summer and a joyous return to school in the Autumn.

POP - SA

By: Magda, Atiya, Hamida, Dilshani

We had a good summer with lots of activities and workshops. The children at POP have enjoyed the good outdoor summer weather, where every day we went to play and participated in different activities such as having running races, soccer, etc. Some brought out individual activities that they were interested to play outside. For example, one group showed interest in searching for lady bugs and ants. They cooperated to build houses for their lady bugs and ants and surround the houses with tree leaves. Another group used magnifying glasses to make fire. One child found a piece of tar lying on the ground. He took it and put it under the magnifying glass in the Sun. Other children did the same thing. They sat for long time waiting until the tar began to melt. They observed the changes to the tar piece under the sun and shared the observations with their friends

We had lots of fun with outdoor water-play every Thursday. This included Bubbles, spray bottles, and balloon games. After filling the balloon with water each child decorated it with different designs using permanent markers.

Our Summer was also filled with different workshops. Some of these workshops were held in our Room while others were held in the Banting and Best Centre, and they were about dancing and physical fitness. Some of the children were a little reluctant to participate in these workshops at first, but gradually they all joined and had an awesome time.

Yoga was a very successful workshop. Children were flexible and they all participated in and enjoyed the exercises. They began with simple Yoga poses such as the Tree pose, the Camel pose, and the Boat pose. The instructor asked the children to imagine themselves in the boat paddling or diving. He gave them choices about what to do next. The workshop ended with great game called Duck or Goose. The children had a lot of fun with it.

We also had the Mad Science workshop in our Room. The presenter talked about the 3 Golden Rules for the session, which are: Raise your hand, do not touch and have fun. He talked about forces: pushing and pulling. The children had an activity named the Balancing Paper Birds, which everyone liked very much. The Global Dance workshop and the Mystic Drums were a great success. The Jumping Castle was very much liked by all the children and all the children enjoyed it.

The children were interested in the Hama beads activities and created lots of designs. They liked to print different outdoor scenes and draw galaxies. The Origami week was full of paper airplanes, stars, and different shapes of birds. The older children helped the younger ones. The children spent time in the Drama Centre turning it into a coffee shop or a restaurant. Children created their own menu cards. They planned each other's roles in the coffee shop practice each other's role play. Their curiosity and imagination led them to learn many skills.

Our SA children like to play different board games that we have in our Room such as: Monopoly, Scrabble, Chess, the Game of life and many others. Overall, the summer was

safe, the weather was nice, and the outdoors allowed the children to have fun and exciting activities. Good luck everyone in the new school year.

POP – KG

By: Angela & Firdous

It has been a hot, but eventful summer in our POPKG program! We said goodbye to a lot of our classmates from the school year – but we did say hello to a new friend Angelica, who joined our class for the summer and will continue to join us this coming September. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our graduation ceremony at the end of the year – the children were very excited to perform the graduation walk and show their portfolios to their moms and dads! I am also very glad to have met some younger brothers and sisters from the party who will be joining our program when they are in JK!

We've been very lucky to participate in many workshops this summer – including a Mystic Drums workshop, Under the Sea dance and yoga party, Mad Science, Global Dance Party and even a jumping castle! We have been calling these “field trips” and every week the children are always excited to ask Angela if we are going on a field trip. We've also had some special event days, including a Show and Tell Day, a picnic day, a virtual Aquarium Day and a Gardening Day. We had a Track and Field Day, as well as a Pajama/Movie Day at the end of our summer program which the children loved.

The children have been very interested in Pokémon this summer, and as a class we came together to create a class Pokedex. We followed along with some drawing tutorials to draw some familiar Pokémon step by step (with some of our SKs assisting the JKs when needed). We combined all our pictures to create a classroom Pokedex, which is displayed proudly in our classroom! The children have also enjoyed playing board games like Sorry, Trouble Spot It, Bingo, and Bed Bugs, which helped teach cooperation, sportsmanship and self-regulation as children learned to take turns and follow directions to keep the game going. We also got a brand-new kitchen set in our classroom, which the children have been loving. They have been creating imaginary restaurants, family dinners with the toy babies, and picnics with one another during their dramatic play. We incorporated some math and literacy by encouraging children to write menus and count money to “buy” foods from their friends.

We will be saying goodbye to a lot of our class this September, as most of them will be moving to Grade 1. We wish them all the best and hope they never forget their memories in the Kinder program!

Just a reminder to families that the documentation boards highlighting children's activities will no longer be emailed to each parent. As parents are allowed to come into the centre, they will now be posted outside the classroom on the bulletin board for your viewing.

Here's to a great 2022/2023 school year!