

NEWSLETTER

FIRST ADVENTURE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

September 2018



**CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT AROUSES EACH CHILD'S
CURIOSITY, BUILDS TRUST, ENCOURAGES FRIENDSHIPS & PUTS
CHILDREN FIRST.
PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL
CHILDREN.**

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A Message of Welcome to Our New Children and Families

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, it is with great excitement and anticipation that we welcome new children and families into our First Adventure Family. We are all eager to build trusting relationships with you and your family and if there is anything that we can do to ease the transition please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and ideas.



SPACES AVAILABLE

Bridge St. Campus

September

Infant Program

Full

Toddler Program

Full time spaces

Lower Preschool

Part time spaces

2nd Floor Preschool

Part time spaces

Georges Vanier Campus

Preschool Program

Full time spaces

School Aged B&A

Part time spaces

Parent Volunteers All volunteers, including parents, will be required to have a current Criminal Reference Check including a Vulnerable Sector Search on file at the centre should they wish to volunteer. We are providing a copy of a form letter for you to take to the police station along with 2 pieces of identification, one of which must be photo identification. It may take up to two weeks so we are encouraging you to start the process now before all of the school board requests go in. If you have one on file you will be required to complete an offence declaration annually.



Friday, September 28 is a PA day for the Hastings & Prince Edward and Algonquin & Lakeshore School Boards. If you are needing care for your school aged child please contact Lori at 613-969-8316. Spaces are limited.

Introducing our Exceptional Team of Professional Educators

Truly our staff are a team of compassionate, warm professionals with a breadth of expertise second to none in this community.

Bridge

Susan is our early morning staff opening the Bridge St. campus, however this year she will be on sabbatical finishing her final placements from Mon. to Thurs. beginning Sept. 24. During this time our amazing educator Pam will be opening and on the early morning shift until Susan's return.

On our Infant Team I would like to introduce Ashley H and Brittani who work very hard and compassionately to build trusting, loving relationships with all of our babies and supporting families.

Our Toddler Team is comprised of a dynamic and energetic team of Ashley W, Sherry, and Paige, who will create valuable experiences that will engage and challenge our toddlers.

Kim, Liz and Sandra make up our caring, creative and talented Lower Level Preschool Team. Their ability to inspire the imagination in young children is reflected in the joyful sounds of the children. They are a loving and caring trio who are able to support each child to flourish by creating experiences that are interesting, challenging and supporting.

Marilyn, Rachel, Pam, and Courtney make up our 2nd Floor Preschool Team and this quartet are experts in creating compassionate, caring learning environments that challenge children, supports their sense of belonging, curiosity, creativity, and builds confidence and resiliency.

Alison will be working the late shift until 6:00 p.m. to meet and greet our families at the end of the day, and throughout the day Alison is a valuable member of our infant team.

In the Kitchen we have our talented cook Kelly who is able to create healthy nutritious food that inspires the children to eat and supports their health and well-being.

For those able to make the journey to the top, up on the third floor is where you will find Mary Ellen and Debbie. Marc provides maintenance and custodial support to our beautiful space both inside and outside and in addition he has amazing woodworking skills making custom equipment for both campuses.

Pedagogical Leader, Cindy whose passion for learning and commitment and quality to children and families is second to none. Cindy supports the educators and program development for all of our educators at both Campuses.

Georges Vanier

First Adventure's childcare program at our Georges Vanier Campus is an integral part of the Georges Vanier school community. Lori is our supervisor at this campus and as a dedicated, compassionate leader she has helped to shape and grow our high quality programs and experiences for children and families at this location.

Our Preschool Team is a dynamic trio of "T"s, we have Tanya, Tia and Tori who are creative and passionate about their program. Tanya's passion and leadership within the program combined with her ability to support each of her newer team members is definitely reflected in the high quality of our preschool program.

Our highly sought after extended day before and after school program for children from JK to grade one will be Hayden and Melissa in September. Hayden's ability to create an environment that recognizes and honours the individual children is easily witnessed by anyone who watches the children in the program. Melissa has recently joined this team over the summer and her experience from our Bridge St. Campus, combined with her warm and affectionate ability to support all of the children is an asset to our program. Our school-age program features our very talented, passionate, and creative educator, Dana, who continues to build strong, trusting and caring relationships with each child which has been the key to our success with the children in this program. In September we are excited to welcome back Natasha as the Enhanced Staff in this program.

Please remember if you require childcare between 5:30 and 6 p.m. please make sure you notify the centre so our staffing can accommodate your childcare needs.

SCRIP Program

The next gift card order goes in on Monday, October 1. Please forward your orders to Mary Ellen in the office no later than 4:30 on Thursday, September 27 if you would like to help First Adventure in this fund raising venture. Gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, and retail vendors are all available. Contact the office if you would like more information about how this program works and how you can help out!



First Adventure will be closed on Monday, October 8 to recognize Thanksgiving Day. We wish you a wonderful holiday long weekend with your friends and families.