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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 October! 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!

## Parent Meeting

Our October parent meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and it will be held at the Dayspring Center at 6:00 pm. The agenda for Tuesday will look a little like this;

1. Welcome/ Social
2. New Board
3. Accreditation
4. Suggestions
5. Wrapping Up

## General News

### Thank You to Linda Gervais

We would like to extend a massive thank-you to the lovely Linda Gervais for her donation to R&S! Linda has very generously donated many things, from construction paper, tents for the kids to play in and a colourful foam matt for the kids to play on! Thank you Linda, your donation will enrich the play-time and creativity for 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!

### 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 Jack Meikle (Detective) and Brian Pahl (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!

## Thank you to Monica Savoie

We would like to say a huge thank you to Monica Savoie for the wonderful presentation she gave on September 14<sup>th</sup>! The kids loved the tour of the ambulance as well as the delicious popsicles that came with it!

## Upcoming Special Presentation

We are so excited to announce that Claire Kjeld will be coming in on October 12<sup>th</sup> for our guest speaker of October! Claire has very generously agreed to come in and enlighten us about all the fun wonderful things she does as a dietician! She'll be showing us all the ways to have a healthy lifestyle and much more! The staff and kids at R&S can't wait to see you and learn plenty of new information about food.

## Upcoming Special Presentation

We are also very excited to announce that our guest speaker for November will be Rene Abaunza! Rene has very generously volunteered to come to R&S and play a variety of beautiful South American percussion instruments! We can't wait to learn more about the beautiful continent that is South America!

## 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.

## 2018/2019 School Year Fees

**The monthly fee for the 2018/19 school year is \$490, 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 8<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving)

R&S will be **open** for the Edmonton public PD day on **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, if you do require child care on this day there will be a form to sign at the front desk.

## Special Celebrations

### Birthdays of the month

- Samuel W. (Oct 6)

- Neve V-N. (Oct 7)

### Cultural Celebrations

October 1<sup>st</sup> : Shemini Atzeret

October 2<sup>nd</sup> : Simchat Torah

October 4<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St Francis of Assisi

October 8<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving day

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween

## Meet the new Staff

We're so thrilled to have two new staff join our team this year! You might've heard the kids talking about how awesome they are and now we would like to properly introduce you to our two new staff, Casey Wong & Jaeylne Gervais!



Hi! My name is Casey Wong and I am a new staff member at R&S! I am currently a student at the University of Alberta, in the secondary education program. While my teaching goal is junior high or high school age kids, I also love being around elementary age kids as well. Children are so much fun to work with and I love getting to know all the kids attending R&S. I enjoy reading and cooking in my free time, A.K.A when I'm not studying for classes. Everybody at R&S is so welcoming, I am very excited to be a part of the team!



Hello! My name is Jaelynn, and I am a new staff member at R&S! I just graduated from J.H. Picard high school and I am a dancer at Dance Unlimited. I hope to pursue performance as a career in the future whether is it with dancing, acting or singing. As well as performance, I love being creative and artistic through visual arts like painting and drawing. When I was in elementary school, I actually used to go to R&S after school! I has such a wonderful time with Rox and the rest of the staff and that's why I'm so excited to be a part of the R&S team!

## Superstar of the Month

★ Ellis Bialowas ★

Meet one of this month's superstars, Ellis Bialowas! Ellis is one of the funniest kids around, ask any of the kids at R&S, not to mention he's always polite and never forgets to say please and thank you! When Ellis grows up he wants to be an artist – We believe in you Ellis! His favourite movie is "Inside out" and his favourite superheroes are Starlord and Spiderman.

"My brother is one of the funniest guys I know" –Rowen

## Superstar of the Month

★ Cole Arkison ★

Meet our other superstar of the month, Cole Arkison! Cole is one of the sweetest guys you'll ever meet and always so polite, never forgetting to say good morning to the staff. His favourite TV shows are "The Flash" and "The Fairly Odd Parents" – good choice! When Cole grows up he wants to be an engineer –how cool!! And his favourite thing about R&S is playing with his friends outside

"Cole loves helping out" –Lucca

## 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!

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