

## GTFRC September & October newsletter, 2020 for Harwich Raleigh

Hello! Please let me introduce myself. My name is Rebecca Dodman and I am the new director at Growing Together Family Resource Centre. I am a Registered Early Childhood Educator and I have worked in childcare for the past 23 years. My husband and I live in the country, outside of Blenheim, with our three teenaged children. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, campfires, off road vehicles and football. I started at Growing Together in January of 2002. I instantly feel in love with the philosophy and culture of the organization. I have had the opportunity to work with all age groups over the years, alongside many amazing ECE's. In 2015, I became a supervisor with Growing Together as we opened the Chatham May Court location. After becoming a supervisor, my role changed from working directly with children, to inspiring and mentoring the staff at my centre. In July 2020, I officially took over as the Director for Growing Together. I am very grateful for this opportunity. I would like to continue to offer quality, play based childcare to families in Chatham Kent. Through Emergent programming, Inspiring Environments and Remarkable Educators, I want Growing Together to continue to be a great place to be.



Hello everyone! Ms. Liz here. I would love to thank all of you for supporting me as the new FDK educator at Harwich Raleigh. It has looked a little different than normal, but I am loving all of the experiences our group has been able to enjoy, and all of the future fun we have planned.

Throughout the last little while we have been enjoying climbing trees. While it does work our muscles, what has been even more amazing is all of the encouragement I hear from the children as they support each other in bravely exploring our climbing tree. It really warms my heart!

As well, Ms. Bonnie and her husband, Gary (well... mostly Mr. Gary), built us a wonderful mud kitchen! The children have really enjoyed “cooking” on it.

Another initiative we have undertaken inside is called, “The Marble Jar.” Whenever anyone is helping others without asking or being kind without expecting a reward, we add marbles to a jar. Once our jar is full of kindness, we are going to have a party! We have already filled the jar more than half full.

Now for the not so fun stuff: As the weather is getting more cold and wet, please make sure that your child has indoor shoes and an extra change of clothes, as well as proper outside gear. It has been super chilly in the mornings!

Thank you so much for all that you do, families!

Ms. Liz



# School Age

Happy Fall Y'all..

Miss Téa and Ms Nicole welcomed back our families early in September for back to school..

We have converted our room into all the Fall feels..

The children are busy in our centres.. excited to come to daycare.. happy to be back with their friends.. the countless conversations have been heart warming to say the least..

They have been engaged in many different activities and interests.. The educators have been busy planning their mornings and afternoons filled with play, learning and adventure..

The children have enjoyed making slime, playing with the texture and creating their own colours has been intriguing to say the least..

In our outdoor space, the children have enjoyed balancing on the tires, creating obstacle courses, playing as a group on the equipment.. they've enjoyed some outdoor sports including soccer, wall ball, frisbee. Badminton and hockey..

We have also dabbled in photography.. we will be posting a "video" of pictures that your children have captured and will soon post on SeeSaw.. you will be amazed at how the children are able to snap "picture perfect" moments..

Please enjoy some pictures of the children in program ..

As always , feel free to reach out to us anytime..

Miss Téa and Ms Nicole



## Cheddar Cheese Biscuit

Kitchen  
corner

2 cups all purpose flour

1/2 cup white sugar

1 tbl baking powder

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup plain yogurt

2 large eggs, beaten

1/4 cup butter, melted

Step 1: prepare the oven and preheat to 400 F

Step 2: Spray 12 large muffin cups

Step 3: In a large mixing bowl, add the baking powder, flour, sugar, and baking soda. Stir until well mixed.

Step 4: add the shredded cheese.

Step 5: Pour in the beaten eggs, yogurt and melted butter. Whisk until well mixed and moist.

Step 6: Scoop the batter and place them into the greased muffin cups.

Step 7: Bake in the oven for 18-20 minutes or until the color turns light brown.

Step 8: remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack. Serve warm. Can be refrigerated and warmed before serving in the microwave.



## **Board of Directors**

Meet L.A Mercer. As a parent of two children attending GTFRC, she became an active member of the Board in 2019. L.A. was born and raised in Toronto and graduated from the Media Program at Ryerson University. Her career led her into the Charity sector where she has spent the past 10 years doing Community Outreach and Engagement. L.A. is an avid Toronto Blue Jays and Indianapolis Colts fan, and when she's not cheering on her teams, you'll find her spending time with her husband and children at Rondeau Park or listening to a wide variety of podcasts.

