



Network News
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NETWORK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MANAGERS AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY ON DEC. 3, 2016

Making Your Children Our Priority for 25 Years

Message from the Director:

Network Child Care Services has had a fantastic year of celebrations as we have marked our 25th Anniversary of delivering exceptional child care services in Toronto to young children and families through our Centre based programs as well as our Home Child Care Program. Over these past twenty-five years, thousands of children and families have been welcomed by Network’s Staff and Affiliated Home Child Care Providers who have dedicated themselves daily to ensuring that all children are receiving the best care possible! To add to our programs and services, Network was very excited to open its newest child care centre on January 3rd. The Dane Avenue Child Care Centre reflects a brand-new facility built literally from the ground up situated near the

northwest corner of Lawrence Avenue West and Dufferin Street. 2017 certainly seems to be shaping up to be another promising year as in addition to our Dane Avenue Centre, Network will also be welcoming soon Jubilee Child Care Centre into our fold. This site is in the western part of Toronto near Jane Street and Weston Road. As we await the coming of spring, I have already noticed that the days are lengthening, with increased light earlier and later in the early evening, offering that sense of hope in welcoming more young children and families to Network’s programs. Overall, endless possibilities greet us at Network for 2017!

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By the Numbers:

In 1991, we started the Agency with just 3 Home Child Care Providers...

25 years later:



We operate 13 Early Learning and Child Care Centres



We are affiliated with 70 Home Child Care Providers



We currently serve over 800 families across the Toronto region

(Pictures provided by: St Nicholas Child Care Centre, Provider Maria Veiga, Satellite Child Care Centre)

Network Staff celebrate 25 years:



St Nicholas Child Care Centre



Metamorphosis Child Care Centre



St. Maria Goretti B&A Program



Child's Nest 121 and 123 Child Care Centres

Riddle Me This: Where does a polar bear keep its money?

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Something to do today...

Scissor skills are a key school-readiness test for your busy Preschooler. Try this paper craft to help practice targeting and cutting.



1 Let's make an Octopus! Draw lots of lines and tentacles in rows along the bottom of the paper. This is what we will be cutting.



2 Make a face with markers or a hole punch, and then tape or glue the paper into a tube.



3 Help your child cut along the lines to make the Octopus legs. Let your child experiment – its ok if their cutting isn't straight.



4 Spread out and curl the legs – now you're ready to swim and swoop around the ocean.

Thanks to www.minico.co.uk for the images and the great idea. Try this site out for more paper and scissor crafts.

SPOTLIGHT ON: STEAM !!

MAKE A LEMON VOLCANO

STEAM means Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Try this home experiment to bring STEAM into your kids' play.



You'll need: A knife, 2 lemons, a popsicle stick, food colouring, baking soda, dish soap, a tray, cup and spoons



- 1 Slice the bottom off the lemon to help it sit flat. Flip it over and cut out the core about 1/2 way down to make a hole for the volcano contents.
- 2 Cut 2nd lemon and juice it. Put juice in separate bowl. Place cored lemon on a tray. Mash the insides with the Popsicle stick and put in 1/2 teaspoon of lemon juice.
- 3 Put a few drops of the food colouring and a squeeze of dish soap (this makes more bubbles when the chemical reaction happens).
- 4 Add a spoonful of baking soda, stir with the Popsicle stick and watch the foaming action.
- 5 To keep the reaction going, add more of the baking soda and lemon juice.

The Science: Gas! As the citric acid in the lemon mixes with baking soda, the reaction causes carbon dioxide and sodium citrate to form. This makes the liquid fizz, bubble and expand.

Thanks to babbledabble.com for the images and the science idea. Check out this site for more great kid-friendly experiments

OPEN HOUSES AT THE CENTRES:



Roy Zhang, Helen Pan, Haydn Jiang, and Hayley Su

St. Nicholas

We had more than 50 parents/guardians and siblings at our Winter Gathering on December 03, 2016. Our senior preschool children made some marvelous crowns with their teachers, cooked and decorated muffins with their family, and had fun in our little concert. We all had a wonderful time together.

From Fei at St. Nicholas



Nelly, Mrs. Benn, singer Charlie and Bennett's mom, Danielle

Group Centre

We had a great turn out for our open house. Charlie from "Little Fingers Music Group" put on an excellent performance! Group Centre would like to thank all the parents for their continued support over the years. We look forward to continuing to work together in the growth and development of your children in 2017.

From Marlene at Group Centre



Mario V. with mom Karen, dad Borio, Grandma and Grandpa!

Satellite

At our Toddler's Winter Open House, children and families had fun with Ewa's music circle, and played in our toddler classroom with collaging, playdough, and puppets. We also set up a Photo Booth with-dress up props like hats, sunglasses, Hawaiian necklaces, reindeer hats, etc. Families enjoyed refreshments with the staff and got a chance to look at the children's Portfolios.

From Toni at Satellite