



**BANTING AND BEST CHILD CARE CENTRE
NEWSLETTER
September 2023**

Centre Update

- ✦ Children had a fun filled summer with trips, workshops and activities.
- ✦ Last day of the summer camp is September 1st, 2023. We wish all the children leaving the summer camp Good Luck. We will miss you all.
- ✦ We would like to welcome Aviraj, Josuha, Chloe, Katherine, Hazel, Lucas, Kaleb, Charlotte, Colin, Sayin, Sherman, Damain & Dharrik to our Centre.
- ✦ Staff at the Centre will continue to follow the Toronto Public Health and Ministry of Education Operational Guidelines.
- ✦ Preschoolers 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 and Kindergarten groups, the staff will post their documentation in the room.
- ✦ The weather is changing, remember to dress your children appropriately. Please remember to send an extra set of clothes.
- ✦ 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!



Sept 1st – Samuel
Sept 10th – Thaenuyen
Sept 20th - Sherman
Sept 25th - Inaya

Junior Room

By: Atiya, Milly

The summer program this year was very successful and included a wide array of summer activities. During the first week of July, the center was closed. In the second week however, we had two special programs. The first program was a celebration of Canada Day. It was very festive and the children participated in face painting and wore temporary tattoos that were themed towards the holiday. In the same week, there was a jumping castle which was a fun way for the kids to get some exercise and sunshine in the summer. In the third week of July, the children watched a live show, by BAM Children's Entertainment Inc. The shows were interactive and included life-size puppets, which was very fun for the children to both watch and participate. The final week of July included a hands-on and educational fire truck visit. The children learned a lot about the importance of fire trucks and were able to see the equipment firefighters use during emergencies. July was an enjoyable month for the Junior Room children. In addition to this, they also had a chance to participate in balloon and kite day and experience making ice cream for the first time.

Moving on to August, we had two more live shows scheduled in the first week of the month. The first one was brought to us again by BAM Children's Entertainment Inc. and the second was presented by Mystic Drumz, which was a show that blended multicultural music themes and invited interactive participation from the audience. During the second week of August, we went on a trip to the Markham Museum. It was our very first trip taking the school bus and the children had a wonderful time. The subject being explored at the museum was transportation. They watched a show on the topic, participated in a craft and then had a snack break. The second part of the trip looked at pulleys and wheels, and it was explained to the children that they are used to help support movement and change of direction of a wheel and other forms of transportation. For the rest of the month, we had a special baking day in the room and jumping castle. We also had a picnic lunch in our playground. Towards the end of the month, we had sports day where the children participated in many recreational activities.

As the summer concludes, we wish Goodluck to Alfred, Austin, Kovan, Alaina and Chloe as they are starting kindergarten this September and welcome Silvio, Andy and Eric who are new to the Junior Room.

Senior Room

Bindu & Raina

The children were very happy and excited to see that summer is finally here and they can enjoy outdoor play. We see flowers blooming in various colors and we hear birds chirping on our way to daycare.

Some of our children graduated and moved to FDK. We had the graduation day with the parents in June. Parents were happy and proud to see their children with graduation hats. Parents took photos with their children wearing the hat and the graduation outfit. Proud moment for the parents!

The children were interested in Legos, bugs, transportation, and crafts. We made a train with recycled boxes and the children chose the colors they wanted to paint them with. They built different structures and vehicles with Lego blocks and added people to the structures. We turned our dramatic Centre into a dental office. We talked about the healthy way to keep our teeth. We taught them how to brush our teeth, how to use floss between the teeth, and eating healthy food to keep our teeth strong and cavity free. We had smoothie day and talked about the healthy foods and ingredients for the smoothies. The children mentioned their favorite fruits and they helped to measure the ingredients for the smoothies.

In July, we made Canadian flags to celebrate Canada Day. We had water play and so many exciting summer programs. Children were excited to play in the jumping castle. They took turns to go into the castle. While one group used the jumping castle, the other group played with bikes and balls while patiently waiting for their turns. Children also enjoyed watching the BAM "Totally Cool" Show and interacted well.

In the month of August, we went on a trip to Markham Museum. It was our first bus trip and the children enjoyed riding the bus. We sang songs during our bus rides. They explored and learned about the oldest forms to the newest forms of transportation. Children enjoyed doing some craft activities in the museum. On a Friday, we had Favorite Toy Day. Children brought their favorite toys, shared with their friends and talked about why it is special to them.

Everyone was excited and looking forward to the visit of the firetruck. The children learned about fire alarms and rescue methods. Some of the children touched and tried to carry the equipment with the help of the firefighters. The captain explained all about the fire truck. A firefighter showed how quickly they need to get ready for a rescue call. We watched the Paw Patrol movie, Firefighter Marshall Rescues. All the children made a Thank You card for the firefighter's team. At the end of the week, we turned our dramatic center into a fire station. Throughout their play, the children roleplayed as firefighters and fire trucks. We added firefighter costumes in the dramatic center to our play to enhance the children's imaginative play.

We had a wonderful summer together. We hope you have new and wonderful adventures. Have a safe and wonderful school year.

FDK 103

By: Bing & Firdous

This summer was full of games, activities, field trips, special guests, and so many more new experiences! We have really enjoyed the opportunity to experience summer with our campers and look forward to more summers together in the future.

In July, our FDK children spent a lot of time playing outside. This gave us a chance to discover more with Mother Nature. We found that the leaves on trees have different colors and made bookmarks with them. We also liked to watch ants, spiders, and butterflies when we played outside. In the class, we were interested in fire trucks. We explored in a tent in the shape of a fire truck, and learned the parts of a firetruck. We even made a cardboard firetruck by ourselves. We enjoyed watching the BAM show in the GYM. We danced and sung together with our lovely songs. That's so FUN.

In August, we learned about the ocean and ocean animals in our class. We watched a video to know the ocean zones. We painted a big brown paper in three parts to make our ocean zones and made some ocean animals using foam paper placed on it. We visited the Markham Museum by school bus. We learned the history of transportation with our guide and did lots of activities about the program. We also had lots of fun during outdoor water play time. The children enjoyed the jumping castle and looked forward to play again.

Through indoor activities, our children had a lot of chances to create arts, do dramatic plays, read books, make words using letters, playing with puzzles, and playing Tic-Tac-Toe together, but STRUCTURE is our favorite one in the class. We can use several different toys to build things from our imagination. Some of us used Lego blocks to make a farm for the small animals. Someone had liked to build a castle with foam blocks to hide a princess inside, and used magformers to build a truck move around the road. The linking cube toy is the one of our favorites toys in our class. We spent lots of time designing and making robots and dinosaurs with these small cubes.

Now, summer time will soon come to an end, but let's hope that we will have exciting experiments during the new school year. Have a safe and wonderful school year, everyone.

SA 102

By: Lily & Tharani

In June, the children explored STEM and sensory activities in the classroom. For STEM activities, the children made a spider web bridge using cups, string and tape. They counted how many cubes could fit on the web. The maximum number of cubes on the web was 69. With paper plates, the children did the longest paper plate STEM transformation. They cut the plate by following the circle shape, and they stretched out the strip on the carpet to measure the length. With a piece of paper, the children did a paper chain stem challenge. They cut out many strips according to the width that they wanted and glued them to make a chain, placed the paper chain on the carpet and used measuring tape to measure the length. The longest paper chain was 5.38 meters. For sensory, the children did a playdough volcano experiment, playing with Oobleck, water play, and moon sand.

In July, the summer camp started. For each week, we had planned special activities such as visiting the fire station by taking the TTC, sushi day, BAM! Show and show & tell. Every other week, we had a jumpy castle for the children to play in. For the first trip, we went to Station 242 to meet local firefighters and learned about fire safety. For the BAM show, the children enjoyed the show and they patiently waited their turns to answer questions. Two girls bravely volunteered to show their dance in front of all the SA group. For sushi day, the children worked together to slice cucumbers and crab rolls for toppings, and made sushi rice. One girl led the sushi rolling experience using her mat from home. During outdoor play, the children were using nets to catch butterflies and moths. After the rainy day, there were many snails on the grass. The children brought all the snails that they found to the carpet and they fed them leaves. In the classroom, the children explored some sensory activities such as water beads, slime, and Oobleck. For water beads, they had an idea to combine cornstarch with the water beads. For Oobleck, they asked the teacher to add food coloring and used their hands to grab the mixture. For slime, the children did a slime bubble contest. For show & tell day, the children brought things from home that are meaningful for them. The children took turns to do show & tell and answer questions.

In August, the children made ice cream in the classroom. The children got turns to cut mangoes and bananas into small chunks. They took turns to whip heavy cream using a hand mixer and mixed in mango, banana chunks and Oreo in two bowls of cream mixture. All the children voted that the Oreo flavor was the best one. For the school bus trip to Markham Museum, the children were really excited. They made a Rocketship with art materials and after they were done, the children lined up to test their Rocketship on the field. In the building, the instructor introduced transportation changes over time. The children explored the scarf cannon, Newton's cradle, pneumatic system, and rode on scooter, bike, and truck. For a community walk, we went to Dollarama to buy art and toy supplies, and went to Milliken Park for water play. For art, the girls did a tie dye experiment. 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.

SA 104

By: Monica & Dilshani

As the sun shines bright and the days grow longer, we're diving into a world of excitement. Over these recent months, we've had the chance to get to know one another better. Our crew has welcomed both familiar and new faces, and in the process, we've forged some truly strong connections that light up our group. Our visit to the Toronto Fire Station 242 gave us an up-close look at the life saving work of firefighters. From exploring the impressive fire engines to learning about fire safety protocols, the children gained a newfound appreciation for these brave individuals who protect our community.

Our other trip to the Markham Museum showed us where history comes to life through interactive exhibits and immersive experiences. Our tour focused on the ever-evolving idea of transportation through understanding the roots and its history to present day. One key memory that will last a lifetime was learning about the moustache cup where they learned about a method specific cup was made to protect moustaches.

Our minds were also a boundless well of ideas and creativity. From the captivating art of melting beads to the refreshing joy of water play, and from the creation of intricate tie-dye patterns to the exciting introduction of new modes of art, we've truly crafted a summer filled with enjoyment. Through activities like melting beads, children engage their fine motor skills and artistic expression as they transform colorful beads into creative personalized designs such as name tags, sunglasses, 3D creations. One of our many interests was our tie-dye t-shirt which enabled children to learn and put into practice their own patterns of colours in design. Water play, on the other hand, encourages sensory exploration and cooperative play, as children splash, pour, and discover the wonders of water together. With art, we learned that our ideas could extend into the practical world in which we demonstrate our capabilities and attention to detail.

Let us remember that the time spent here, isn't just about acquiring new skills; it's about creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime. So, let's make the most of every moment, preparing our young learners not only for academic success but also for a lifetime of curiosity, growth, and positive relationships. We learned to laugh and enjoy our summer to the fullest this year. Let us look forward to another academic year yet to come.

POP - SA

By: Magda, Rei & Hamida

We at POP had a very good, safe and busy summer. In July, we got to play on the Jumping Castle twice. The children really enjoyed the Jumping Castle. We had a Board Game Day. Two children assembled 5 puzzles and they were very proud of their achievement. Other children built a big house with Waffle Game. They also played chess and other games. We also attended Dream Field Elementary Workshop. It was amazing and the trainer was very active. She made the children participate and engaged in the activities. She asked questions, made them dance, sit and stand. It was about kindness. We should be nice to each other and help one another.

We had a movie afternoon and ate popcorn while we watched the movie. We went on a trip to a Fire Station. We used the TTC and the children enjoyed the bus ride. At the fire station, the children listened to the instructor and asked questions. In August, we went on a trip to the Markham Museum. The museum instructor took us to the transportation section where she discussed with the children how transportation changed between the past and the present. The children got to do different science experiments, built a big train track, rode on different vehicles and went outdoors where the instructor gave them materials to make a rocket ship and showed them how to do it. When we finished doing this activity, we practiced how to make a rocket ship fly. We then ate our lunch at the picnic tables before riding back to school. Angela and the children worked hard to do a lemonade stand and they raised over 100 dollars. We used some of the money to buy pizza and chips for a pizza party and decided to donate the rest of the money to the homeless shelters. During the pizza party, the children played different games and listened to music. It was a lot of fun and we had a great day. We also got to play on the Jumping Castle two more times in the month of August. The children liked working with Hama beads and made beautiful creations. For baking activities, we had a Pizza Day making our pizza from scratch. We also had a Hotdog Bun Day along with making two different shaped sweet baklavas. The baklava activity was a very successful project with the children where they made a round shaped baklava with syrup but no fillings. The other was triangular with a dark chocolate filling. The children also asked to make frozen lemonade popsicles which they enjoyed.

We went outdoors every day and enjoyed the summer weather while playing soccer games, running races, playing 4 squares, volleyball, badminton, etc. The summer weather has been great and the children enjoyed lots of their activities in the fresh air. Good luck to everyone in the new school year.

POP – KG

By: Jolentha

Summer of 2023 has officially come to an end and another school year begins. The sound of cicadas is heard all around us in the morning, buzzing their songs about the end of summer. Endings come with new beginnings but before we start our new journey ahead, let's recap all the things that the Prince of Peace Kindergarten class has done this Summer.

We start back in July, our new beginnings, we met everyone, we were shy to talk to new friends, we also met old friends we knew from school, we learned to play with each other in the classroom respectfully. At the beginning we were too shy to make new friends and stayed with the friends we knew; we played with blocks and drew many pictures. Our first week was about learning to make new friends. We made friendship bracelets, at first for ourselves and our family members. Our friend J came back the next day with friendship bracelets with our names on it. Thank you, J, for the wonderful bracelets you've made for each of us.

We had the most fun when we got to go on trips and events. We also got to jump on different bouncing castles. We tried new jumping movements in a safe environment, and jumped till we were exhausted. We watched a BAM show about Friendship and to tell the truth, we learned about healthy eating as well from another Bam Show. Mystic Drumz came to perform a piece about the Marshmallow Island and how Froggy was trying to find his dad, who had disappeared to Marshmallow Island. It was about Froggy's journey to find his dad. We got to dance and interact with all the musical creatures from the show. We even got to meet an Alien from the island of Marshmallow Island. (P.S. It was just one of our very own POP classmates who was dressed up as an Alien, but we didn't know it was him.) We got to ride on a School bus to the Markham Museum. This was exciting, and when we came to a railroad crossing, we learned that we had to be super quiet so the bus driver could hear if a train was coming. At the Museum we learned about transportation, and learned that transportation could be through air, land and sea. Did you know that the oldest transportation in the world is our feet. The Firetruck visit was a blast, and we got to ask all the questions we wrote down to the Firefighters. They learned so much about the truck they drove; it was a Pumper Truck which pumps out water. They let us carry their heavy tool bag that they carry when they go to put out fires. We got to sit in the captain's seat and the driver seat as well. We got to see the inside and outside of the firetruck. It was an amazing tour of the firetruck.

We didn't just have fun outdoors; we also did exciting things indoors as well. We did some cooking activities such as making S'mores, which was so sticky and gooey to eat but we loved it. The days were hot so we decided to make our own popsicles, by adding gummies and poured a refreshing beverage of Sprite and froze them to make Gummy Pops. It was so delicious and thirst quenching on a hot summer day. The children made cupcakes, we learned to crack an egg, pour ingredients and mix them all together. For the Icing, we got to choose the colours that we wanted. They piped their own cupcakes and designed it with sprinkle toppings.

By August, we've started to learn to play with new friends. I could see that all the children were starting to form new groups to play with as well. I've seen them play, grow, learn, comfort, encourage, and most of all build a friendship with one another. I could write more about the wonderful things we've done in the classroom but it won't be as wonderful as coming into our classroom and looking at the wonderful pictures. I encourage you to come and visit us and flip through our Binder (SAY CHEESE! POP KG Documentation). Wishing all the Summer Class of POP Kindergarten all the best for the new school year.