

# Growing Together at WJB

## Spring news letter, 2021

Hello WJB and HR families,

We hope everyone was able to hang in there through the lockdowns due to covid. I know our staff and children are looking forward to having warmer weather so we can spend lots of time outdoors and breathe in that fresh air. If able, please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before coming to childcare, this way it has a chance to absorb before going outside in the mornings. The staff will reapply in the afternoons. Also please be sure to bring in the appropriate clothing for your child as they will be spending most of their day exploring the outdoors.

The Epicure fundraiser was a great success. Thank you for all who ordered some spices. We will let you know when the orders are in. The money that is raised will go towards craft supplies and toys for the programs.

We are excited to announce that we are able to offer a picture day. WJB site is July 6 for children in attendance that day. Due to covid regulations parents are not able to drop in with their child for a picture session.

Beginning June 16 WJB will have new secured entrance system. We will no longer be using the walkie talkies. Upon arrival if no screener is present, please ring the buzzer on the monitor, located on the left of the main entrance doors near the wheelchair button.

Some children joined from HR to our wjb site for the online learning and emergency childcare, but we are already planning for our summer program which will consist of lots of great activities throughout July and August. We can not wait to see some of our other families back that have signed up for the school age summer program.

The programs are always looking for outdoor donations: things like bubbles, chalk, sand toys etc.

Your administrative team,

Ms. Melanie & Ms. Tina S



# Infant happenings



***Spring is in the air... and our infants have enjoyed every moment of outdoor play that we can get in. Some of our favourite things to do outside are painting with water (5.2 Fine Motor), playing in the rain in our Muddy Buddies (The Senses) and peeking at the lawn tractors through our fence. We have also been enjoying a lot of nature walks. The children love to watch the birds and squirrels!***

***Enjoy the warmer weather!  
Ms. Dawn, Ms. Chrystal  
and Ms. Bonnie***



## Bird, Bird, Bird is the Word

Here in the **Toddler Room** we are fascinated with BIRDS!!!! We enjoy watching the birds through the big windows when we are inside, sometimes when the toddlers are sad this is something that will calm them.

When we are outside we see so many more, we see the big bird's way up the sky flying around in circles, we also see lots of small birdies in our playground, we watch them collect things to make nest for their babies, we can see the nest way up in the speaker box and we watch them fly in and out of the pipe above our sand-box. In our playground we have some bird feeders the toddlers love filling them with bird seed and watching the birds eat. In our playroom we have incorporated some birds and bird houses as an invitation to play, we have done many different crafts like gluing feathers, painting with feathers and making our own birds nest.

We are so excited for the nice weather as our playground is where we spend most of our summer days, we are looking forward to doing lots of water play. Please make sure your child has extra clothes at childcare so we can change with them after water play.

Wish List: Bubbles, Chalk, Kites, Doll strollers, water toys

Ms. Jaimie, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Ashley



## Junior Preschool News

We LOVE the sunny days we've been having! Our Junior Preschool friends have been spending lots of time outside soaking up the warm weather. We have been lucky enough to find some toad friends in the playground, as well as watch the robins swooping from the trees. Our friends get very excited to be able to see airplanes flying across the sky, as well as the city buses and garbage trucks driving down the road. Every Wednesday we have been watching our grass getting cut, and as we wave at the lawn mowers the drivers wave back, and our friends get so excited!

To extend our outdoor exploration we have brought out our magnifying glasses to search for bugs, toads, and worms, and have ventured out of the playground in search of a duck's nest at the front of the school. We are fortunate to be able to be outside rain or shine, as we have muddy buddies to keep us dry, and the large tree in our playground to offer shade, as well as act as a large umbrella! One of the group's favourite games to play outside is "I Had a Little Pony". The game encourages us to think about the way animals move and what they eat, while getting to run.

We're looking forward to a sunny fun-filled Summer!

I Had a Little Pony song lyrics:

*I had some little ponies  
I fed them lots of hay  
And when the gate was open  
My ponies ran away  
Gallop here, gallop there  
Gallop, gallop everywhere  
Never stop until I holler, woah my ponies, woah!*

Thank You!

Garnet R – fastener nuts  
Alice's Family – fastener nuts  
Everyone who brings in bags (We go through a lot of bags!)

Ms. Alyssa  
Ms. Carrie  
Ms. Sydnee



## Spring has Sprung in the Sr preschool room

The senior preschool room has been enjoying the nice weather. We were so fortunate to receive Muddy buddies to keep us dry while we explore in all weather. With the rainy days that come in spring the children enjoyed putting their muddy buddies on and finding puddles to jump in or just running around in the rain.

Some big interests that have been coming up in our classroom have been floor puzzles. The children love doing floor puzzles and enjoy the challenge they love working together to create it. Ghost Busters has been an ongoing interest in our class especially the song. The children have loved trying to make ghost traps to catch them for the ghost buster. If you have any recycled items you are looking to get rid of we would love them to use to create with. Another interest has been Fishing. The children enjoy bringing string onto the climber and hanging it over the edge and having Ms. Jess and Ms. Taylor pretend they are fish and grab the string like a fish bite. If anyone has any fishing poles that they are not using and would like to donate those also we would greatly appreciate it.

We are looking forward to the warm weather approaching and all of the adventures we are going to go on.

Ms. Jess and Ms. Taylor



# ECC WJB & HR FDK & SA

Hello families! How is the school year almost over? We have been in online learning since just after Easter, with Harwich-Raleigh combined at WJ Baird. While it has been difficult and frustrating some days, the children ROCKED IT! They showed their strength, determination, and can-do attitude and have persevered.

When not in meetings, we have made sure to have LOTS of fun. We have planned fun Fridays where we have dressed up, wore pjs, and even bring in our favourite books to read and explore. As well, we had a super fun PA Day where we relaxed with homemade face and hand masks, did our nails, made headbands, and even did yoga!

Some of our favourite ways to relax has been to have dance parties where we show off our epic dance moves and explore outside and search for cool nature finds. After lunch we have been enjoying listening to audiobooks. "Vampires don't wear polka dots" was just a wee bit scary, but very funny! We enjoyed discussing the book as a group, guessing what would happen next, talking about our favourite parts, and listening to others opinions.

Warm weather is upon us and we are outside as much as possible. Please make sure to have indoor and outdoor shoes, an extra change of clothes (we love water and mud play!), and even an extra bathing suit if you have one.

Thank you all so much!

Ms. Liz, Ms. Hannah, & Ms. Bonnie



# Karen's Kitchen

## Cheesy Pierogi Casserole

### Ingredients

- 1 package, 16 oz frozen potato and cheese pierogies
- 7 oz kielbasa sausage, sliced (chicken sausage also taste yummy)
- 2 cups shredded cheese divided
- 4 oz cream cheese, soften
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- Optional topping: fresh parsley

### Instructions

- Heat oven to 375 degrees. I prepare 2 quart baking dish with cooking spray. Place frozen pierogies evenly in casserole. Top with sausage.
- In a medium bowl, mix together 1 cup shredded cheese, sour cream, pepper and garlic salt
- Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over sausage and pierogies and pour in broth. Cover and bake for 30-35 minutes
- Uncover and top with remaining cheese, continue baking for 3 to 5 minutes, until cheese is melted

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