

NEWSLETTER

County Place Early Learning & Care Centre



A Message from the Program Director

Dear Community Members:

With open arms, I extend a warm welcome to you from County Place Early Learning & Care Centre. *A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.* At County Place, we feel honored to make this first step of your child's journey a successful learning experience.

Each child is special to us and we will relentlessly work with the children to teach them in a manner that ensures learning ... activities centered on PLAY! We will cater to the individual needs of every child, of your child.

From seeds to sprouts to saplings to beautiful plants, we will nurture and care for the children at their home away from home.

Kan Rehsi, Program Director

UPCOMING EVENT:

October 29, 2016 – 12:00 – 3:00 pm
PLEASE JOIN US FOR 'FUN & SAFETY'

SAFETY: FEATURING CONSTABLE **DENISE CAISSIE**, STRATHCONA COUNTY RCMP WITH FINGER PRINT ID KITS FOR THE CHILDREN & A SPECIAL VIEWING OF HER PATROL CAR @ **1:00 PM!**

FUN: PUMPKIN DECORATING; STICKERS & TATTOOS, & MORE FUN ACTIVITIES!

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – BRING YOUR FRIENDS
STAY TUNED FOR OUR NOVEMBER EVENT!

A Message from the Business Director

Dear Families and Children:

Welcome to County Place Early Learning and Care Centre. It is with much excitement that we open our doors to each family that has entrusted us with the care of their children. We are honored and privileged to have you join our Centre and professional family. County Place is very cognizant of the duty that faces the members of our staff - *from the directors, to the teachers, to the cooks* - as we will each play a paramount role in the growth and development of every child in attendance. It is our responsibility to impress upon you that we comprehend the influence that we exert and the impact that our actions and our words will have on your children. It is for this reason that we are committed to becoming more intentional about encouraging your children, meeting their needs and embracing their lead. In closing, I would like to quote Ray L. Wilbur, *"The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation."* At County Place, we intend on encouraging and celebrating the possibilities of each child, this is our promise to you. **Let's learn, play and grow together.**

Antonella Ciancibello-Normey, Business Director

GENERAL INFORMATION

Today, County Place Early Learning and Care Centre is happy and proud to open its doors to our first families.

Welcome!

We would like to impress upon all families that our centre believes that children learn best through play and awareness of the world that surrounds them. Our objective is to offer a high quality play based and child centered environment which collectively foster and encourage cognitive, emotional, physical and social development. The environment in which this will be accomplished is one that promises to be safe, nurturing and healthy.

Here are a few 'housekeeping' items that we wish to address:

- **Introduction of County Place Staff**

- Kanwaljit Rehsi Operations Director
- Antonella Ciancibello-Normey Business Director

- **Teaching Staff**

County Place Early Learning & Care Centre would like to take this opportunity to welcome two very promising and committed teachers and volunteer to our Professional Family:

- Nilushika Dilrukshi Weerakoon Full-Time Teacher
- Jessielyn Cruz Part-Time Teacher
- Thiromi Subaweeragamage Volunteer

STAFF ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



County Place would like to strike a partnership with post-secondary institutions and students of Early Childhood Education programs as we would like to provide upcoming future educators an opportunity to hone their skills at CPELCC. These educators would serve to complement our staff by offering an extra pair of hands while accumulating experience. It is important to note that a volunteer would never be left alone with a child as they would not be counted as staff although their assistance would be invaluable!

*Every child is gifted. They just
unwrap their packages at different
times!*



REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

Report to Front Office – **First Visit to Facility**

Child Registrations

- Antonella Ciancibello-Normey, County Place Early Learning & Care Centre, *Business Director*, will be pleased to welcome you to tour the facility, answer any of your questions, and handle the REGISTRATION PROCEDURE for your child;
- If you did not attend the Open House, held on Saturday, August 27th, 2016, you will be presented the PARENT INFORMATION PACKET which contains - *among other documents* - the 'official' REGISTRATION Form;
- In order to hold your child's spot, a DEPOSIT/PAYMENT must be made. (*For further information, kindly request a PARENT INFORMATION PACKET*);

Sign-In & Sign-Out Sheets

- All children of County Place Early Learning & Care Centre must be signed-in when they arrive and signed-out when they leave the centre;
- Should a parent/guardian be delayed and not be able to pick-up their child by closing time (6:00 pm), we would ask that County Place office (780-710-8980) be contacted;

Outdoor Shoe Policy

- Children are to have an INDOOR pair of shoes which will be left in their cubbies at the centre;
- Children will remove their outdoor shoes at the place of entry and carry (or be assisted in carrying) their shoes to their respective cubbies;
- Parents are asked to cover their outdoor shoes with the blue booties shoe covers that are provided at the front central doors on the right hand side as you enter. It is imperative that we all collaborate on this matter so that our facility remains as clean as possible for the children and staff;
- Parents willing to remove their outdoor shoes, are invited to place them in the shoe rack immediately to your right as you enter the front, central entrance;

Play is a highest form of research!

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Teacher Portfolios

- Teacher portfolios are necessary documents that our centre keeps on file so that as each teacher continues to expand their professional credentials. Our office records are continuously updated;
- County place believes in offering teachers professional expansion opportunities – **PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** - which not only benefit the teachers, but also your children, all of which will reflect positively on the centre itself; and, more importantly, on your child's learning experience.

Child Portfolios

- County Place documents and records your child's daily activities, medical histories, sick days, absenteeism, dietary intake, and all that constitutes individual, child reports;

Identification of all children & staff

- In order for teachers and staff to know all the children, Identification Name Tags (adhesive) will be worn at all times, from drop-off to pick-up times;
- Infants and Babies will have their identification (adhesive) tags placed on their backs;

Individual, Children's Cubbies

- Each child will have their own cubby which will serve to house all of their belongings;
- Children's indoor shoes will be placed - *as earlier mentioned* - in the bottom of their respective cubbies;

Developmental Groups

- County Place offers the following developmental groups:
 - i. Infants & Babies
 - ii. Toddlers
 - iii. Pre-Schoolers
 - iv. Kinders
 - v. Out-of-School

OUR PHILOSOPHY

County Place Early Learning & Care Centre is dedicated and committed to your children. It is our objective to provide exceptional education and quality child care. It is our philosophy to focus on the needs of the individual child by offering a stimulating atmosphere for learning along with a secure loving environment. It is our belief that a childcare facility should be an extension of each child's family. At County Place, teachers and parents are encouraged to work together to provide the love and support needed for each child so that they reach developmental milestones and their own personal achievements at their individual pace. We are passionate about education and are committed to equip children with the necessary tools which will allow them to be successful in life.



Remember, you have found
your child's HOME AWAY
FROM HOME.

Come in, visit & stay a while!

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Items Your Child Will Need to Bring to County Place

- Parents of our developmental groups are requested to bring the following items for their children:
 - **Infants & Babies**
 - Diapers, Pull-Ups, Wipes, Cream, Change of Clothes, Sippy Cup, Indoor Shoes; & anything else that is necessary for your child;
 - **Toddlers**
 - Diapers, Pull-Ups, Wipes, Cream, Sippy Cup (all of these items are only on a per need basis); Change of Clothes, Indoor Shoes; & anything else that is necessary for your child;
 - **Pre-School**
 - Diapers, Pull-Ups, Wipes, Cream, Sippy Cup (all of these items are only on a per need basis); Change of Clothes, Indoor Shoes; & anything else that is necessary for your child;
 - **Kinder**
 - Indoor Shoes; & anything else that is necessary for your child;
 - **Out-Of-School**
 - Indoor Shoes; & anything else that is necessary for your child;

Nota Bene: CPELCC understands that parents will dress their children according to the season. With this in mind, CPELCC asks that parents kindly label all of their children’s items with a permanent marker. Thank you.

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 A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,
 ❖ of adding joy ❖
 to every day!

EVERY
CHILD IS A
different KIND OF flower,
 AND ALL TOGETHER,
 MAKE THIS WORLD
A Beautiful
GARDEN.

Child Medical History and Allergies

- Medical history and allergies of your child must be clearly and legibly stated on the registration form (*see: Parent Information Packet*). Also, CPELCC requires a copy of your child’s IMMUNIZATION record;
- If you deem it necessary to speak to a staff member about your child’s medical condition, please feel free to do so; or, better yet, feel free to walk into the office and pay Antonella Ciancibello-Normey, *Business Director*, a visit in order to further discuss the matter.

Portable Emergency Child Records

- County Place is a strong advocate of Portable Emergency Child Records;
- Teachers will bring with them the designated back packs containing the PORTABLE EMERGENCY CHILD RECORDS and other necessary and required items whenever they leave the premises and/or during any sort of evacuation.

1st FIELD TRIP – Millennium Place – Tuesday, October 18, 2016

CPELCC is happy to announce that Tuesday, October 18, 2016, marks our first field trip. We shall be visiting MILLENNIUM PLACE where our children will enjoy some swimming as well as fun time in the activity room. We ask that parents ensure that they pack necessary attire for the field trip (*towels, shampoo, etc.*). In order to make the experience more enjoyable and allow your child as much time as possible at this lovely facility, we would ask that your child come to County Place with their swimsuit already on under their day clothes.

- Departure time from CPELCC: 9:30 am
- Arrival time at Millennium Place: 9:45 am
- Departure time from Millennium Place: 11:15 am
- Arrival Time at CPELCC: 11:30 am
- Mode of transportation: A private vehicle
- What to bring in addition to swimming attire:** **Child’s car seat** – please leave it at CPELCC when you drop off your child on the morning of Tuesday, Oct 18.

FIELD TRIPS

Millennium Place	Varieties of activities: soccer, swimming, skating, activity room.
Jurassic Park	Dinosaur Learning Park.
Valley Zoo	Guided tour & visit – exposure to all types of animals.
TELUS World of Science	Guided tour & visit – exposure to different kind of science based exhibits.
Art Gallery of Alberta	Tailored Educational tour and craft activity of our choice.
Fort Edmonton Park	Introduction to Aboriginal people & tour of what Edmonton was like at the time

UPCOMING EVENT:

REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11, 2016 will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 9 at CPELCC.

DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED IN OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!

In concluding, I would be remiss if I did not commit to paper congratulations to Brian **Kryska and his family** as well as **Kan Rehsi and the Rehsi group** for all of the hard work and long hours that each respectively poured into this beautiful CARE CENTRE which will receive and facilitate the leaders of tomorrow, your children! An honorable mention must be paid to **Shellina Cusack**, our consultant, who also worked tirelessly so that the facility could open its doors to receive interested families and children. Welcome one and all to County Place!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Antonella Ciancibello-Normey, *Business Director* at **780 710-8980** as she will be more than happy to assist you. Remember, **you have found your child’s HOME AWAY FROM HOME. Please come in, take your shoes off and stay a while as we look forward to your visit!**

Antonella Ciancibello-Normey
 CPELCC, *Business Director*