

# FIRST ADVENTURE NEWSLETTER

November 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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Georges Vanier Campus: 613-969-8316



### SPACES AVAILABLE

#### Bridge St. Campus

Infant Program	Full
Toddler Program	Full
Lower Preschool	Full
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Preschool	Full

#### Georges Vanier Campus

Preschool Program	Full time spaces
School Aged B&A	Part time spaces

### Cooking for two...or three...or...!!

Our toddler and preschool children have enjoyed cooking with their teachers over the last few months. They like the sensory feel of the ingredients and of course they love the end product. The toddlers were even happy to share their freshly baked muffins with the babies.



### SCRIP Program

There is only one order left before Christmas to get your gift card orders filled. The next order goes in on Monday, December 3. Please forward your orders to Mary Ellen in the office no later than 4:30 on Thursday, November 29 if you would like to help First Adventure in this fund raising venture and complete your Christmas gift card shopping in one fell swoop. 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!



### Encouraging Independence

As the children transition to the preschool programs we encourage them to become as independent as possible. One of the tasks at the end of the day is putting on their own backpack and carrying it up/down the stairs to the drop off point. We have noticed that a few of our preschoolers have over the shoulder bags (diaper bags) instead of backpacks and it is difficult for them to carry them down on their own. We ask that all preschool aged children come with backpacks to encourage their independence.



Friday, November 30 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 very limited.

### Family Group

On November 30 the First Adventure Family Group will be meeting at Myer's Pier at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy the Christmas lighting display. Please come out and join us for an evening walk and all of the magic of the lights and music. First Adventure will have hot chocolate available and we have been told that Mr. and Mrs. Claus might be making a visit as well! Hope to see you there!



### Little Lending Library

First Adventure has put up a neighbourhood Little Lending Library where people can leave or take a book at no charge. Please feel free to donate or borrow books that might interest those in your family. A special thank you to Marc for his time and craftsmanship in designing a book case that looks so much like the Bridge Street location.

### Scent Free

First Adventure currently has a staff member at our Bridge Street location that is very sensitive to scents. We are asking for everyone's cooperation in making First Adventure as scent free as possible to help ensure that everyone has a safe working and playing environment. We appreciate your help in this matter.



### Christmas is Coming

Families are often wanting to show their appreciation to the staff at Christmas time, however human resource policy at First Adventure states that staff are not able to accept gifts. As a result each program has chosen a charity that they would like to support and are asking the families that in lieu of gifts to the staff that they bring in gifts that are appropriate for the charity that their child's program is supporting. We want to stress that this is NOT A REQUIREMENT but simply a suggestions for those families that are wanting to celebrate Christmas as a time of giving. The charities that are being supported are as follows:

Infants/Toddlers: **Quinte Paediatrics & Maternity**- deadline is December 14/18

Lower Level Preschool: **Firefighters Toy Drive**- deadline is December 7/18

Second Floor Preschool: **Quinte Humane Society**- deadline is December 14/18

Where possible, the children will be attending with their teachers to deliver the donations to the charities. We appreciate your kindness during the holiday season.

