



YUCDC Spring Program Newsletter 2017

Administrative Staffing Team:

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Meet our New Executive Director!

Mabel Davis is a graduate of York University's BA Psychology Program, and Seneca College's School of Early Childhood Education and Business Programs. She has a strong passion for quality childcare and takes great pride in the delivery of educational programs that make a lasting difference in the lives of young children, their families and the communities in which they live.

After working in Durham Region as the Program Director of renowned childcare facilities for the past 17 years, Mabel is returning to Toronto where she commenced her career. She is quite excited about returning to her grass roots of working with a Parent Board.

Mabel commutes from her home in Brooklin where she lives with her husband, three sons and two dogs. You will find her quite often in the backyard reading or puttering around her flower and vegetable gardens.

Thank You for Spreading the Word!

Our Programs are almost full! We currently have 18 Infants, 20 Toddlers, 30 Preschoolers, 31 Kinders and 15 School Ageds registered in our programs. We have space to enrol two more Preschoolers and one more Kinder.

Mark Your Calendars!

You will have an opportunity to meet two of our newest Board Members from York University at our next General Meeting: Phyllis Barbieri from Human Resources and Sanish Samuel from the Finance Department. This date will follow!

This evening will also mark the end of Samuel Toledo's partnership with YUCDC. Samuel and his family will be moving to Quebec at the beginning of July. As the chair of our Human Resources Committee, Samuel has dedicated endless hours and much effort on our Parent Board. Merci Beaucoup, Samuel!

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents by being a member of our Parent Board, please speak with our Executive Director.

Parents as Partners

Please know that your donations of boxes of Kleenex for our programs and photocopying paper for the office have been very much appreciated! We continue to accept these items and gently used items specific to one's culture for our dramatic play centres (i.e. empty ethnic food boxes, pieces of clothing, dishware, etc.) Items that have been termed 'beautiful stuff' that could be added to our creative centres would also be of value to our programs (i.e. boxes, cardboard, magnets, fabric, bows, etc.). You may find this 'beautiful stuff' either in your home or workplace.

How is Learning Happening at YUCDC?

Our Preschoolers Meet Members From their Fire Community

What a wonderful morning! Some of Toronto's finest Fire Fighters came to meet and greet our Preschoolers early this Spring! They took the time to give our Preschoolers and their parents and grandparents a tour of their truck and allowed them to explore some of the tools that they use to do their job until they were called away to put out a fire.

This learning opportunity provided our Preschoolers with an experience to build some connections, learn from one another and from some of the people who work within their community.

'Opportunities to engage with people, places, and the natural world in the local environment help children, families, educators, and communities build connections, learn, discover and make contributions to the world around them. It fosters a sense of belonging to the Community, their local Community, the natural environment and the larger universe. As well, communities benefit from the rich experiences they have in learning about, with and from children.

The Ministry of Education,
How Does Learning Happen?
Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years,
2014, page 14

Featuring in Our Summer Newsletter:

**How is Learning Happening
in
Our Toddler Programs?**

Reminders

Parent Phone Calls: Please inform us of your child's absences. If your child is absent due to an illness, please let us know its type.

Arrival and Departure: It is extremely important that the staffing team is aware of your child's safe arrival and departure each day.

Late Pick-Up Procedure: If you anticipate that you will have difficulty picking up your child by the centre's closing time of 6:00 pm, please make alternate arrangements for pick up. Inform the person who will be picking up your child that photo identification will be required. It should be noted that a fee will be charged to your account when you arrive late.

Sun Safety: With the warmer and sunnier weather quickly approaching, please send your child with a wide brimmed hat, a water bottle and sunscreen.

Blankets Going Home: By taking your child's blanket home to launder at the end of the week and returning it to us on Monday morning, you have been reducing the amount of laundering at the Centre. We thank you for your co-operation!

Members of Our Parent Board

Jair Kallidumbil: Parent Member at Large

Julien Le-Chee-Ming: Treasurer

Luis Fernandes: Community Member at Large

Samuel Toledo: Vice President

Telecia Whyte: President

