

NEWSLETTER

FIRST ADVENTURE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

February 2019



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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First Adventure will be selling bags of popcorn this year as our spring fundraiser. Each bag is \$2.25 with \$1.10 of the proceeds coming to First Adventure to support our child care programs. Sealed bags will stay fresh for ten weeks and are peanut and gluten free.

Order forms will be available starting March 15. Please submit your orders to First Adventure by Friday, March 29, 2019. Late orders will not be processed. Expected delivery by Monday, April 15.

We thank you in advance for your support in this fundraising venture.



"First Adventure is a place that builds meaningful relationships with children, families, educators, staff and community. A place that delights in children's learning and embraces the possibilities and potential in each child. First Adventure supports our educators as ongoing professional learners committed to partnerships in learning with families." An excerpt from First Adventure's Program Statement

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have signed our petition asking the government to continue to support the salaries of all educators working in the childcare field in Ontario. At First Adventure we recognize our educators are our most valuable asset in determining the quality of our programs and therefore it is critical that we are able to continue to provide them with a living wage that is above the poverty line. All of our educators currently receive a \$2/hr. Wage Enhancement Grant which directly impacts our capacity to attract and support our educators and to maintain our high quality programs. Certainly the loss of this funding will impact our staffing and our future fees. If you would like to express your concerns I would encourage you to contact our MPP, the honorable Todd Smith at 613-962-1144 or at Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

Parent Volunteers

Criminal Reference Checks - In accordance with the current ministry legislation, all volunteers wishing to participate in field trips are required to provide a current criminal reference check including a vulnerable sector search (original), which we will make a copy of and return. Families must either renew the Criminal Reference and Vulnerable Sector Search annually or sign an annual declaration, which is provided in the office. This does include parents and guardians. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but it is now a licensing requirement for all licensed child care programs in Ontario. At the time of registration we provide a letter that you can take to the local police station, please contact the office if you require an additional letter.



Winter has arrived!

Please make sure that your child is dressed for the cold weather. Each child must have a winter coat, snow pants, mittens, touque, and winter boots. Please remember that the children are out both morning and afternoon so it is important that they have warm outer wear. Also a reminder that all children will need indoor shoes as wet boots cannot be worn in the classroom.



SPACES AVAILABLE

Bridge St. Campus

	<u>February</u>
Infant Program	Full
Toddler Program	Full
Lower Level Preschool	Full
Second Floor Preschool	Full

Georges Vanier Campus

Preschool Program	Full
Before and After School	Part Time Spaces

Pancake Breakfast



Please join us on Saturday, February 23, 2019 for our annual Family Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to your child's teacher if you are planning to attend. All family members are welcome.

Gift Card Program

Our next order will go in on Monday, February 4th if anyone is interested in supporting this ongoing fundraiser. All funds raised go to supporting your child's program.



If you would like to purchase a gift card, please fill out the order form and give it to your child's teacher by Friday, February 1, 2019. Orders will arrive within one week of ordering

Contact Mary Ellen in the office at 613-962-3474 or admin@firstadventure.ca if you have questions.

Our parent survey is coming out in March and we would like to remind you to take the time to complete and return the survey as we value your input. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.



All First Adventure Programs will be closed on Monday, February 18 to recognize Family Day. We want to wish you and your family a fun filled day together!