

The Children's Village at Bridlewood

June Newsletter 2019

FROM LEEVIE'S DESK

Where has the school year gone?

With the first day of summer behind us and the last week of school just ahead of us, I would like to say how proud I am of CVAB.

This year brought us many growing opportunities and never shied away from new developments and discoveries. Friendships were formed, social skills were developed and with each passing month; kindness sprung into full effect. Great Job Kiddos and high five team CVAB for continuing to foster and encourage creativity, imagination and independence!



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER

Team CVAB would like to wish all families a safe and fun filled summer.



We look forward to seeing all returning families and new families effective the first day of school on September 3rd 2019.



Dates to remember

- Last day of School: Thursday June 27th
- PD DAY: Friday June 28th
- We are CLOSED: Monday July 1st
- **The Summer Program runs from:**
July 2nd – August 30th
- We are CLOSED: Monday August 5th
- First day of School: Tuesday September 3rd



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Another successful school year has flown by! High five team CVAB and thank you for your dedication and ongoing commitment to the overall safety and wellbeing of our children.

The children have commenced their countdown until the last day of school and the team is prepared to close another chapter and kick start our summer program with all of its spontaneity. Should your family be withdrawing for the summer months, we wish you a happy couple of months with plenty of fun in the sun. Friendly reminder to those temporarily withdrawing, to please submit your re-registration fee no later than June 27th in order to secure your child's space in our EDP for the 2019-2020 school year.

Speaking of the school year! It always amazes me just how much the children learn and grown in only ten months! It also amazes me how fast the time flies and what a wake up it truly is when we are forced to wish our graduating class farewell. This year's graduates consist of children that we have had in our care for all of 8yrs. That is correct from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6! This is another example of how and why we consider our Extended Day Program a home away from home your families our families ☺

We will miss all graduating children and families and wish them well. For those graduating and those relocating, moving and or changing schools, we also wish you a smooth transition into your next chapter. Always remember to use your W.I.T.S, Be Kind and that it "Takes a Village to Raise a Child" we are a phone call away!

A special thank you to all of our parent volunteers this past school year and to the many of you who have contributed not only your time but also your donations to our program. Our program continues to be blessed with the best and we are very fortunate to have such caring and giving families.

Last month, I shared with you the news of my departure and was also able to express my appreciation for the partnership I have formed with not only the school's admin team but also our BCES parent council. This month I would like to complete my gratitude by shining light on our chief custodian Mr. Greg Perkins. Mr. Perkins is not only adored by the children but team CVAB wouldn't function as smoothly, safely and sanitary if it weren't for his hard work and understanding around our EDP. Thank you Greg for being you and for all that you do!

Last but not least, I will be hugging your children and quite possibly you this final week of school. For those of your who do not know, my last day will be June 28th with the occasional drop in to kick off summer and again in September to ensure all runs smooth.

Other than that, I will be overseeing the operations of a brand new Children's Village Toddler Preschool Program in Findlay Creek. Your New Program Supervisor is Ms. Kimberly Lessard and I encourage you to continue reading our newsletter to see Ms. Kim's introductory letter!

Monthly newsletters will resume in September. Stay Happy. Keep Healthy and when you can ~ Just Laugh.

With love,

Leevie Hart RECE

Program Supervisor

Children's Village at Bridlewood 2013-2019

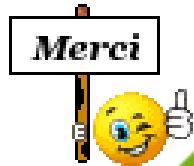
ATTENDANCE

Please remember to notifying us when your child will be away or alternate arrangements for drop off or pick up have been made:

Email:

Bridlewood@childrensvillage.on.ca or

Call: 613-254-9393



FIELD TRIP INFO

We will be venturing off site on several days this summer and all children are to be in attendance by 9am! Buses will not wait to depart. All scheduled returns are between 3:30pm-4:30pm

SUMMER ESSENTIALS

Summer program runs from July 2nd – August 30th 2019

Lunches

This summer CVAB will provide AM snack from 8am-9am and PM snack between 3pm-4pm ☺

*Please pack your child a nutritious picnic style lunch to eat daily between 12:30-1:30pm



Daily Reminders & Requests

- ✓ HAT
- ✓ WATER BOTTLE
- ✓ SUNSCREEN
- ✓ BATHING SUIT & TOWEL
- ✓ CHANGE OF CLOTHES

❖ Please label all your items!!!

SUMMER SAFETY

Hello Bridlewood!!

I'm so excited to be joining you all at the Bridlewood location this summer! I have been working with Children's Village for over 7 years and have had the opportunity to enjoy many rolls within the agency. I look forward to becoming Program Supervisor at your location and to enjoy the many activities that the coming years will bring.

A little about me... I am a mom to an amazing 11 year old boy. We love to travel and explore this beautiful planet we live on. We love to go camping and enjoy being in nature. During the summer you can find us biking all over Ottawa on our spare time. In the winter we like to skate and build forts.

If there is anything you would like to know about me please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to getting to know all of you!!

Kim Lessard

RECE



Hello summertime! Can you believe the school year is coming to an end already? With the school year coming to a close we will be saying goodbye to a few families over the summer. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing your smiling faces in the fall!

End of Year Photos & Words from TEAM KG



SLIME



MAKING BOATS



UNDERWATER SENSORY

This month during community time we have been journeying across the globe in our hot air balloons, visiting a different country daily, collecting flag stamps from each country to stick in our passports and learning some cool facts along the way. We've visited Greece, Ireland, Sweden, Australia, Mexico and Jamaica.



We've enjoyed an underwater world sensory bin and made ocean sensory bottles. We made animal puppets and searched for flags in an around the world scavenger hunt. We've sorted loose parts and made loose part collages on foil, the most beautiful coffee filter canvases and origami cards for Dad.



Science and baking have been really popular this month. We made primary slime, a fizzing slime volcano, tasted some tropical fruits and made some beach party JELLO treats.



As we ramp up for the summer program, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we need sun screen, hats, and water bottles daily. We wish everyone a most wonderful fun filled safe summer and would appreciate if you could get the summer field trip permission slips back to us by Friday.



We have been very lucky over the past month; the weather has been cooperating and we have been able to get outside almost every day. The children have been enjoying group games such as octopus, shoe relay and when indoors, wax museum.

PICTURES & BLURB FROM (SAP1)



With only a week left of school, the children are very excited for our summer program to begin. We have begun our routine of applying sunscreen, as well as ensuring that hats and water bottles are being brought outside in the afternoons.



Experimenting with Wikki Stix



Mucking around!



Beyblades!

With the summer just around the corner, we are wrapping up the school year with some exciting activities. In addition to enjoying outdoor play, the children have been keeping busy indoors as well. To expand on the children's interest in UNO, we have introduced SkipBo, UNO Express, Spoons, Crazy Eights and War.

Building with ramps and Beyblades continue to be popular activities. Our PD Day was a great deal of fun.

The children worked together to save Fred. Fred's (a sour patch kid) boat capsized and the children had to work together in small groups to get his life preserver on him and get him back into his boat. The difficult part was that they could not touch Fred with their fingers; they had to use paper clips. They also had fun outside decorating the pavement with sidewalk chalk paint that they had made earlier in the day.

We ended the day in the Community centre for a photo slideshow and snack.

We are looking forward to the last PD Day in June, where we will be gearing up for our fun filled summer program.

Stefanie & Lee



The children playing various card games that we have learned this month.



Declan, Seamus, Thomas and Fenton using the ramps with cars and Beyblades.



Can you save Fred challenge on PD Day.





Dear CVAB families,

I am writing this goodbye letter to you, to inform you of my departure at the end of the summer.

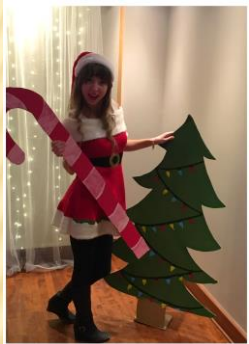
Working here at Children's Village at Bridlewood for the past two years has been such an amazing and rewarding experience. I feel privileged to have met your families and watch your children meet milestones that will aid them for the rest of their lives.

When I had first started off here in Summer 2017 I was working as a PA. Today, I am so proud to see that so many children, whom have struggled in the past, can now stand strong and make their own positive choices. Next I worked in SAP 1 as a team teacher, which was a great establishment because it gave me the opportunity to create bonds with the families and children that were then carried when moving up into the older school age groups alongside me.

I am now looking forward to the summer, it will be bittersweet goodbye, as is the summer because it's always lots of fun. In September, I am going back to school to extend my education and experiences to Social Service Work. However, while I'm in school I look forward to keeping in touch as I plan to come back to supply.

Thank you for helping me, help your children grow.

Sasha



PHOTOS & NEWS FROM THE PORTABLE!

IF YOU DON'T LIKE SUMMER

School is out and summer camps start
And older people feel younger at heart
And even at night it's warm and lazy
If you don't like summer you must be crazy

Swim in the pool, eat some ice cream
Stare at the clouds, get lost in a dream
Spin in circles until your brain is hazy
If you don't like summer you must be crazy

Go to the beach and build a castle
Or you and your friend in the sand can wrastle
Lie on the green grass, make a chain with a daisy
If you don't like summer you must be crazy

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School's
OUT
Summer is
ON!



End of the year roundup by the Portable Team/ SAP2 & SAP3

This past month, the older school agers have been a blended group for the majority of the month which is nice because it is a nice reminder of how the children have created new friendships throughout the year. This month, a new teacher has joined us in the portable: Ms. Asma, a nice addition after being a reliable supply throughout the year that the children are familiar with.

A common interest this month has been sensory exploration. There has been a sand sensory bin with loose parts, Oobleck with “fish eggs” (water beads), and a swamp sensory bin that developed into investigating different kinds of stones.

Card games and board games are still a-go. This month the children have been introduced to 5-Minute Dungeons, an exciting board game that encourage playing cooperatively together to defeat the tasks at hand “Dungeons”. This game has been a nice recap because at the beginning of the school year, the children had been playing Dungeons and Dragons which brings back the familiarity of choosing different characters with special abilities. Classic games such as Chess, Pokémon, Uno, and Skip-Bo have also been a hit.

The incorporation of loose-part activities in art throughout the past few months has inspired the children to build their own art shop! This has started off with thorough planning that included, blueprints for the layout of the shop, creating roles for each worker at the shop, and including a inventory for supplies to sell at the shop. They all worked cooperatively to open a brand new creative space.

We are looking forward to the June 28th PD day and the all the fun activities throughout summer 2019!

Signing off,
Sasha and Asma



Additional Pictures from June



Dean enjoying a yummy Jello treat on our Beach Party Day!



Bronwyn showing us how to Irish Dance!



Mackenzie, Lauren, Julia and Charlotte pictured camping in SAP1 ~ FUN!



Lauren, Maire and Fenton making books.



Riley and Brayden are pictured playing Pokémon and or Yugioh



Beyblade Battles



Mr. Fraser is pictured reading & teaching his daughter fun facts about trees during our most recent slideshow & seedling give-away



Thank you again to Ecology Ottawa for the donations!

END OF YEAR HDLH ENTRY

How does learning happen at CVAB?

By fostering inclusion, trust, and a safe space to express ourselves when learning and growing.



Team CVAB would also like to recognize and thank our partners Children's Integration Support Services for their hand in building an inclusive environment for all of our families! With appreciation and gratitude, thank you to our resource consultants; Suzanne Roy & Tanya Terrade

END OF YEAR Resources 😊

❖ <https://blog.brookespublishing.com/> THE INCLUSION LAB

❖ www.workingmother.com
TEN TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD CONFIDENCE

❖ www.happyhooligans.ca
FUN THINGS for Kids to do AT HOME this SUMMER

BEST WISHES

The end of school and **summer** also will mark the end of care for some of our families and employment for some of our team members. We would like to wish the following families and team members all the best in their future endeavors...



- Smith Family
- Murray Family
- Ans Family
- Cardle Family
- Moffatt Family
- Pridham Family
- MacDonald Family
- Ms. Leevie
- Ms. Sasha
- Ms. Hannah
- Ms. Carissa
- Ms. Ashley



SPECIAL THANKS

Bridlewood Community Elementary School Staff and Admin Teams for keeping the lines of communication open throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Our ongoing partnership is both enjoyable and helpful.



Donations

CVAB is in need of recyclable materials for our summer program.

Please donate what you can:

- Boxes (big or small)
- Paper towel rolls
- Yogurt containers with lids
- Electronics such as; old cell phones, remote controls, radios and other tinker table items to explore & take apart!

Don't forget!

★ To check your summer calendars for additional activities, guests and field trips.

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer program!!!

CVAB

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