

E.L.M. CHILDREN'S CENTRE

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Happy Valentines Day

<i>Birthdays:</i>	Tucker	2 -17
	Sheri	11 - ?
	Mavis	19 - 16
	Piper	28 – 17

Fundraisers: The Appin Meat orders will be available for pickup on Feb 4th after 3pm. Please make arrangements to pick up all orders by 5:30pm as we do not have freezer space to keep orders for a later pick up. Our February fundraiser will be Cinnabon. The order forms will be handed out on Feb 1st with a return date of Feb 15th. Delivery date will be March 1st with pick up after 3pm (weather permitting).

Sick children: We ask that if your child is sick that you please keep him/her home to get well. If the staff feel that your child is unable to participate in the program whether its due to fever or other symptoms you will be asked to pick them up as soon as possible as we are trying to keep all our children and staff healthy this winter.

Parking Lot: Once again a gentle reminder that if you choose to use the parking lot for drop off and pick up please use a parking space. If there is not one available we have parking on both sides of the street. DO NOT block the driveway or middle of the parking lot. We are trying to make the parking lot as safe as possible for children, parents and staff.

Also if you see pylons blocking the parking lot please DO NOT drive around them as they are there for safety reasons example: icy conditions.

Valentine's Day: If your child wishes to bring Valentine's cards for their classroom we have 34 preschool children, 11 toddlers and 8 staff and 1 student on site at this time. Do not feel that you need to bring valentines for all the children, just the room they attend. We also ask that due to allergies in both rooms that you DO NOT bring in treats as valentines. Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Family Day: We will be CLOSED on Monday Feb.18th to celebrate Family Day with our loved ones. We hope that you can enjoy the day with your family as well.

Renovations: As many of you have seen we now have a new front porch, wheelchair ramp and toddler gate. They look fantastic!! In the near future we will also be getting new doors at the main entrance and the entrance to the preschool playground.

Student: Melissa Squire joined the toddler room on January 8th and will be there until March 1st when she will have completed her placement. If you have not met her yet please be sure to introduce yourself. She is in the program from Wed – Fri each week. Melissa has also posted an information sheet, about herself, on the toddler door. Check it out!!

Scholastic Book Orders: Please be sure that when you place your order you are checking the price in the Ontario column on the order sheet. It is usually a higher amount then the other provinces.

Playground/Outdoor time: At this time of year we tend to experience a few difficulties with getting outside on a twice daily basis. Generally they are weather related such as a Cold Weather alert or ice conditions in the yard. Please to be aware that we try to get outside every day and

your child needs to bring appropriate clothing each day even if it doesn't appear that we will get out. Conditions can change very quickly and we do not have the staff to allow those children that do not have proper clothing to stay indoors.

Volunteer Opportunities: The day care will be hosting a Paint In event on March 8th at 6:30 at the Glencoe Legion. We will need up to 8 volunteers to help that evening setting up, cleaning up and distributing paints and products to the participants. We will also need some food donations. This would count towards your volunteer time to work off some or all of your volunteer fee. There will be a sign up sheet by the computer in the front entrance. Please do not sign up unless you are able to commit to these volunteer hours or donations. Thanks in advance for your support.