

November 2017

R&S Out of School Care Inc.

Fully accredited



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Dear Parents,

Happy November families of R&S! We hope you all had a wonderful and safe Halloween, we definitely loved seeing the children's amazing costumes on Tuesday! The theme for our weekly programs and crafts this month is all about *weather*. Be sure to ask your kids what they've been learning at R&S about our planet's incredible forces of nature! A reminder as well to please start sending warmer clothing with your children, winter has arrived!

General News

Gift Card for Birthdays

As mentioned last month, the Birthday Box has been replaced with \$10 gift cards to Chapters/Indigo/Coles for a birthday gift! Please do encourage your children to redeem their gift card on their birthday, we do our best to remember all birthdays but in the case that we may forget to hand out a gift card, please do not hesitate to remind us!

MLA Richard Feehan Visit

We are pleased to host MLA and Minister of Indigenous Relations Richard Feehan on December 8th to chat with parents regarding any questions or concerns we may have concerning our provincial government. He will be available to parents in the afternoon during pick-up time (3:45 – 5:00), so please feel free to drop by and enjoy a cup of coffee with him as you pick up your child(ren)!

R&S Christmas Concert

Our annual child-directed Christmas Concert will be held on December 15 at 6:00 PM in the church. For those of you who don't know, every year at Christmas, R&S hosts a concert displaying the amazing talent of the children in our centre. The concert is directed and run completely by the children, allowing some of our second division students to gain some leadership experience. Children are encouraged to partake in the concert, and they may perform whatever they like. In the past we have had everything from stand-up comedy to father-daughter duets to dance routines. Following the concert there will be a potluck dinner, keep an eye out for a potluck sign-up sheet at the front entrance early in December!

IMPORTANT: No Care Required

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 voice message, please include the date. We prefer that parents text us because we can reply so they know we got their message, and it is more efficient. **A fee of \$25 will be charged if you fail to notify R&S of your child's absences.** We would like to emphasise that this is solely for the safety of your children. If you have failed to notify us that your child will not have to be picked up from school, we will take all necessary measures to ensure your child is safe. We ask that you please take the time and remember to notify us as soon as you know that your child will not need care.

Would You Like to be a Guest Speaker?

In the past, we have been delighted to have had wonderful R&S family members such as Mr. Meikle the Detective and Mr. Pahl the Firefighter come in and inspire the children as they speak about their careers. If you or your partner or any family member would like to come in and give a talk or lead an activity with the R&S kids about what you do, please don't hesitate to reach out to Roxanne to do so!

2017/2018 School Year Fees

The monthly fee for the 2017/18 school year is \$480, due on the first day of each month.

NOTE: We are now accepting e-transfer! Please contact Roxanne for more information if you would like to pay for your child's fees via e-transfer.

Upcoming Dates of Closure

Mark these upcoming dates on your calendar! R&S will be **closed** on the following dates:

- December 25th – January 1st (Christmas + New Years Break)

We will be **open** January 2nd to 5th in the new year during winter break!

R&S will be **open** for the following PD Days:

Edmonton Public:

- November 9, 10, 13, 27

Edmonton Catholic:

- November 10

Special Celebrations

Birthdays of the month

1: Solana T.

4: Kayla P.

8: Abla

12: Aoife P.

15: Henry A.

Cultural Celebrations

November 11: Remembrance Day

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!
