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# R&S Out of School Care Inc.

Fully accredited



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## Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful 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!

We kept active through many activities such as tag, baseball, badminton and parachute. There were many interesting crafts and activities this summer! We lit a torch and participated in our very own version of the Olympics, we used our little green thumbs to plant seeds and make a rainforest in a jar. We explored different crafts around the world, for example circle weaving and dream catchers. The highlights of the summer were the exciting field trips! We learned about different animals at the Zoo, then we learned about plants and bugs at the Devonian Gardens. However, our favourite had to be exploring the Italian Centre Shop for delicious food.

## General News

### A Sincere Thank You

Thank you to Sheri Woodard for volunteering and joining us on our Devonian garden fieldtrip!!

To the Wanderly family, thank you for donating the fun board games and toys, the kids are so excited to use them!

### Picture Wall

We are currently in the process of updating our picture wall and we want to ask for family photos to add to our very special wall, especially from our new families! Just let Roxanne know if you have a family photo you would like us to put up.



### New Staff

We would like to welcome our newest staff members Savie and Katie! Savie is a third year Pharmacology student at the University of Alberta and has been with us since June 2016, she has gotten to know the kids over August and we all love her! Katie is actually an older sibling of a child at R&S, she is a second year nursing student at NorQuest College, and we are super excited for her to be joining our team this year!

It is with mixed emotion that we say farewell to Komal. Our lovely Komal has been with us for three years and there isn't a staff or child that hasn't loved her. She has so much compassion, kindness, creativity and it's all topped off with a bubbly personality. Komal will leave to work on her last clinicals as a nursing student and then graduate from the University of Alberta. She has already been approached by a parent who may have a position for her at one of our Edmonton hospitals. We will miss you Komal, but we know your light has to shine elsewhere now. Good luck and pop in lots!

Love,  
Rox and all of R&S

## 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:

- September 5 is Labour day, R&S will be closed for the long weekend.
- 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.
- 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. To be as efficient as possible, we ask that when parents are trying to reach us, if you can send a text to any of the work phones rather than leaving a voicemail. It is easier and quicker for us to reply and see a text message. 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.
- 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.
- If you would like to help us go green and receive R&S monthly newsletter through email instead of paper, please write down your email on an attached document and return it to the centre. Thank you!

## Policy Updates

### Shoes

- We will no longer allow rolley shoes to be used inside the centre starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as they pose a safety risk to the students wearing them and those around them.

## Special Celebrations

### Birthdays of the month

September 6 - Yolanda S.

September 23 - Lucas W.

September 25 – Lucy Y.

### Cultural Celebrations

September 5 – Labour Day

September 11 – Grandparents Day

September 12 – Eid-Al-Adha

September 22 – Fall begins

September 25 – National Police and Peace Officers Day

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## 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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## Email Newsletter Updates

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!