

# September 2015 Newsletter



R&S

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a fantastic summer filled with sunshine, adventure and relaxation. Here at R & S we had an amazing summer filled with games, crafts and super fun field trips!

## TO OUR AMAZING FAMILIES

R & S would like to thank our very special families for donating their time and involvement so much throughout the summer! We would like to give a very special thanks to the following families:

- Thank you so much to Mr. Liu for doing such an amazing presentation in the Chinese culture during our multicultural week!
- Thank you to Rui Liu, Jueren Xie, Jesse Szymanski for volunteering on our field trips!
- Thank you to the Brockington family for your donation of many movies! The kids are so excited for them!
- Thanks so much to the Hayes' family, the Snow family, the Tessier Family, and the Carnahan family for donating baked good to our bake sale! We raised \$220! With R&S' match of \$220, **we will be donating \$440 to the Breast Cancer Foundation** and we couldn't have done it without your help. Great job kids and families!
- Thank you to the Wanderley Family and the Gervais family for their donation of toys/craft supplies. We really appreciate it!

To show our appreciation for the wonderful families we have as a part of R & S we wanted to remind everyone that our picture wall has been updated recently. There are pictures from our summer adventures, and we want to ask



for family photos to add to our very special wall! Just let Roxanne know if you have a family photo you would like us to put up.

### **New Staff**

R&S would like to welcome two new staff, Arnie and Fatiha, to our team!

Arnie is very excited to be one of our newest staff here at R&S. She is from Vancouver, but currently resides in Edmonton where she is studying Early Childhood at Grant McEwan. She has three cats and she loves reading. Arnie's bubbly personality and skills with youth and children make her a great staff member to work with. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone, and we are looking forward to getting to know her.

Fatiha is from North Africa, a very warm place where most of her family still lives. She is married with 4 kids (25 year old boy and 20, 18, and 13 year old girls) and she speaks 3 languages (Arabic, French, and English). She also has her Level One Certification and previous experience working in Childcare that shows in her work here at R&S! She is a very friendly, gentle, and caring staff member and we are thrilled to have her with us.

### **Board of Health: Lice Information**

It's that time of the year again! The litter critters known as lice are of more concern at this time of year, and R&S would like to let our parents know. If you need any information on lice please ask a staff for a sheet with all the information you need. We ask that you do a precautionary check of your child's head so we can keep those critters away from R&S and your homes! Thank you.

### **Reminders:**

- ★ In an effort to be as safe and efficient as possible, we ask that parents call the centre at least half an hour prior to the dismissal of their child(ren) to let us know that their child will not need to be picked up from school that day. If you leave a message please include the date. It is best that parents text us because we can reply so they know we got their message, and it is a bit more efficient. A fee of \$25 will be charged if you fail to notify R&S of your child's absences.
- ★ Please remember to sign your child out at the end of each day. Attendance clipboards are placed on the table by the front door. At the end of each week (or on the last day your child will be attending that week), please sign in the designated area to confirm your child's attendance for that week is accurate. This is a licensing requirement.
- ★ Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes here at R&S. We have a large indoor shoe rack where their shoes may be stored. If your child has indoor shoes from the summer that may be too small now, please check the rack and replace them as soon as possible!
- ★ In order to keep your child safe, healthy and happy it is important that you keep your child's file up to date. Please notify any staff member should you have any changes that need to be made to your child's file (address, phone number, emergency contacts, allergy info, etc.). It is a licensing requirement that we have the most current information on file.

### **Snacks:**

Our morning snack is served between 7:00am – 7:50am. If you would like your child to have **morning snack**, please make sure they are at the centre **before 7:50am** as we will be closing the kitchen at that time to get ready for walks.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – For those of you who have **early Thursday dismissal**, **please do not send heat up lunches as the kitchen is busy with church staff at that time.** We will still be able to accommodate those with heat up lunches during non-school days/PD days.

**Dates of Closure:**

During the Christmas break, we will be closed the following days:  
December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Summer:

We will be closed all of July 2016 and we will re-open Monday, August 1, 2016.

**Email Newsletter Updates**

R&S is going digital! **If you would like to subscribe to electronic newsletters, emailed to you monthly, please return this sheet with your email attached.**

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Important information such as dates of closure, fees, policy changes, field trips, and more are included in our newsletters. We highly encourage our parents to read our monthly newsletters, whether in hard copy or online! Our newsletters will be available on our website ([www.randsosc.com](http://www.randsosc.com)), over email, and as a print out at the beginning of each month.

We look forward to a great year!

-Roxanne and Staff