

January, February, March 2017 Newsletter

R&S Out of School Care Inc.

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our 2016 R&S Christmas concert! It was a night of delicious food and heartwarming acts. A big thank you goes out to our performers and all who came and enjoyed the food and fun with us. We are so fortunate to have such talented children and wonderful families at our centre. We hope you had a great holiday season.

General News

R&S Is Going Digital

A reminder that the newsletter will now be emailed out! If you would like a paper copy, please let one of the staff know.

Shoes

Just a friendly reminder for parents to check if your child has proper indoor footwear at the centre. Over the holidays, some children take their shoes home or outgrow their old shoes (they grow up so fast, don't they?!). For the safety of your children and in accordance to fire regulations, please ensure your child's indoor shoes fit and are useable.

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 on February 22 at 6 pm.

Upcoming Events

PD/Faith Development Days

Here are the days that there will be no school in the next 3 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: February 6, March 17

Catholic School Faith Development Days: February 7

Family Day

Family day this year is February 16th. 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 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. A "Will You Require Care Sheet" will be posted later in the month. We will be on a field trip to the Imax during that week on 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 Fees

Fees in the summer will be as follows:

\$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 open on the Monday before for those that will require care.

Special Celebrations

Birthdays between January-March

América A- January 10
Naya V-N. –January 22
Alex O. –January 24
Llyr R. – February 2
Scott Z- February 7
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!
