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R&S Out of School Care Inc.

Fully accredited



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Dear Parents,

Can you believe it's already Octo(brr)?! We hope your fall has been fantastic so far! With the weather getting colder by the day, we ask that you please send warm clothing with your children!

General News

Thank You to Karen Reid

We would like to extend a massive thank-you to the lovely Karen Reid for her donation to R&S! Karen has very generously donated a wonderful prop box with articles from the Japanese culture to add to our collection of dramatic play prop boxes! Thank you Karen, your donation will enrich the play-time and foster imagination and creativity for the all the children. If there are any other families who would like to make a donation please feel free to reach out to any one of our lovely staff to do so!

Gift Card for Birthdays

As of October 2017, we will no longer have the R&S Birthday Box for children to pick a gift from for their birthday. Instead each child will receive a \$10 gift card to Chapters/Indigo/Chapters on their birthday in an effort to foster a life-long love for reading! Please encourage your child(ren) to inquire about their birthday gift card in the case that we forget to give it to them.

MLA Richard Feehan Visit

We are pleased to host MLA Richard Feehan on December 8th to chat with parents regarding any questions or concerns we may have with the 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)!

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 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!

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.

Attendance

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.

Update Files

With the new school year starting, there might be changes to phone numbers, addresses, etc. 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.

Indoor Shoes

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!

Morning Snack

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.

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:

- October 9th (Thanksgiving)
- December 25th – January 1st (Christmas + New Years Break)

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

Edmonton Public:

- October 20
- November 9, 10, 13, 27

Edmonton Catholic:

- November 10

Special Celebrations

Birthdays of the month

6: Samuel W.

7: Neve V-N.

9: Natalie H.

10: Jerecah D-C.

Cultural Celebrations

October 5-11: Sukkot

October 9: Thanksgiving

October 19th: Diwali

October 31st: Halloween

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!
