



KINDER LEARNING CENTRES

May 2022 - Newsletter

Hello families and welcome back!

First off, I would like to express the happiness we have to see all your wonderful faces back at Kinder. It's been a great pleasure to see the smiles and the opportunity to communicate. I hope you all are enjoying our new Centre that we strived to make the best high-quality daycare for your children to grow, learn and explore.

We have some exciting news and updates below that we are looking forward to sharing with all of you.

New Software

We have recently partnered with [Sandbox](#) daycare software to help us run our centres more efficiently. We are retiring a few processes you may be used to.

Online registration

Parents can now register online. This ensures a simple application for care and eliminates much back and forth. You will also be able to update this information online if it changes through the parent's portal.

Checking children in/out

Goodbye paper! Our ministry required, child attendance is going digital and we need your help! Starting May 8th, you will be required to check your child in and out every day you attend. We've assigned a 4 digit pin code (last 4 digital of the primary parent's phone number) to use on our convenient iPad located at the entrance of our daycare. If you didn't receive a login, please inquire we will review your profile. You can also use your own device, [bookmark](#) this link.

Parents portal will be replacing seesaw in the near future

The all-new parent's portal, information will be at your fingertips. If we have your email address on file, you should have already a login invite. The portal will allow you to communicate to your teachers, receive/pay your bills, print your tax documents, update your details and provide attendance instructions. In the near future, this is where we will be posting photo's, menus, sleep and potty schedules.

Schedule option changes

As part our ongoing evolution we must drive efficiencies to allow scalability. Please review the following changes to our available programs.

- a) Effective immediately, we can no longer support part-time new enrollments that require flex schedules that change every week. We will continue to support existing flex schedule submissions until no longer required.
- b) Effective June 1st, we are only accepting payments on the 1st of the month and retiring all other payment date options. Example: if your payment date was the 15th, June 1st you will be charged for the that month.

- c) Effective September 2022, we are removing the before OR after program. Due to capacity issues, we are only accepting before AND after school enrollments. The new program will be equally billed month to month and includes PA days.

Canada wide early childhood program

The new Canada-wide Early Learning and Childcare Program CWELCC has come into effect as of April 1, 2022. We here at Kinder have made the decision to participate to help our families and community with reduced childcare fees.

This program will:

- Give families access to more affordable and high-quality childcare options
- Help lower childcare fees for parents of children 5 years of age and under
- Increase childcare spaces
- Support the early years workforce
- Fee subsidy will continue, with the same income testing

As a parent or guardian of a child five years or under, you do not need to apply to get a fee reduction.

April 1, 2022- 25% reduction in fees

December, 2022 -50% reduction in fees

September 2025- \$10.00

Once our contract is in place with The County of Hastings reimbursement amounts will be honored to all families retroactive to April 1, 2022.

Parent Handbook

We have taken some time to update our Parents handbook. We've also hosted the file online so whenever we make changes the latest information will always be available.

Sunscreen

Warmer weather is coming and that means more exposed skin. Please bring in a bottle of SPF 50 or above for your child to keep at the centre.

Summer holiday forms

If your child is taking summer holidays, we need those details as soon as possible so we can effectively plan our staffing needs. Please fill out the summer holiday request form you should have received from your child's teacher. If you have any questions or are missing the form, please contact your child's teacher.

New Faces

With our new larger space you will notice we have a lot new faces 😊 new educators and management. Here is a list of all our educators and management team:

Owner: Renae

Manager: Darlene Valliere

Assistant Managers: Michelle and Heidi

Information Technology Manager: Drew Baillie, the man behind Sandbox

Sandbox junior admin: Caleb

Primary/Junior/School Readiness: Nandini, Kate, Kendra, Jenn and Danielle

Preschool Educators: Alyssa, Alaina, Elisa, Miranda and Kayla

Toddler Educators: Destiny, Katelyn, Becky, Mackenzie, Nadine, Tiffany and Sam

Infant Educators: Michelle, Jenny, Kaya and Drew

Chef Tara

On maternity: Jenna and Cora

If you'd like further explanations on any of the above topics please feel free to email us at kindernorth@kinderlearningcentres.com to discuss. We are will do our best to make sure everyone is comfortable and understanding of the new guidelines.