

April @ Churchbridge Daycare

Hope everyone has a Happy Easter!!!!



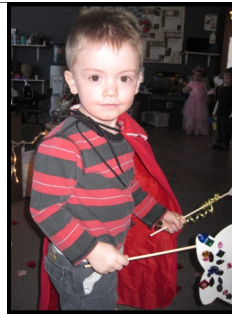
DAYCARE NEWS

March was lots of fun with those sneaky, sneaky leprechaun friends! We never caught any this year but maybe next year.

The daycare is going to be starting a "Old Dutch" fundraiser ON April 1st. All order forms will be due back April 15th at the latest! Remember that for every ten dollars sold it counts as one volunteer hour! We appreciate all the parents who participate in our fundraisers! I hope mother nature

decides to let us have Spring sometime soon!! Warmer weather would be great, and all of us can't wait for messy puddle fun!!

Remember to bring a extra set of clothes, outdoor gloves and splash pants. With the change of seasons it is going to be rainy and wet however we will all still be going outside to play and splash around in the puddles. The children's clothes will get wet over the next month or two.



Mr. Quinn playing dress up

We will do our best to have them dry at the end of the day but it may not be possible all the time.

Erica and Erin

Daycare Birthdays!!!

Lauren- April 1/08
Madie- April 1/08
Carson- April 14/05
Kaleb- April 16/08
Kate- April 17/09
Kayne- April 19/06
Jordan- April 21/02
Boston- April 21/08
Adin- April 27/06
Ethan- April 29/02

Important Dates!!!

- April scholastic is due back on the 15th!
- Old Dutch fundraiser is due back on April 15th!
- We still need a volunteer to attend the Rec Board Meetings the 3rd Monday of every month.
- Extra indoor and outdoor clothes for Spring!!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Thank you to everyone for being so patient with pro-care! Starting April 1st there will no longer be parent sign in sheets but every parent is **REQUIRED** to sign their children in and out of pro-care daily. We are glad to

answer any questions you may have or help out in anyway. Please make a conscious effort to use pro-care daily! Pass on your passwords to anyone who is authorized to pick up you child as well but remember to phone the day-

care to let the staff know who is picking up your child and that they need identification.

BABY ROOM NEWS

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow!!! With the first day of spring we expected some melting snow and fun spring puddles but our spring fever is still seems to be on the rise.

We kept busy in March with some messy pudding crafts and art work for St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to check in your child's cubby for art work to bring home.

Sweet April showers do bring May flowers and we plan on focusing on this theme in April. We plan on doing some fun water play, mud crafts and outside time.

Please bring extra clothes and outside clothes daily for



these activities.

For Easter we plan on doing some egg finger painting along with a couple other crafts. We cant wait to use the new baby strollers that we have. We can take all the babies for walks at the same time!!!

The baby room staff

The babies and all the staff would like to say good-bye to Janessa!! She will be taking a taking a leave of absence. She was offered a opportunity in Australia to be a nanny.

Good-bye Janessa we will miss you!!

Welcome to all the new children we have enrolled at the daycare! We are very excited to see some new faces and smile!!

We would like to say Good Bye to Beretta, Mackenzie, Fric, fthan and Sophie!!

We will miss you lots Best of luck at your new daycare! Come visit us!!!



TODDLER ROOM NEWS

Recently I went to a conference that pertained to Toddlers. I came back with a few ideas and I hope to implement them in the next few weeks. Toddlers learn through their senses, and when you think about it, what toddler doesn't want to try and eat everything in front of them? We will be digging out our sand table and bringing out the water table to turn into a flower/mud table! Now, I know this sounds messy but, well yes it's just messy! I'm sure the kids will really enjoy it! Also, as you may have seen in the room, I have put up some documentation panels and have displayed



some of the artwork that the kids are doing. The kids feel a sense of pride when their artwork is displayed so aesthetically. They are constantly going up to the walls and commenting on what pieces are theirs. With the big spring melt we have brought the buggy out, **FINALLY!** The kids were extremely ecstatic to have their first ride and we continue to take it out everyday that we can. We still see all the familiar smiling faces around town and the kids are more sociable than ever with their waves and saying hello. Again, with the arrival of spring we will be heading outside more often than what we have been. Please be sure to send appropriate clothing with the changes of each day. Please also keep at least **two sets** of clothes in your child's cubby and to restock them as needed and used. Quite often we are having to change clothes even after a meal because the toddlers are very much into exploring their food, so please be sure to check back often.

Just a reminder that we are still looking for items to be donated. We are looking for any

of the following: Material, scrapbook paper, sand toys, farm animal sets, moon sand kits, and play dough toys. Remember if you donate, for every \$10 spent, it is the equivalent to 1 hour of your parent volunteer time!

Terissa and the Turtles :)

P.s. We can hardly wait for all the puddles!



William is using his gross motor skills to take a safe yet challenging risk. He crawled up onto the bin and then onto the couch. It's all about balance!

STARFISH ROOM NEWS

With all the crazy weather we had in March it felt like spring would never come, but here it is! Please make sure your child has either ski pants or splash pants a warm jacket mittens and a toque as well as extra clothes and socks. We have been cooped up inside for what seems like forever and now that it's nice we will be going outside a few times **every day**.

As many of you probably have heard the leprechauns came to visit us again. We set traps to try catch them but those sneaky Leprechauns got past

them and played tricks on us anyway!

Now that it's nice we have been able to get outside everyday and have been going to play on the hills at the school park.

In April we will be learning about the weather, Easter, food and planting. We will be making pop bottle green houses so if anyone has extra empty 2 liter pop bottles, we could use them. We could also use 2 liter milk cartons and strawberry containers for some of our Easter projects as

well.

Each Wednesday we will be doing cooking projects. If anyone has any aprons they'd like to donate we would love to have them!

Erin & the Starfish



Kayne wearing the hat the Leprechauns left in the trap.

CRANE ROOM NEWS

We've heard the last from the leprechauns! ... we think. March was a busy month in the Crane Room. We spent the first few weeks bribing and hunting for the leprechauns! We took some traps and searched all of the rooms, including bathrooms and storage. The kids were delighted to find a real note from the leprechauns in the Starfish Room; they were a little terrified to find a leprechaun HAT in the Crane Room! Some of the kids thought the folded hat was a sleeping leprechaun and didn't want me to open the trap... but in the end the promise of a pot of gold won out and we had to reach inside. We also posed as we thought leprechauns would and traced our bodies on big paper, then decorated them St. Patrick's Day style. When we came in on Leprechaun day, we walked into ONE HUGE MESS! The leprechauns tipped the couch over, smooshed our plate of cupcakes, and dumped toys and glitter all over the floor! We spent the morning hunting, cleaning, and re-capping the invasion. The Cranes and Starfish then wrote and illustrated a story entitled "Leprechauns Make a Mess" and took it home to their moms and dads. The warmer weather means more outside time, so we are making use of that! We've gone on a few walks to Co-op and to the big hill -- the kids

REALLY love these special trips.

A few reminders for the month of April -- the snow is melting, so the mud is coming. We will be going out everyday to puddle jump, make mud pies, and play in the beautiful weather. Please bring TWO FULL SETS of clothes for your child(ren) to keep in their cubbies. Also, when it gets warmer, splash pants and rubber boots are a must! It is very important to bring appropriate outdoor clothes everyday to ensure that your child isn't getting wet and cold. I sent home an 'activity calendar' of all the things we will be doing in April. Spring and Easter will be our main themes. We're going to start our music lessons (thanks to EVERYONE that donated, the instruments are on their way!) and begin some cooking classes with Chef Erin. Watch for information regarding these activities throughout the month... remember to check cubbies and mailboxes for info so that nothing gets missed.

We'd also like to welcome Emily to our room! She has been here for two weeks and seems to really enjoy her time here! Also new in the next month will be Madie, Lauren, Kaleb and Boston -- they will be moving up from the Turtle Room... looking forward to having

them! We will be saying goodbye to our good friends Sophie and Ethan -- we will really miss you two! Come back for visits!



Have a Happy Easter!

Quote: Ava: "I lost my balls! Um... wait... I mean I lost my marbles!"

Lindee and the crane kids