



BANTING AND BEST CHILD CARE CENTRE NEWSLETTER September 2026

Centre Update

- New School Year officially starts on Sept. 8, 2026
- We would like to Welcome all the new children and their families, that have joined our centre.
- Reminder to families about Safe Arrival, please make sure to give us a call or email us if your child will be late or absent from the program. We will start calling families after 10:45 am and afternoon children after 3:45 pm
- We had a **temporary re-location** of the **Prince of Peace School-Age and Kindergarten programs** to the main location from June 30 – August 28, 2026. We are back official at Prince of Peace C.S. on Sept. 8, 2026. Educators are still trying to organize and set up their rooms. If you need to reach the Prince of Peace Location educators, please call (647) 639-2747. The designated cellphone will be on during operation hours from 7 – 9 am and 3:15 pm – 6 pm. If you need to reach the educators at other times please call (416) 291-6163 or email the centre and we will pass the message on.
- There has been a shuffle of Educators in the School Age Programs at Banting and Best location. Firdous is now in SA 102 and Tharani is in SA 104. The educator switch was needed to support our special needs children in the transition into the new program room.
- We have had another successful summer. Some special events or trips that the children visited were Markham Museum, Happy Kingdom, Thompson Memorial Park, Milne Dam Conservation Park, Bam Entertainment presentation, Hands on Exotics, Fire Truck visit, Fire station visit, Mad Science, Scientist in schools, ROM Trip and our Jumpy Castle visits.

Educator's Meeting
Sept. 16, 2026 at 6:15 pm

Board Meeting - Virtual
Sept. 30, 2026 at 6:15 pm

E-mail: bantingandbestcc@gmail.com

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The Centre is a peanut-free environment. Please do not bring any breakfast and snack containing peanuts and tree nuts. Please make sure that all foods have the ingredients list including any treats in the Loot bag.



Samuel D – Sept. 1

Jessica – Sept. 9

Grace & Sherman – Sept. 20

Jahnae - Sept. 5

Leo – Sept. 11

Autumn & Austin – Sept. 23

Cindy – Sept. 8

Aaliyah – Sept. 13

JR ROOM

By: Joanne, Milly & Atiya

The past few months in the Junior Room have been filled with exciting experiences, joyful learning, and wonderful opportunities to explore our community. From visiting local places to celebrating special milestones, the children have enjoyed many hands-on experiences that encouraged curiosity, learning, and connection.

May was a wonderful start to our spring adventures as we visited a beautiful garden. The children had the opportunity to explore the garden, observe different plants and flowers, and connect with nature. They enjoyed looking closely at the colourful flowers and plants while sharing their observations with their friends and educators. This experience encouraged the children to develop an appreciation for nature while using their senses to explore and discover the world around them.

In June, we celebrated Graduation Day with our junior preschoolers as they prepared to move on to their next learning adventure. It was a special and meaningful milestone that celebrated the children's growth, confidence, and accomplishments throughout their time in the Junior Room. The children proudly wore their graduation gowns, received their certificates, and smiled for their graduation photos. We were so proud to celebrate this special moment with the children and their families. Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make the celebration so memorable!

July brought an exciting visit from a local fire truck! The children were thrilled to see the fire truck up close and learn more about the important work firefighters do in our community. They had the opportunity to observe the truck, explore some of its features, and learn about fire safety. This hands-on experience helped the children develop a better understanding of fire trucks and the important role firefighters play in keeping our community safe. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with an important part of their community.

In August, we enjoyed a special visit to a local pastry shop! The children were excited to explore the shop and learn more about different types of pastries. They observed the variety of baked goods and talked about their shapes, colours, and smells. This hands-on community experience encouraged the children to use their senses, ask questions, and make connections to everyday life. It was a sweet and memorable way to enjoy the end of the summer together!

As we look back on these past few months, we are grateful for all the wonderful experiences we have shared with the children and their families. Each visit, celebration, and exploration has created meaningful opportunities for the children to learn, discover, and grow together. Thank you to all our families for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming the fall season with many more exciting learning adventures ahead!

SR ROOM

By: Amy & Raina

May was a wonderful month filled with love and appreciation. The children enjoyed creating beautiful Mother's Day paper bouquets, using their creativity to make special gifts for the important people in their lives. We were also delighted to celebrate Mother's Day with our families, sharing smiles, activities, and meaningful moments together. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the celebration so memorable.

June was an exciting month of learning and celebration. The children had fun designing and building 3D paper pizzas, which encouraged creativity, fine motor skills, and imaginative play. We also celebrated our Graduation Ceremony, recognizing our preschool graduates as they prepared for their next adventure in kindergarten. We are so proud of all they have accomplished and wish them continued success.

July marked the beginning of our Summer Camp, and we had so much fun together! We were excited to welcome several new children to our senior preschool room, with one joining us from the Junior Room and others coming from outside the centre. The children enjoyed an exciting Fire Truck visit, explored fascinating animals during Hands on Exotics, and cooled off by making their own delicious ice cream and fruit smoothies. One of the biggest highlights was spending time in the jumping castle, which quickly became everyone's favourite activity! We also enjoyed colourful face painting, lots of bubble fun, and created amazing recycled material projects, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and imaginative play.

August continued the summer excitement with even more memorable activities. The children built a 3D cardboard box car wash machine, enjoyed a fun visit to the library, and had a relaxing movie day with their friends. Crazy Hair Day brought lots of laughter as everyone showed off their unique hairstyles, and of course, the jumping castle remained a favourite activity! It has been a joyful summer filled with learning, creativity, friendships, and unforgettable experiences. Thank you

to all of our families for your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful season of learning and growing together!

B&B Kindergarten Summer Camp

By: Bing, Judy & Gowri

During the spring time, FDK children had a lot activities to learn about the plants. They watched the follows on the strawberry plants in the garden in our daycare playground. They picked up the dandelions on the grass area and blow 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 more new experiences! FDK children have really enjoyed the opportunity to experience summer. They were interested in fire trucks. They learned the parts of fire truck during the fire truck came to visit us. 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 so 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 placed on it. We visited a local supermarket. We learned the fresh fruits and vegetables in the store. We went to the public library and read books in the library. We also had lots of fun during outdoor water play time and played with jumpy castle.

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. 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 used Magformers to build a truck move around the road. The IO block toy is the one of our favorite toys in our class. We spent lots of time to design and made robots, dinosaurs with these small blocks. FDK children explored the science activities with "Scientist in School" program and liked to make some the small things by themselves in the class. 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 SUMMER CAMP

By: Lily & Tharani

June was a wonderful month of outdoor exploration and discovery for the children. They spent time in nature observing beetles and other small creatures, developing curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the natural world. They carefully observed their colours, shapes, movements, and habitats, sharing their observations with one another. They also explored the outdoors by collecting oil sand, giving them an opportunity to investigate its texture, colour, and natural properties.

July was an exciting month as our summer camp officially began! The children enjoyed a variety of creative, hands-on, and educational activities that encouraged them to explore, imagine, and discover. One of their favourite activities was creating their own fabric bags using colourful fabric paints. The children enjoyed choosing their colours and designs, expressing their creativity, and proudly showing off their unique artwork. Science was also a big part of our summer learning. The children had fun with a Cosmic Rocket experiment, using the science set to explore how rockets work and making exciting discoveries through hands-on experimentation. The children also had the opportunity to make a 3D hologram projector, which introduced them to an exciting and different way of experiencing images and technology. A special highlight of the month was our visit to the Royal Ontario Museum. The children enjoyed exploring the exhibits and discovering new things about science, nature, history, and the world around them.

August was another exciting month of summer camp filled with fun outings, exploration, and new experiences! The children enjoyed spending time outdoors at Thomson Park, where they had opportunities to play, explore nature, and enjoy the beautiful summer weather. We also visited Markham Museum, where the children explored the exhibits and learned more about history, community, and life in the past. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn outside the classroom. On another fun-filled day, the children had a great time at Happy Kingdom Indoor Playground. They enjoyed climbing, running, playing, and using their imaginations in a safe and active environment.

As our summer camp comes to an end, we are grateful for all the wonderful memories we created together. From creative art and exciting science experiments to museum visits, outdoor adventures, and fun-filled play, the children experienced many opportunities to learn, explore, and grow. Thank you to all the children and families for making this summer so special.

SA 104 SUMMER CAMP

By: Sajitha, Firdous & Helen

In April, we focused on understanding our emotions and learning how to express them effectively. The children explored sensory activities such as slime, cornstarch playdough, and kinetic sand. As the weather became warmer, we started gardening by planting sunflower, tomato, and hot pepper seeds. We also made orange and pineapple juice, giving the children an opportunity to explore new flavours. For Easter, we organized an outdoor Easter egg hunt and visited a neighborhood church on Easter Monday, allowing the children to learn about different religions, cultures, and traditions.

In May, our Eco Club encouraged the children to think creatively about reusing plastic bottles. Some children created colourful sensory bottles, while others made rockets and bird feeders. We also celebrated Mother's Day by creating a beautiful photobooth decorated with handmade flowers. The children made thoughtful cards and bouquets for their mothers and loved ones. We ended the month by exploring Mexican cuisine and making veggie tacos together. The children enjoyed being involved in the process by chopping, mixing, and creating their own tacos, while developing independence and learning about another culture.

In June and July, we continued learning through exciting hands-on experiences and outdoor activities at summer camp. We talked about the importance of Vitamin C while making lemonade and enjoyed imaginative ice cream shop play and group games. We learned about Indigenous peoples, cultures, and traditions, and visited a local fire station to learn about fire safety and the important work of firefighters. The children also enjoyed Hands-On Exotics experience with a variety of animals, a jumpy castle, outdoor painting, and creating cardboard creations. We had a wonderful time visiting Milne Dam Conservation Park, where the children explored nature, enjoyed outdoor activities, and shared a picnic together. These experiences provided many opportunities for creativity, curiosity, social development, and making special memories together.

POP SA SUMMER CAMP

by: Magda

Prince of Peace this summer was challenging, but also exciting. In the last two weeks of June we started organizing ourselves to move from POP to Banting and Best location because Prince of Peace was being renovated. In July and August, we attended a few interesting workshops. The children enjoyed our first workshop in our room (107), the Mad Science living in space workshop. They learned about planets, stars, the moon and rocks. They also learned how astronauts eat, and sleep in a vertical bag. They were listening, paying attention, engaged and asked questions.

We also attended Bam show and Hands on Exotics which was amazing. They got to hold and touch different animals and learn how to care for them. The ROM trip was an amazing and exciting day for the children. They got to ride the school bus, discovered and see different dinosaurs and learning about them. They played in the play area as well.

Another exciting science workshop was about exploring amusement park rides. The instructor asked questions like, "How do bumper rides work? What types of rides do you like to ride?" She gave the children a bumper car task and asked them to test it. Another activity she did was making a spinning ride. She provided each child with straw, a piece of clay and a piece of string. The children were listening attentively, cooperating, helping each other to make the experiment work. She called them scientists which made them proud. It was a very successful workshop.

We enjoyed having the jumping castle a few times during these two months in our playground. We went outdoors every day twice a day weather permitting. We had running races, played basketball, soccer, volleyball, hide and seek and other ball games. We always discussed healthy lifestyles and how to eat healthy. We made healthy refreshing treats for the children to enjoy on those hot summer days. Once a week we made watermelon slushies, or banana yogurt smoothies which they really enjoyed. The children were always busy in our room building structures with the waffle block materials, and ping pong. They built buildings, connected them to roller coasters and used marbles to run over the buildings. They folded origami, made jet planes and took them outside to fly. Made water bottle hangers with beads, shaped clay, slime and playdoh, and decorated their own unique shopping bag. There are still a few weeks until school starts and we will be saying bye to some friends. Thanks to Banting and Best, we enjoyed the summer.

POP Kindergarten Summer Camp

By: Jolentha

Summer is a time for new adventures, new experiences, and making new friends. This summer, I had the chance to meet a new group of children and learn and discover their ideas of the world. Let me share with you all the things we did for the summer.

We started the summer off by making friendship bracelets. It is a fun and creative activity that brings people together. We can choose our favourite colours, create different patterns, and make a special bracelet for ourselves or a friend.

During the summer we had special guests that also came to present their knowledge in science, drama, arts, and the community.

We had a special visitor come from Mad Science to teach us about Dinosaurs, our group had fans of dinosaurs. We got to learn about the dinosaurs and what happened to them and what was left behind on this earth. The children got to dig through the fossil bin and we had to use tweezers and brushes to take out the bones from the sand bins. They worked together as paleontologists discovering fossils. We had the pleasure of meeting another Scientist coming from Scientist in the School. He taught us about science meets art. He showed us a wonderful trick with two images, one of a bat flapping its wing up and on the other side the same bat flapping its wing down. When we hold the stick and roll the stick between our hands we can see the image of a bat flapping. The children got to make their own cat puppet, we were making shadow puppets. We learned in ancient times they told stories through shadow puppets and movement which in turn became animation as we see today.

One thing I wanted to try this summer was to make No bake recipes. Our group tried three recipes of no bake items. The first being a No Bake Cinnamon Roll. We took bread and rolled the bread flat, we added ingredients to our margarine, cinnamon and sugar and spread it on the bread and then rolled it up and cut it up and enjoyed it. Next we tried making Apple Donuts, I prepped the Apples for the children and they got to adding their own ingredients onto their donut, they had the choice of yogurt base or a pea butter base for the donut, then they got the sprinkle chocolate chip or raisins on top of the donut. Our third recipe we tried was a banana pop, the children sliced their banana and skewed them onto a popsicle stick and dipped it into yogurt, then had the choice of sprinkle rice crispy cereal bits, granola or chocolate chip. Then off to the freezer it went for a nice summer treat.

In the classroom the children explored and discovered new things by making craft projects of shrinky dink charms. Building perler bead creations of pokeballs and pokemon, they discovered that we have a lot of friends in the classroom that were

also interested in pokemon. We also had a group of friends who love K-pop Demon Hunter, putting on a concert in the dramatic centre using the K-pop Demon hunter masks for dramatic play as the characters as well.

As we continue our summer adventures, I hope there will be lots more fun, laughter, and exciting moments ahead.

Wishing everyone a fantastic new school year filled with new adventures and wonderful memories.

Don't be afraid to make new friends, discover and try new things and hope to share it with all of you again next summer.