In Celebration of Our Community Partners

Healthy Kids Community Challenge
Humber-Downsview
~Black Creek Community Farm~

Last summer, a partnership was formed with The Healthy Kids Community Challenge, a program initiative funded by the Province of Ontario to promote healthy living messages to families and children.

With this program initiative, YUCDC was introduced to Black Creek Community Farm (BCCF)’s Harvest Share Program. Our Centre recently became a member of this vegetable subscription program. As a member, we are entitled to receive a full season of farm grown produce from June to November - 24 weeks in total. Please join the Kitchen Team in thanking one of our Preschool Staff Members, Frances Giovinazzo, in committing her time to drop by the farm on her way to work every week to pick up our ‘share of the harvest’.

Our Nutritionist, Sandra Bee, is looking forward to incorporating these 100% organically grown Western, Asian and Caribbean veggie varieties into our lunches.

Toronto Children’s Services
~Every Child Belongs~

Toronto Children’s Services work with every licensed child care program through the Every Child Belongs service model to promote positive and healthy learning environments.

Every licensed child care program in the City of Toronto has access to a Resource Consultant. Josie Iannaccio, Resource Consultant from Humber Child Care Consultation, has been assigned to support the families and staff at YUCDC. You may see her in our programs working alongside the child care team to continue to build the quality of the programs for all our children, inclusive of those who may also require support. Josie will also work in partnership with families to ensure our children are able to receive the services and supports that they may need to help them to reach their full potential.

For further information, please feel free to speak with either your child’s teacher or contact Josie at (416)577-6920.

Please Note: Josie will be hosting a ‘Let’s Get Ready for Kindergarten’ Workshop later this month. More details to follow!
YUCDC’s Partnership with
York University's School of the Arts

Our Preschoolers and Kinders were really enjoying their creative dance & movement enrichment program with Dr. Jennifer Bolt and her students from York’s School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design until the CUPE Strike abruptly ended their visits. This partnership was off to a fantastic start and will continue in the next school year 2018/2019.

YUCDC Welcomes Back
Early Childhood Education Students

Our Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Kinder and School Age Programs will be hosting students from the Early Childhood Education Programs at Anderson, George Brown College and Seneca College for the summer session. The students from George Brown College will be commencing their seven-week placement on June 25th.

York University
~Investing in Our Children's Play Spaces~

The Administration at York University has invested so much into the planning and execution of what will be amazing early learning and childcare play spaces for our children. Unfortunately, the CUPE Strike has significantly delayed the completion of our renovations. Thank you very much for your patience as the contractors work towards giving its finishing touches to both our Senior Infant and Preschool Rooms! We are anticipating that our Infants and Preschoolers will be returning to their play spaces by the middle of June at which time the renovation work will commence with our School Age Room. This play space will also be given a fresh coat of paint, new baseboards and up-to-date millwork. The plan is to have the renovations for our School Age Program completed by July 20th followed by a completion date of August 10th for our Gym.

More details will follow from York University as to when they will start giving a fresh look to our other play spaces.

York University Psychology Clinic
~A Circle of Security~

A group of parents met weekly, over a period of eight Mondays, to take advantage of a unique opportunity. The Circle of Security is a model that is focused on promoting and strengthening the bond between parent and child. The series of workshops empowered parents to better notice their child’s cues while being stronger and wiser, and when necessary feeling more confident to take charge and make important decisions to help their child to feel safe and secure.

This series was made possible with the commitment of Melissa Rourke who facilitated the workshops alongside members of our Staffing Team: Deepa Solanki, Folami Keyi, Grace Comway, Kathy Balogh and Odette Pang.

Parents as Partners

Thank you for your continued donations of gently used toys and books for our classrooms. Our programs are currently looking into incorporating a Teaching Garden in our playground with the use of recycled tires. If you have any tires that you would like to recycle, please inform the office. Perennials, bags of soil, packets of seeds and/or anything that would enrich this experience would be welcomed!

A variety of riding toys and wagons that your child may have outgrown would also be appreciated for our outdoor program.
Special Messages from the YUCDC Board

Communication: As the daycare strives to improve its communication with families and actively searches for ways to do so, email will still be used as the primary method of contact with parents. Moving forward, any issue relating to the children will be first communicated to the parents by email. A follow up hard copy (in a sealed envelope) will be left in the child’s cubby if a response is not received by the parents within five business days.

Summer Days Quickly Approaching: With the warmer weather finally here, please remember to apply sun screen on your children before sending them to the daycare. The children will most likely be spending time outside and sunscreen need to be applied, thirty minutes before doing so. A bottle of sunscreen as well as their water bottle must also be left with the daycare. Just a reminder that water bottles need to be picked up at the end of the day and returned the next day cleaned and filled with fresh water.

New Cubbies for Infants: The daycare would like to thank Andrea Rochow, a parent and member of the Board for coming in during the day to assemble the new cubbies for the Infant Room. They look great. Andrea, with her tool belt, got them done in no time. Thank you, Andrea!

A New Look to our Website: Thanks to Stephanie Bell, YUCDC’s website has a new and improved look! Stephanie, who has registered her child to start in the fall, is also a Faculty Member at the University. Thank you, Stephanie!

More Messages from the YUCDC Board

Birthdays: For birthdays, you may wish to mark this special occasion. Due to life threatening allergies for some of the children in the Centre, no outside food will be allowed. If you would like to contribute to this occasion, non-edible treats (erasers, pencils, stickers, play dough, markers, etc.) would be welcomed. Please speak with our staff regarding your special arrangements.

Parent Issues and Concerns: This policy is to provide a transparent process for parents/guardians, child care licensee and staff to use when there are issues and concerns. All issues and concerns raised by parents/guardians are taken seriously by YUCDC and will be addressed. Every effort will be made to address and resolve them to the satisfaction of all parties.

Concerns and issues may be brought forward verbally or in writing. Responses and outcomes will be provided verbally, or in writing upon request. The level of detail provided to the parent/guardian will respect and maintain the confidentiality of all parties involved.

An initial response to an issue or concern will be provided to parents/guardians within five business day(s). The person who raised the issue/concern will be kept informed throughout the resolution process. Investigations of concerns/issues will be fair, impartial and respectful to all parties involved.

Contagious/Infectious Diseases: It is important to respect an individual’s right to confidentiality regarding contagious/infectious diseases. If your child has been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with a contagious/ infectious disease, please inform the Office. If your child is suspected of having a contagious disease, he/she must not be at the Centre. If symptoms develop during the day, you will be required to take him/her home and return with a note from the doctor stating that his/her condition is no longer contagious.