



Fun Farm October Newsletter



Big Kids Stuff...

WATERPROOF BOOTS, RAIN PANTS, AND RAIN JACKET WILL BE NEEDED FOR EACH CHILD EVERY DAY
Please be sure that these articles of clothing are **ACTUALLY WATERPROOF** so that your child stays warm.

The Fun Farm has prioritized our outdoor focus this year. One of the best ways we can guard your children from COVID (and have healthy fun) is to play outside as much as we can. The outdoor space has been hugely improved and expanded, and we will make good use of this great resource. The rain will not keep us inside, so all children will need to be prepared to be outside. If this gear is not available for your child each day, expect that we will be calling to resolve the situation. Thank you!

Big Kids each have a drawstring bag in their cubby for extra clothes. We need a full set of clothes for each child in this bag to stay at Fun Farm each day. Please provide slippers or indoor shoes for your child to wear inside in this wetter season.

We have wrestled with the mask system for vehicles and have had good success. We have been able to devise a system, making use of the children's reusable masks. The Fun Farm will wash your child's mask weekly, as they are getting used only in the vehicles for a minimum amount of time each day. Previously purchased masks are \$5 each if you have not paid for yours. More masks are available for the same cost if you need any.

Big Kids must have a sturdy, non-leaking water bottle that stays only at the Fun Farm – NOT shared with school. Since we are not permitted to share dishes, we have purchased sealed water bottles that children are given if they do not have their own bottle. Parents will be charged \$1 for each bottle that their child needs.

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Please take note: We have a child who is waiting to be tested for a possible anaphylactic cashew allergy. We have decided it is best to disallow cashews in the 3 -5 daycare/preschool program for now.

The children have been having fun exploring "**All About Me**" in preschool. We will be doing a fact-based exploration of traditional Hallowe'en theme items (e.g. Bats, skeletons, spiders) to show children that these symbols are not scary, but interesting to study!!

We also spent time learning about the story of Terry Fox. We participated in a little Terry Fox run. It was successful, thank you for your donations. If you have not sent in a donation yet, it's not too late! We have already raffled off a Terry Fox T-shirt last Friday!

This month we will be learning about the life cycle of pumpkins. We are growing pumpkins in our field and our pumpkins are slowly growing bigger! Ask your child to show you our pumpkin patch.

At the Fun Farm we are very active and the children build up quite an appetite. Please pack a healthy, hearty lunch. No juice boxes please, but do provide a water bottle for your child. Also please limit children to one treat per day in their lunch.

Parents please call before 10 a.m. if your child is not coming into the center that day. Also, please call to let us know if someone else is coming to pick up your child.

Fall is here and so is the rain. Please provide for your children: rain boots, and a muddy buddy. All children will need inside shoes, outside shoes every day. If you can leave all three options at the centre, this is best. Alternatively, you must send indoor & outdoor shoes, or boots every day. Shoes must be Velcro or slip on, no laces please, something your child can put on themselves or with a bit of help.

Daycare children keep spare clothes in the bathroom bins. **Preschool** children will store all extra clothes in their back packs. Please make sure the bag contains pants, underwear, socks, and a shirt always. No more than one change of clothes, though. Thank you!

All centre dates to remember:

- Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30th we will be having a fun party! Please dress up in a costume. No shared treats this year, but we will be doing fun activities and games! More details to be announced...
- **CLOSED** on Monday, October 12 for Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy your family time!
- **UPCOMING:** We will be closed for one week over Christmas Break – Wednesday, December 23 will be our last day before Christmas break and we will re-open on Monday, January 4.