



Toddle Inn Day Care Society



OCTOBER 2010

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Day
Monday, October 11
Daycare Closed



Municipal Election
Monday, October 18



Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 19
Strathmore Station—
Cabin Room
6:45 PM

Scholastic Book Fair
Westmount School
more details to come soon
October 25-26

Halloween Party
Friday, October 29
2:30 PM

Happy Halloween
Sunday, October 31



Boesenkool Baby Room Dedication

The Toddle Inn Day Care Society was established in 1981 in the banquet room of the Wheatland Inn. Searching for a location to call home, the society approached Albert Boesenkool, who was one of the main contractors in the Strathmore area at the time. He readily agreed to build a home for the society, and even had the land available to build on, and in February of 1986 the doors to the new Toddle Inn Day Care were opened.

Throughout the last 25 years, Margaret and Albert Boesenkool provided constant support to our daycare and held it close to their hearts. They took on the role of landlords, taking care of the building and grounds as if it were their own home.

In 2009, we were given the opportunity to purchase the building from the Boesenkool's, and throughout this process they again supported us completely, taking time to meet with our past president Laurel Sims and Director Roxanne Jones and giving us time to get ourselves in order for such a big endeavour.

They even turned down two offers prior to our agreement because the potential buyers didn't have the daycare's best interests at heart.

It's not an everyday occurrence for people to step up and help out the youth in our community the way that the Boesenkool family did, and to commemorate their commitment to our day care, we were happy to dedicate our Baby Room to Albert's memory and his family's dedication.

Thank you to all the families that came out to celebrate with us on Saturday!



Margaret Boesenkool and Yvonne Shaw at the dedication ceremony on Saturday, September 25, 2010

Halloween Fun

Halloween is that magical time of year when children get to dress up in wonderful and outrageous costumes as they gather a bag full of treats. Remember to bring your child's costume on Friday, October 29th to take party in the Halloween Party at 2:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend and/or bring treats for the children.



Fun Fall Stuff to do around Strathmore

Calgary Corn Maze

The Calgary Corn Maze is west of Strathmore on Highway 22x. Enjoy an afternoon in the corn maze, visit the petting zoo, and starting October 2nd, you can even pick up your Halloween pumpkin!

www.calgarycornmaze.com

Butterfield Acres

Butterfield Acres is located at the west end of Calgary. In addition to the petting zoo, they have a really fun Harvest Pumpkin Hunt—you have to book tickets, and they do sell out, so check it out soon!

www.butterfieldacres.com

Cluny Corn Maze

A little closer to home, just 20 minutes east of Strathmore. Turn left at Range Road 221 from the TransCanada Highway. Have fun in the corn maze, then stay for a great farmhouse lunch!

www.countryfarmhouse.ca



Handprint Spider Smilies by Jane Lake

These spider smilies are a simple Halloween art project suitable for younger children or even toddlers.

Instructions:

You will need:

- white paper
- black craft paint
- white craft paint
- paint brush or cotton balls
- googly eyes (optional)

1. Use a paint brush or cotton balls to apply black paint to your child's palm and four fingers (omit the thumb).
2. Have your child make a handprint on white paper.
3. Turn the paper around, and make another handprint, overlapping the palm area.
4. Paint over any extra white areas in the spider body (the palm part of the handprint) and let the spider dry.
5. Attach googly eyes, or paint white circles for the eyes. Paint on a nice white smile.
6. You can cut out the spider if you wish, or hang it just as it is!



FundScrip is hands-down the most effortless way to support

the daycare; however we've received feedback that not a lot of parents truly understand how it works. Hopefully this will give you the information you need to start using this great fundraising tool!

FundScrip is a fundraising program that asks you to pay for your everyday purchases with gift cards bought through the FundScrip program. A percentage of the cards that you purchase is then donated to the Toddle Inn.

This means that just by paying for your groceries and gas with gift cards you can easily generate \$30 every month - that's \$360 a year!

- It doesn't cost you anything extra
- You don't have to change where you shop or what you buy
- Your every day purchases add up to make a difference very quickly

Imagine if everyone did this...

It's simple to sign up too. Just go to www.fundscrip.com to register. You can pay either by credit card, or send in your bank information for electronic funds transfer (preferred and totally secure). Your cards are



THE ORDER CYCLE: an easy way to visualize how you use FundScrip to raise money

send directly to the Toddle Inn for you to pick up! Our invitation code is **XQLD54**. See the attached quick start guide for more information.

You can set your account up to be recurring, so you know you'll have cards waiting for you every two weeks for those typical purchases like groceries and gas.

And of course FundScrip is also a great idea for those hard to buy Christmas and birthday gifts. If you can get your family and friends involved too, we can made an even bigger difference to our daycare!

Here is a snapshot of the great retailers you can buy gift cards for with FundScrip:





Birthdays are a wonderful time to share with friends; feel free to bring in cake or other appropriate treats for birthdays.

Birthday Wishes go out to:

Baby Room

Ethan Oct. 5/09

3/4 Room

Justina Oct. 4/07

Dakota Oct. 7/07

Owen Oct. 29/06

5 Room

Emreson Oct. 6/04

Kassia Oct. 11/05

Matthew Oct. 11/05

Kayden Oct. 15/04

Staff

Carolle Oct. 3

Virginia Oct. 28



"We Care About Children"

Community Spirit Program

The goal of the Community Spirit Program is to increase individual charitable giving. The program is donor-driven, meaning it recognizes and encourages Albertans to support their favourite organizations.

This program provides an opportunity for the us to receive a provincial grant. The grant is based on total annual cash donations from individual Albertans that have been received by the Toddle Inn over a 12-month fiscal period. The grant can be used to support an organization's operations, programs and/or capital projects.

A minimum total of \$1,000 in eligible cash donations needs to be received prior to us applying, and a tax receipt will be provided for all individual donations.

Don't forget about:

- ☺ Stuck on You
- ☺ Magazine Fundraising
- ☺ Canadian Tire Money
- ☺ Husky Rebate Program
- ☺ HBC Rewards Program

If you have questions about our fundraising initiatives, just ask!

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.

~Joyce Maynard

Contact us:

The Toddle Inn Day Care is a registered, non-profit society; membership is comprised of parents whose children attend our Day Care and interested community members. The Board of Directors is made up of volunteers from the community and Toddle Inn parents whose duty is to guide and assist in the management of the day care by working closely with staff and attend monthly board meetings.

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