

NEWSLETTER

FIRST ADVENTURE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

July 2026



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.

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Bridge Street Campus: 613-962-3474
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Summer Holidays

All First Adventure programs will be closed during the week of August 24-28, 2026 for summer vacation.

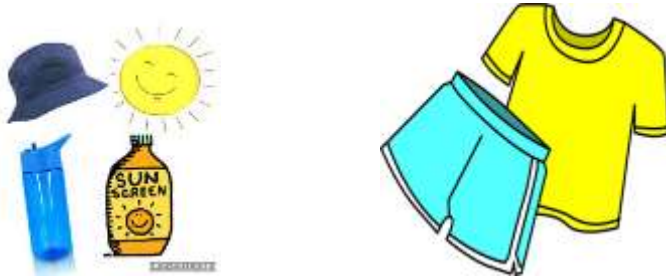
Toddler and Preschool programs will reopen Monday, August 31 followed by before and after school programs on the first day of school, Sept 2/26.



Upcoming Closures

All First Adventure programs will be closed on Monday, August 3rd for the Civic holiday.

We would like to wish the families and staff a safe and wonderful holiday.



Summer is here so please ensure that your child has a bucket hat that covers the neck and ears from the sun and you have provided sunscreen for the teacher to apply before outdoor play. All children must wear closed toed shoes and should have at least one extra set of clothing in case they get wet during outdoor water play.



The school aged children have started summer camp at the Georges Vanier campus. The teachers have planned a busy summer of activities and day trips so please touch base with the teachers each day regarding the following day's activities to ensure your child arrives on time on the days the group is leaving the school for a community outing.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle, bucket hat, and sunscreen to prepare for days spent outdoors.

On Thursday, June 18th First Adventure hosted community volunteers from McDougall Insurance as part of the United Way's "Day of Caring" program. The volunteers planted the memorial garden in memory of Marilyn Gibson who recently passed away in February. Marilyn had worked at First Adventure for over 20 years and was the driving force behind the annual vegetable garden that was planted each year in the preschool playground. Marilyn would use the vegetables to make things like salsa with the children so they could understand the entire process of growing food to serving food as a finished product.

The McDougall volunteers planted hostas, cedar trees, and some additional perennials that will bloom each year to remind us of Marilyn and everything she contributed to First Adventure. In the fall we will be adding tulips and daffodils to the garden and watch them bloom in the spring. We have laid out the memory stones on the walking path and will be adding pea stone to complete the path. As the final touch, Lori has contacted someone to build the arbour that the children can walk through as they make their way along the memory path.

We would like to sincerely thank McDougall Insurance for allowing their staff to come on the Day of Caring to make this vision come to life to honour Marilyn, and for their generous donation of all of the wood chips for the garden. If your family would like to donate some tulip or daffodil bulbs to be planted in the fall, please contact Mary Ellen or Lori in the office at admin@firstadventure.ca or at 613-962-3474.

