

Mid-February and March 2017 Update

R&S Out of School Care Inc.

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Dear Parents,

Hope you have been enjoying this beautiful spring weather in the middle of February! Listed are some general reminders to keep you informed about the activities in the centre.

General News

Parent Advisory Board Meeting

A big thank you to Jacqui M, and Yvette C for their continued participation in our Parent Board. If you are interested in joining, we meet once every 3 months over dinner. The functions and duties of the board shall include advising on policies and procedures and hearing appeals presented by parents. Our next meeting will be this **Wednesday, February 22 at 6 pm.**

Upcoming Guest Speaker

We are excited to announce that on Friday, February 24, 2017, Richard Mah from TELUS WISE (Wise Internet & Smartphone Education) will be giving a presentation to R&S O.S.C. He will provide kids with information on how to become good digital citizens and keeping their digital footprint clean!

Upcoming Events

PD/Faith Development Days

Here are the days that there will be no school in the next 2 months. Please pay attention to these dates and recognize which apply to your child! A sign-up sheet is available at the front if you require care for these days.

Public School PD Days: March 17

Family Day

Family day this year is this Monday, February 20th. There is no school this day and R&S will be **closed**. We hope you enjoy your family time together!

Teacher's Convention

March 2nd and 3rd is Teacher's Convention. A sign-up sheet is available at the front if you require care for these days.

R&S will be going on a fieldtrip to the Telus World of Science Imax to see "To the Arctic" on March 2! If you are available to be a parent volunteer on this trip, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet for childcare during Teacher's Convention, found on the front desk.

Spring Break

From March 27-31, R&S will be **open** for Spring Break. Please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet for childcare during Spring Break, found on the front desk. We will be on a field trip to the Telus world of Science during that week on Thursday, March 30.

- Note: **Only for Catholic Schools**, early dismissal will be not on Thursday March 23, but on Friday March 24. Please let us know if you will need care on those 2 days.

Summer Childcare

Please note that **R&S is closed for the month of July**. Our last day of care for the 2016/2017 school year will be June 29th. R&S will **reopen on July 31** to provide care for the entire month of August.

R&S will be closed on August 7 due to holiday as stated in the Parent Handbook.

Summer and Fall Care Sheets are due by **February 28, 2017**. There will be extra sheets at the front if you are in need of one.

Summer Fees

Fees in the summer will be as follows:

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| \$700 | 5 weeks (entire month of August) |
| \$500 | 2 weeks in August |
| \$300 | 1 week in August |

Please leave your post-dated cheque for August by **April 28th**.

Refundable Fall Holding Fee

There will be a **refundable fall holding fee of \$300** for those who will not require care for the summer but would like to reserve a childcare position in the fall. This fee may also be used to acquire 1 week of care in August. This fee will **be due by the April 28, 2017**.

2017/2018 School Year Fees

The first day of the 2017/2018 school year is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. **Fees starting in September will be \$480/month, due by the last day of each month**. R&S will be **closed** on the Labor Day Monday on September 4, but ready for school on September 5!

Special Celebrations

Birthdays between February-March

- Llyr R. – February 2
- Scott Z- February 5
- Alice M- February 8
- Caris M- February 17
- Mary M- February 18
- Thomas A- February 22
- Jorddyn S- February 25
- Rox – March 1
- Carla – March 3
- Beatriz W. – March 4
- Max O. – March 24
- Rowan M. – March 28

Cultural Celebrations

- New Year's Day
- Epiphany
- Ukrainian Christmas
- Martin Luther King Day
- Groundhog Day
- Chinese New Year
- Ash Wednesday
- Valentine's Day
- President's Day
- Daylight Savings Time

Would you like to suggest an activity for R&S for the following month?

At R&S, parental involvement in our program is of utmost priority. This is an area in which you and your children can suggest any activities, games, crafts, celebrations, or snacks for R&S! You may also express any questions or concerns. Using this detachable area of our monthly newsletter is completely voluntary. We value all feedback and suggestions we receive. Thank you!
