

# NEWSLETTER

## FIRST ADVENTURE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

April 2024



At First Adventure we believe that creating a culture of caring in children's earliest years builds a foundation for caring. Children begin caring for themselves, caring for each other, and caring for the community at large.

Visit Our Website at: [www.firstadventure.ca](http://www.firstadventure.ca)

Bridge Street Campus: 613-962-3474  
Georges Vanier Campus: 613-969-8316 or 613-848-6063

The link below is a wonderfully written article that describes the current state of child care in Ontario under the Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care Program (CWELCC or the \$10/day child care program).

We ask that you take a moment to read this and fully understand the crisis that child care is facing in Ontario.

At First Adventure we are in a situation where we have over 500 children on our waiting list resulting in the average wait time of over 18 months before we can provide care to a child. Many children will age out and start school before we are able to offer a child care space to the family.

We joined this program in 2022 because we honestly believed, in good faith, that it was best for our families as their fees would be reduced significantly making child care affordable for all and, although the spaces have become affordable, the demand has far surpassed the supply, leaving many families unable to access spaces for their children.

We feel it is important to keep our families fully informed about the child care crisis so that they are not caught off guard should the need arise for changes to be made in the best interest and viability of the centre.

<https://b2c2.ca/child-care-crisis-in-ontario/>



PA Days are taking place on the following days during the 2023/24 school year:

Friday, May 31

Friday, June 28

Please contact Lori at 613-848-6063 if you are needing care for your school aged child. Full day programs are operating at Georges Vanier Catholic School.

**\*Please note that we are not offering a PA day program on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the eclipse.**



There is going to be a **Full Solar Eclipse** taking place on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. The partial eclipse will start at approximately 2:08 p.m. and end at 4:33 p.m. with the total eclipse taking place at 3:21 p.m.

Due to the health risks related to looking at the eclipse and the need to preserve the safety of the children, any parents picking up during the eclipse hours will have to sign a waiver recognizing and accepting the risks of transporting their child at these times.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The First Adventure Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Georges Vanier Catholic School gymnasium.

Please RSVP to [dmilne@firstadventure.ca](mailto:dmilne@firstadventure.ca) if you are planning to attend



First Adventure will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September. We are currently in the planning stages to recognize this momentous occasion.

Please stay tuned for further details as we would like to celebrate with all of our current and past families that have contributed to our 50 years of success.

The Georges Vanier School Aged Program is in the process of organizing enrollment for the months of July and August. Children must have finished JK to qualify. Please contact Lori at 613-848-6063 if you are interested in registering for summer care for your school aged child.



## APRIL SPOTLIGHT- by Marilyn Gibson, Before & After School Aged Program

### Importance of Intergenerational Relationships

Intergenerational connections can help both older and younger people feel cared for and valued. Research shows that these types of programs increase self-esteem and feelings of well-being for older and younger participants. Friendships between older and younger people make community ties stronger.



### What do elderly and children have in common?

Even though we are all different and at different stages of our life, one common factor is we all like to have fun!



### Purpose and meaning

A sense of belonging gives seniors a sense of purpose and meaning in their lives. Active involvement in their community allows them to contribute their knowledge, skills, and experiences, foster a sense of value and fulfillment. This, in turn, boosts their self-esteem and overall mental well-being.

Through opportunities to engage with and make contributions to the world around them, children develop a sense of belonging and connectedness to their local community.