

SUNNYSIDE GARDEN DAYCARE

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2008

STAFF NEWS

PRESCHOOL ROOMS

Rooms 107 & 108

The senior kindergarten children will be graduating to the school age program July 1, 2008. In order to better prepare the children for this exciting and sometimes overwhelming transition, the teachers will be arranging times for these children to have an opportunity to "visit" the school age program. Graduating children will visit the school age program in groups of two or three, which should make their visit more relaxing/enjoyable. These visits will commence within the next few weeks. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with any of the preschool teachers.

SCHOOL AGE ROOMS

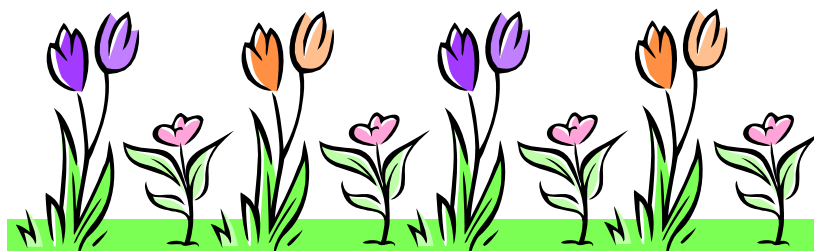
Rooms 105 & 106

Miss Senait and Miss Lorna are thankful for the donations of craft items. Special thanks to Allan MacIsaac for the pre-cut bird houses and supplies. The children are having a wonderful time assembling them!

Request for Supplies:

Miss Opal and Miss Joanne are requesting donations of large transparent glass or plastic jars for making terrariums, and a plain white, or light coloured T-shirt for your child to paint/write on.

The preschool program is in need of an assortment of paper to be used for drawing and colouring. Any donations or names of contacts persons would be greatly appreciated.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW – Family Orientation Night

Starting your child(ren) at a new daycare can often be a difficult and confusing time not only for children but for adults as well. For this reason, the daycare will be hosting our first (and hopefully, annual) orientation night for new families. The Family Orientation Night will take place on Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 pm. Families will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns that they may have about the program(s) and the operation of the daycare. They will also be able to meet and interact with the staff and other new families.

Annual General Meeting and Daycare Family Night

Our annual AGM and Daycare family night will be held on Thursday, June 12th at 6:00 pm. Following the AGM and discussion of new By Laws governing the daycare board, there will be a BBQ. [In order for us to prepare for this event we will need to know the number of family members that are planning to attend. A flyer requesting this information will be sent out shortly.](#)

Nursery School and Preschool Graduation

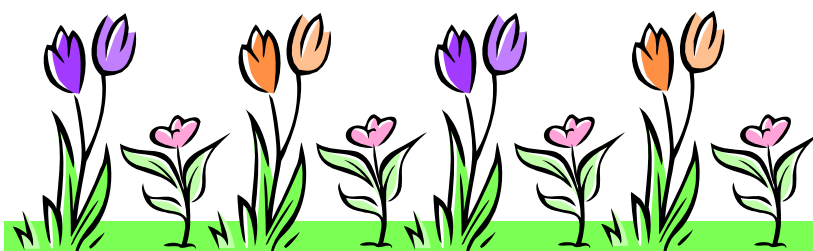
On Thursday, June 19th we will have our graduation party to celebrate the children's growth and accomplishments over the past daycare year. The children will receive their diplomas at this time. Afterwards, there will be light refreshments and a graduation cake will be served. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Remember to bring your cameras!

Summer Daycare Program

The preschool and school age programs are finalizing plans for the summer field trips and in house sessions. Due to the increased popularity of the summer programs, please be sure to return your forms and fees promptly to ensure that your child has a confirmed spot for the summer. We already have a number of families expressing an interest but are currently on a waiting list pending your response.

DAYCARE FEES

There are new daycare fee rates and terms in effect from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009. The information sheets will be posted by the daycare rooms, and copies will be attached to this newsletter. Please remember that daycare fees are due the first of each month.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, May 15th, 2008	-	Family Orientation Night: – 6:00-7:00 pm
Monday, May 19th, 2008	-	Victoria Day – daycare closed
Thursday, June 12th, 2008	-	AGM & Daycare Family Night: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, June 19th, 2008	-	Nursery and Preschool Graduation: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday, June 20th, 2008	-	Last day of Nursery School
Wednesday, June 25th, 2008	-	Last day of classes at Garden Avenue P.S.
Tuesday, July 1st, 2008	-	Canada Day
Monday, August 4th, 2008	-	Civic Holiday – daycare closed
Friday, August 29th, 2008	-	Early Daycare Closure (3:00 pm)
Aug. 11th – Aug. 15th, 2008	-	Daycare Closure Week – daycare closed



CHRISTINE CUSHING'S ORANGE CREAMSICLES

These are definitely a taste of summer to enjoy all year round!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup orange juice concentrate, slightly softened so easy to scoop (250 ml)
- 1 cup yogurt (250 ml)
- 1 cup softened vanilla ice cream (250 ml)
- 2 tbsp light corn syrup (30 ml)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place orange juice, yogurt, vanilla ice cream and corn syrup into a food processor or blender. Pulse until combined. Pour evenly into popsicle moulds. Lightly knock the moulds to release air bubbles. Insert popsicle sticks. Freeze until solid, about 8 hours to overnight. Serve. Makes about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of base that fills seven $\frac{1}{3}$ cup moulds.

Yields: 7

