



Toddle Inn Day Care Society



July/August 2010 ~ Parent Newsletter



"Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said."

-Author Unknown

Upcoming Events

July Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 21
6:45pm
Strathmore Station
Cabin Room

Strathmore Heritage Days
July 29 to August 2



Heritage Day
Monday, August 2
Day Care Closed



Changes to the Toddle Inn Building

The Toddle Inn is undergoing some upgrades to the building! In addition to the new flooring earlier this year, we just had a new roof installed, and a new fence is presently under construction to enclose the front yard to give our children more outdoor play room! Being installed in the back is a new shed to house extra outdoor toys and yard equipment.

Also, Frosted Impressions has been kind enough to donate a new sign for the daycare which will be put up soon after the fence is complete!

In an effort to keep our facility safe and welcoming, we are in need of volunteers to help out with yard work year round – mowing, gardening etc in the summer and shoveling of sidewalks in the winter. Any help you can provide is appreciated!

Volunteering

There is no doubt that all parents at the Toddle Inn lead busy lives and it's hard to fit volunteering into the mix of commuting, cooking dinner and bedtime stories. However our day care really needs us to step up to the plate to keep it open and running efficiently – which is why the Parent-Run Board of Directors has created the Toddle Inn Volunteer Guideline's.

The requirement is for each family to devote time through fundraising or volunteering to achieve a minimum of 12 credits per year for each child.

Our hope is that this policy will develop a better balance of parental contribution and increase our ability to fundraise and govern the day care; which in turn will lead to our facility being the most exceptional in our community.

Tracking your credits is easy. Just email tiddcvolunteer@toddleinndaycare.com and advise us of the activity in which you participated in or funds that you have raised. Watch for the "Volunteer Recognition Board" in coming weeks!



A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to help with the 4th annual Toddle Inn Yard and Bake sale.

**Through rain and shine,
we raised over \$1,000!**



Fundraising

As a non-profit organization, fundraising is an essential activity and we need all parents to participate as much as possible. Without your participation, we will not be successful in our fundraising! We have numerous initiatives we plan throughout the year, as well as on-going fundraising opportunities and we welcome parents ideas and comments at all times.

Please feel free to contact Yvonne Shaw at (587) 777-8470 with any questions, suggestions or concerns about fundraising.



Stuck on You

To meet the daycare's licensing requirements, all items need to be labeled; so this fundraiser does double duty!

The daycare earns a commission on every purchase of personalized labels! Samples of these fun and colourful labels are on the entrance bulletin board.

www.stuckonyou.biz/toddle

Fund Scrip Gift Cards



Turn shopping into fundraising! The daycare will receive a percentage of the amount spent by our members and anyone can participate – so get your families and companies involved if you can!

There are over 125 participating retailers including many of the stores in our community such as No Frills, Rona, Petro Canada, Shoppers Drug Mart and Dominos Pizza!

www.fundscrip.com

Did You Know?

We have child care available for evenings when we hold our Board meetings. That means you too can fit being a Board member into your busy schedule. We meet once a month at the Strathmore Station to discuss what is happening at the daycare, and what needs to be done.

...so when you think about it, joining the Toddle Inn Board equals a night out with some good friends talking about our kids!

Travel Tips for Summer Trips



With the summer months upon us, a lot of families will be travelling around the country. More fatalities occur on Canadian roads during the summer months than at any other time of year. Here are some tips from the Canada Safety Council to ensure you reach your destinations safely:

Prepare your vehicle

Have your vehicle checked to make sure everything is working properly. Repair or replace worn parts to avoid the worry and time-consuming costly repairs that could ruin your trip. Check fluid levels and tire pressure. Make sure all lights work, including signal lights.

Keep your passengers safe

Make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up properly at all times. Buckling up is the single most effective thing you can do to keep yourself and your passengers safe while on the road. If you are travelling with young children, make sure to make regular stops. Bring plenty of items to keep them occupied. Special travel games and songs also help.

Drive defensively

Drive at a safe speed. Speeding increases the likelihood and severity of a crash. Leave plenty of distance between yourself and the vehicle ahead. Obey all signs and signals, including speed limits, traffic lights, stop signs and railway crossings. If you drive with a wireless phone, avoid unnecessary calls and always make the driving task your top priority. Absolutely never drink and drive.

Stay alert

Canadians often travel long distances when they go on vacation. This creates a temptation to keep driving for extended periods even when tired. Get a good sleep before leaving on a long trip. Fatigue is a form of impairment; so don't give in to that temptation to push on. If you started early, stop early. Rest stops are important. A break keeps the driver alert by promoting blood circulation, makes the trip more pleasant for passengers and lets the vehicle cool down.

Carrying a heavy load or towing a trailer

Before you tow a trailer or haul a load, make sure your vehicle is properly equipped for the job. Check that your rear view mirrors give a clear view of the road behind. When traveling slower than the flow of traffic, be courteous. Pull over where possible to let faster vehicles pass.

Share the road

With the warmer weather, comes the prevalence of vulnerable road users. Motorists must be cautious of cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians. Always be on the lookout for and yield to vulnerable road users, even if they don't have the right-of-way. Summer also brings increased construction on our roads and highways. Be prepared to stop or slow down in construction zones.

Drive safely and have a happy travelling season!