

# Halton Hills Child Care Centre



## Summer Newsletter 2024

My foremost thoughts go to our staff. They are the most caring, dynamic group of professionals I have had the pleasure to work with. Each of our staff bring their own unique abilities, passion and energy with them everyday. Thank you for your enthusiasm!

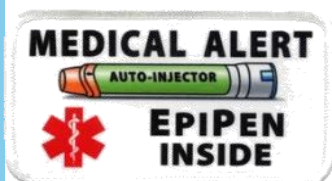
You may have noticed extra staff in the classrooms. These new staff will be covering for when our full-time staff go on vacation. By bringing these summer staff on board early, they can become familiar with classroom routines and mostly everyone has the opportunity to get to know each other (children, families and staff). Please join us in welcoming our summer staff. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Throughout the summer, we have planned centre-wide special days. There will be a special day in each week of July and August. If your child misses one while on vacation, there will be another special event the next week. If your summer plans change, please let us know. All our special days can be found on our website in the Parents Corner [hhchildcare.ca](http://hhchildcare.ca).

As the summer grows to a close, we will be saying goodbye to the children graduating and moving on to Kindergarten in the fall. We wish all the children the very best in Kindergarten!

Have a great summer! Grace Iacchetta, Director

### NO OUTSIDE FOODS AND/OR DRINK ARE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CENTRE



We often think of anaphylactic allergies being related to nuts or peanuts. However, this is not the only allergies we have in the Centre. We also have children with severe allergies to eggs, wheat, dairy, sesame, chickpeas, salmon, banana, shellfish, apples, pears, etc.

These allergies can be **life threatening**.

Please take a couple minutes prior to drop off to ensure your child does not have any food products on the hands, face, and clothing.

# hello SUMMER



The first day of summer is June 21st!



The Centre will be closed for Canada Day on Monday, July 1st.



Toronto Blue Jays Day is July 4th.



Dinosaur Day is July 10th.



Arrrr... Pirate Day is July 16th.



Space Day is July 25th.



July 31st is Superhero Day.



The Centre will be closed for Civic Holiday on Monday, August 5th.



Princess and Prince day is August 8th.



August 13th is Baby Shark Day.



Bug Day is August 21st.



August 29th is Disney Day.



The Centre will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, September 2nd.



September 11th will be Transportation Day.



The first day of fall is September 22nd.

Do you have any special occasions that your family celebrates? Please let us know, we would be happy to add them to our curriculum.

Let's  
Celebrate!



## SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY

As per the Ministry of Education, we are required to ensure the safe arrival of all the children in our care. Below is the procedure we follow:

- \* If your child has not arrived by 9:30 am, classroom staff will check for messages.
- \* If there are no messages, staff will contact the parents message via the childcare app and by phone.
- \* At 10:00 am, parents will be called.
- \* It may be necessary to contact your emergency contact, if we are unable to reach the parents.
- \* At 10:30 am, parents will be called.
- \* For more information, please refer to our Parent Manual which is posted on our website: [hhchildcare.ca](http://hhchildcare.ca).

This summer we look forward to spending as much time outside as we can because it is one of Preschool-Purples favourite things to do! We are looking forward to many community walks, learning new things and growing with our friends! We are so excited to see what the summer has in store and cannot wait for it to start! We have already started talking about what we need to wear outside in the summer as we are trying to shift gears from the winter/spring!

from the Preschool-Purple Team

Toddler-Blue is ready for sunshine and warm weather. We are so excited to welcome summer into our classroom, with lots of planned activities to get us into the seasonal spirit. We have a busy couple months ahead consisting of walks, water play, fun summer crafts and a freezie day!

Toddler-Blue is looking forward to a fun and warm summer and we can't wait to share all the fun with our families!

Happy summer from the Toddler-Blue Team



Summer will soon be here. We are asking for cooler clothes for the season (if you have already brought them, thank you). Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before arriving at the Centre and we will re-apply for the afternoon outdoor play. Maria and Marci have exciting activities planned over the course of the summer and don't forget our centre-wide fun days. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to us at anytime.

from the Toddler-Yellow Team



Let's avoid any accidents in the parking lot.

Please hold your child's hand. Drivers may not see your little one dashing across the parking lot.

Drivers, please watch for people walking behind your vehicle as you back up to leave.



Blejona - 1 year  
Hayley - 1 year  
Sharan - 1 year  
Sydney - 1 year  
Ally - 2 years  
Sumyr - 2 years  
Tiana - 2 years  
Michele - 18 years  
Grace - 33 years



We appreciate everyone's dedication.  
Each staff is a valuable member of our team.

## Illness

It is extremely important that children do not attend daycare when they are ill in order to stop the spread of illness in the classrooms. A mild illness in one person may become something more serious in any person.

If you are unsure of your health care options, visit this site for more information.

<https://www.haltonhealthcare.on.ca/know-your-healthcare-options>

If your child becomes unwell while at the Centre, we will contact you for pick-up. We highly recommend parents to seek medical assistance for guidance in regard to illness.

If your child starts a prescribed antibiotic, he/she may return to daycare after taking the medication for at least **1 full day**, and your child is feeling better.

We are happy to help you navigate what course to take when your child is ill.

Please continue to screen all household members for COVID-19 prior to attending childcare

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

**The toddler red classroom is excited and happy to welcome summer into our classroom. We have a lot of fun summer activity planned from crafts to outside waterplay. We are excited to see what the summer has in store for us!**

**from the Toddler-Red Team**

## We Can Help

We see the children as competent, capable, curious and rich in potential; each with unique personalities and individual needs. However sometimes, everyone needs a little help along the way. Through services provided by Halton Region and other community partners, parents can access numerous resources for help and guidance.

Christina, our resource consultant from Community Living - North Halton is available for conversations/meetings.

***We strongly believe each child deserves all the support they need to become independent, self-confident, and inquisitive learners.***




**Our preschoolers have been enjoying this beautiful sunny weather. We have been involved in a lot of fun sensory play including playdough, bubbles, water play and finally the sandbox. We are so creative building sandcastles and digging long deep tunnels. Working on our individual skills including fine motor and gross motor has been ongoing and we sure are proud of our accomplishments.**


**Happy Summer from the Preschool-Orange Team**



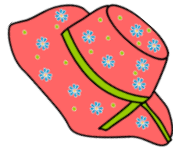
# Summer is finally here!

For the summer, your child will need:

 a wide-brimmed hat to protect their face, ears & neck

 closed-toe shoes with a heel strap & non-slip sole

 sunscreen applied prior to drop-off



# SUMMER



Classroom staff will apply sunscreen before afternoon outside. We will monitor weather conditions watching for humidex warnings and air quality alerts.



**Please do not bring backpacks or bags, as the cubbies are full, and leave your child's toys at home to prevent being lost or broken.**

**What  
Should I  
Bring?**

- 2 pants
- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 underwear
- indoor shoes with a non-slip sole
- 2 tops
- diapers & wipes (if needed)

If your child is toilet training, please bring extra shoes and more spare clothes.



Classroom staff will send messages on childcare app whenever your child needs more items such as spare clothes, diapers, wipes, etc.

**Please label all of your child's belongings.**

For sleep/rest time, please bring a blanket. If your child wishes to bring a cuddly toy, *it must be one we can keep at the Centre all week*.

We will sent the blanket and sleep toy home for laundering at the end of the week.



We realize that the need for rest and sleep varies greatly, even among children the same age. However, rest is an important part of the day for all children. Quiet activities will be provided for children who do not sleep.

Just a reminder, when dropping off or picking up, please do not park your car along the fire route in front of the Centre or use the handicap parking unless you have a permit to do so.

Please do not leave children unattended in your vehicle or in the hallway.

Preschool-Green has been patiently waiting for summer to arrive. We have lots of fun activities and crafts planned for the upcoming months. You can see what Preschool-Green is up to by referring to our monthly calendar. Some examples are bubbles, summer themed crafts, and outdoor activities. We are so excited to see the children continue to grow as they get ready for their new adventure in September. Preschool-Green is ready to take on the summer.

from the Preschool-Green Team

