



**BANTING AND BEST CHILD CARE CENTRE
NEWSLETTER
September 2025**

Centre Update

- ✚ Children had a fun filled summer with trips, workshops and activities.
- ✚ The last day of the summer camp is August 29, 2025. We wish all the children leaving the summer camp Good Luck. We will miss you all.
- ✚ We would like to welcome all the children who are enrolling in our program in September
- ✚ Labor Day is on September 1, 2025. The Centre is CLOSED.
- ✚ School Reopens on September 2, 2025.
- ✚ Staff at the Centre will continue to follow the Toronto Public Health and Ministry of Education Operational Guidelines.
- ✚ The weather is changing, so 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. Please do not bring any breakfast and snacks containing peanuts and tree nuts. Please make sure that all foods have the ingredients list including any treats in the Loot bag.



Sept 1st – Samuel
Sept 10th – Johnavier
Sept 13th – Aaliyah
Sept 18th – Camilla
Sept 23rd - Autumn

Sept 6th – Lorraine
Sept 9th - Jessica
Sept 14th – Gracy P
Sept 20th - Grace C & Sherman

Junior Room

By: Atiya, Milly & Joanne

The summer months in the Junior Room have been filled with sunshine, creativity, and joyful learning. Our journey through June, July, and August continues to offer opportunities for growth, exploration, and connections with the children and their families. Taking advantage of the warmer weather has given us plenty of time to celebrate special moments, enjoy outdoor activities, and dive into hands-on projects that spark our imaginations.

June marked a significant milestone as we celebrated Graduation Day for our junior preschoolers moving up. The event also marked an important milestone in each child's early learning journey, marking their growth, confidence, and readiness for new challenges. The moment was proud and emotional for both educators and families as we celebrated each child's achievements and progress. "Click!" The children were in their graduation regalia, accepting their certificates and smiling in the graduation picture. Thank you to all the families who joined us to celebrate this special day!

In July, we welcomed new friends into the Junior Room! Kindness and empathy were displayed by the children as they helped our new classmates adjust and feel at home. Our time together was spent playing cooperative games, creating art with the group, and enjoying the outdoors. It's been heartwarming to see how quickly the children have connected and created a positive, inclusive environment.

August brought a wave of excitement with the much-anticipated BAM show, "Splash Splash!" With its colorful characters and playful storytelling, the show had children laughing, clapping, and completely captivated. Children enjoyed the interactive elements of the performance, which encouraged them to participate and use their imaginations. It was a delightful and memorable experience—an inspiring way to end the summer with creativity, curiosity, and joy.

Throughout the summer, it has been a pleasure to work alongside our wonderful educators, families, and children. Thank you to all our families for your continued support and partnership. We're looking forward to a vibrant and engaging fall season ahead!

Senior Room Amy & Raina

Our senior preschoolers had a wonderful summer!

In June, our preschoolers had a great time enjoying outdoor play. We loved the sunshine and especially our brand-new playground, which was completed at the end of May. The children were so excited to explore the new space. They had fun sliding down the new slide, digging and building in the big sandbox, and testing their skills on the rock-climbing area. One of the biggest highlights was playing hide and seek around the lobster trap. At the end of June, we celebrated the achievements and the growth of our little graduates. We had a memorable graduation ceremony with their families. It marked the beginning of a new chapter, and our little graduates are now ready to continue their journey of learning and discovery. We also welcomed new friends into our senior room—some transitioned from the junior room, while others joined us from the wider community. We're excited to grow and learn together in the months ahead!

In July, we had an exciting animal show! A special presenter visited and brought a variety of animals for the children to see. We had the chance to meet a hedgehog, turtle, snake, bunny, and several other fascinating creatures. It was a fun and educational experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The excitement continued with a visit from the fire truck — a highly anticipated event for our preschoolers! We also had the jump castle, which is always a favorite activity among the children.

In August, we enjoyed a BAM show called "*Splish Splash*." The children had a great time in the gym watching the fantastic performance together. They sang and danced along with the staff. During the show, they also learned about new musical instruments, what to do if they get hurt at the beach, and discussed their favorite fruits and vegetables. Following the fire truck visit in July, we extended the excitement by setting up a fire truck theme in the dramatic centre in August. The children even created their own fire truck out of cardboard boxes. In August, we went on a field trip to the nearby supermarket. The children were very excited to explore and observe a colorful variety of fruits, fresh vegetables, seafood, and many other grocery items. It was a fun and educational experience that gave them a closer look at the different types of food we eat every day.

We would like to give a hearty welcome to all new and returning families who will be joining the Senior Preschool room after September. We will continue to work on our ongoing goals for preparation for Junior kindergarten.

FDK 103

By: Bing, Judy, Najma

During the spring time, FDK children had a lot activities to learn about the plants. They watched the strawberry plants grow in our Kindergarten playground. They picked up the dandelions on the grass area and blew the seeds of dandelions. As Earth Day approaches, they learned about the Earth and the solar system, gaining an understanding of stars and planets. They learned about different cultures by exploring Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, and the Dragon Boat Festival. Through the activity of making zongzi (sticky rice dumplings), they extend this cultural learning into their own families.

This summer was full of games, activities, field trips, special guests, and so many new experiences! FDK children have really enjoyed the opportunity to experience summer. They were interested in fire trucks. They explored in a tent in the shape of a fire truck, and learned the parts of fire truck. They even made a cardboard fire truck by themselves. They enjoyed watching the BAM show, dancing and singing together with their lovely songs. That's was FUN! They learned about ocean and ocean animals in our class. They painted a big brown paper in three parts to make our ocean zones and made some ocean animals using foam paper to placed on it. We visited a local supermarket. We learnt about fresh fruits and vegetables in the store. We also had lots of fun during outdoor water play time and the jumping castle.

Through indoor activities, our children had a lot of chances to create crafts, 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. FDK children can use several different toys to build things from their imagination. Some of them 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 they used Magformers to build a truck to move around the road. The linking cube toy is the one of our favorite toys in our class. We spent lots of time to design robots, dinosaurs with these small cubes.

A new school year is coming, let's hope that we will have more exciting experiments in FDK room. Have a safe and wonderful school year, everyone.

SA 102

Lily & Tharani

This June was full of creativity, curiosity, and cultural exploration! The children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities that brought both fun and learning into their day. One of the highlights was our **Crochet Club**, where children learned the basics of crocheting — developing fine motor skills and patience while creating their own little masterpieces. To top it all off, we took a tasty trip overseas with a **Vietnamese Rice Paper Roll** workshop! The children learned how to prepare and roll their own delicious rice paper rolls, exploring new flavours while learning about Vietnamese culture.

July was an exciting and energetic month at camp, filled with hands-on activities, creative fun, and unforgettable memories! We kicked things off with the **Poison Candy Game**, where campers had a blast working in teams to outsmart their opponents in this high-energy challenge. Our little scientists then explored the world of magnetism during our **Iron Sand Collection** activity, searching for magnetic particles and learning along the way. Mid-month, the aroma of freshly baked goodness filled the air as campers created their own delicious masterpieces on **Homemade Pizza Day**. It was followed by the ever-popular **Slime Day**, where campers got messy and creative with their colorful, gooey concoctions! Our **Show & Tell** sessions gave campers a chance to shine as they brought in special items from home and practiced their public speaking skills in front of peers. To wrap up the month, we had a special visit from some amazing **Exotic Animals**! Campers were thrilled to get up close to the animals and experience touching the animals they don't see every day — a truly wild experience.

August has been a month full of excitement, creativity, and unforgettable moments! Our young explorers jumped into hands-on activities, outdoor adventures, and imaginative projects that kept everyone smiling and learning. Here's a look at what we've been up to: We kicked off the month by designing a **3D basketball court**, combining art, sports, and teamwork. Kids had a blast making **balloon fun with dancing people**, showing off their imagination and rhythm. Our field trip to the **Scarborough Museum** brought history to life, and the children loved stepping back in time. The **jumpy castle** was a huge hit, giving everyone a chance to bounce, laugh, and let loose! We also cooled down with a tasty treat—**making homemade ice cream and fresh lemonade** from scratch!

As we step into the next month, we're excited to continue the journey with even more learning, laughter, and new adventures. Stay tuned—there's so much more to come!

SA 104

By: Sajiththa, Firdous & Gowri

June was all about imagination and hands-on building. The children worked on cardboard construction projects where they assembled airplane parts and even designed their own engines as part of our airport theme. In preparation for Father's Day, they poured their love into thoughtful crafts and plants to bring home. We also celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day by making beautiful suncatchers, learning about the meaning of this day. The children explored sticker making and created thank you cards for teachers to show their appreciation at the end of the school year as we look forward to a joyful summer.

July was packed with outdoor adventures and teamwork. We started by celebrating Canada Day with handmade flags, followed by an outdoor scavenger hunt in nature and plenty of team games to keep everyone active. Creativity and engineering came alive as the children-built robots with blocks and cardboard, and they even became mini chefs making yummy pizzas and cupcakes. A visiting scientist wowed everyone with hands-on experiments, and the children also enjoyed meeting animals up close during our Hands-on Exotics program. We had fun printing with leaves, mixing up our own bubble solution, and playing exciting card games together.

August was bursting with color and energy. The children explored their artistic side with outdoor spray painting and worked together on indoor scavenger hunts. They also cooled off with homemade lemonade and a sweet treat of mango mousse! To stay active indoors, we organized gross motor games and friendly paper chain challenges. Jumpy castles added extra excitement for the children. Our STEM activities encourage problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity, making for a perfect end to the summer season.

We are so proud of how much the children learned and accomplished this summer—while having so much fun along the way! Thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to see what the fall brings!

POP - SA

By: Magda & Hamida

At Prince of Peace summer was exciting and busy with lots of different craft activities in the room. Also, outdoor activities like soccer, basketball, volleyball, running races and many more. Plus, water play every Thursday whenever the weather permitted.

In July we started our camp doing slime, all the children liked the feeling of making it, stretching the slime and doing things with it like bouncy balls. A few children started doing things with Hamma beads, then the rest of them followed. Most of the class were busy crating different shapes of key chain and other creations with Hamma beads. For the whole month of July, their creation needed black. Educators borrowed and bought black Hamma beads to complete their projects.

We had bracelet day; they created friendship bracelets and beautiful necklaces for their friends and family for the whole week. The children enjoyed the walk to B&B to have fun on the jumpy castle two times in July. Then one more time in August.

The children also attended hands on Hands on Exotic work shop. It was amazing, they got to hold the parrot on their arms, touch the rabbit, turtle and Mexican fire leg tarantula. They got to see different kinds of animals like the bearded dragon that lives in Australia. They learned that it lives 4-10 years and they have the ability to puff out and darken their beards when threatened and their capacity to run on 2 legs. They eat insects, plants, fruits, vegetables and flowers and they have 3 eyes. The 3rd eye is on top of their head. The children learned more stuff about different animals and they were paying attention and cooperating during the workshop.

For cooking and baking we made fruit salad, bean salad because the children asked me one day while eating the bean salad at snack, can we make more of it since everyone likes it? We decided to make it ourselves from scratch. The children worked together to cut lots of vegetables like carrots, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers and 3 kinds of beans. Also, some pasta. It was a very good experience for them to make. They tasted it to see if it needed more salt or lemon. They enjoyed eating the salad.

We made blueberry banana frozen yogurt, we added fresh fruit to it and enjoyed eating after the gym or outdoor play. We got watermelon and made frozen popsicle sticks out of it. We made whole wheat pizza from scratch. Two children asked to make cinnamon buns so we made pizza and cinnamon buns from the same dough. Each child made his or her own pizza and an extra one for someone else, later they all shared the pizza and the cinnamon bun, they made, it was very good learning experience for the whole class. We also planned to make slushies from the watermelon, thanks to Ellen who got us the machine for the slushies and smoothies. Now we planning to make slushies often!

Our children went to jump city and enjoyed riding the TTC bus ride. The had a marvelous time at Jump city exploring all the activities. We will say bye to some friends and welcome new friends in September. Have a safe summer!

POP – KG

By: Jolentha

Summer is coming to an end but the memories of what we've shared will be always with us. I hope that wherever our life's journey may take us, new school, new neighborhoods, or just coming back again for the next school year. That you'll remember the summer of 2025.

We started the camp with an open heart and mind, learning in new environments and making new friends. The kindergarten group really took an interest in DIY projects. We made keychains from Perler Beads. The fun thing with Perler Beads is that the children would have to follow pixel pattern forms. Which encouraged to look for specific colours and also count how many of that bead they needed, and following grids and directions. This was a fun activity the children would come up with ideas like Axolotl, Popsicles, Lollipop, Pokemon characters and Minecraft items and others.

The children were interested in Minecraft because the movie Minecraft was also very popular amongst the children. They would request to sing Steve's Lava Chicken from the movie. We also did activities around the Minecraft world such as using tangram shapes to make mine craft tools. We turned a paper bag into Steve's Lava Chicken. The dramatic centre was also changed into a Minecraft Lava Chicken Stall.

Our Summer was also filled with fun presentations from BAM Shows. They came to teach the children to stay hydrated and eating healthy through song and dance. We had a group called Exotic Animals also come in and show the children different exotic pets like the Corn Snake, Ferret, Tortoise, Bearded dragon and a Tarantula. We got to touch and pet some of those items listed and learned fun facts about each animal. We got to observe our community helpers like the paramedics from the EMS crew. The children learned about in what situations will you need to call 911 emergencies. The Paramedics checked all the children's vital signs and oxygen level they all passed the health check. Then we got to go into the Ambulance for a tour of the inside of the vehicle. As they were leaving, they blared their EMS Ring as we waved good bye.

We visited our neighborhood parks and explored the play structures testing our strength in climbing, and hanging off bars.

Food activities was also a favorite in the classroom. They got to learn to use child friendly knives to cut up watermelons and then skewer a popsicle stick in to make watermelon pops. We also did this with bananas dipping them into yogurt and adding sprinkles and freezing it over to enjoy a delicious cold treat for the summer.

Jumpy Castle is amongst the most exciting activity that the children look forward to every other Friday. The children would get excited every time we walk towards the back kindergarten area and seeing the giant inflatable castle.

We will be dyeing shirts to remember the summer of 2025. I hope your next school year will be as colorful and bright like our shirts. Keep on smiling and stay safe until we meet again or for some, I'll see you in the next school year.

