

# Newsletter



## FEBRUARY 2026



# Message From Directors

Dear Families,

Through kindness, love, and curiosity, children learn how deeply connected they are to one another and to the natural world around them. When we encourage caring for friends, animals, plants, and our environment, we help children grow a sense of belonging and responsibility. Together, we are nurturing a community where children learn that small acts of care can help our world thrive.

Kind regards,  
*Jackie, Tiffany and Joelle*



# IMPORTANT DATES



## Winter Olympics

Winter Olympics start today!  
Go Canada Go!



## World Discovery Day

Italy: People, food,  
music, animals!



## Love & Kindness Day

Wear your favourite colour  
to celebrate the day.



**Family Day** We are closed  
this day, enjoy the long weekend



## Greenbelt Olympics

Each classroom will participate  
in Olympic inspired activities.



## Senior Kindergarten

At the Pumphouse.



# Love & Kindness Day

We ask that families refrain from bringing in sugary treats for your child's class. We understand that children enjoy bringing in and sharing treats with their friends (especially on special days), but it has become a bit of an issue for families that prefer their children that do not have sugary treats. You are welcome to bring in healthy snacks - think fruit kabobs, veggies & dip or stickers/arts and crafts etc. to share with the class.



## UPDATES:

### **KINDERGARTEN 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE**

Thank you to all the eligible families for submitting your Letter of Intention for our 2026/27 Kindergarten Program. We had an overwhelming amount of families that are choosing to stay with us for their child's Kindergarten journey! We thank you for your commitment to our programs.

Due to the number of families that will be staying, we have decided to make some creative decisions to accommodate all of our students. We will email individual families with more information soon about the upcoming school year.

We understand that as numbers fluctuate (unless we end up expanding!) over the years, we will continue to adapt our programs to accommodate as many of our families as possible.

**Seeds** - will continue to be our toddler aged program (18 months- 2.5+ years). We will have space to accept 8 new students in September 2026.

**Roots 1** - will continue to be preschool (ages 2.5- 4+) with the ability to move 8 students from toddler to Roots 1 in September 2026.

**Roots 2** - will be changing into a split Pre-Kindergarten/ Junior Kindergarten classroom, consisting of 8 pre-Kindergarten aged spaces (3+) and 7 junior kindergarten aged spaces (3.8- 4+).

**Kindergarten 1** - will be a Senior Kindergarten classroom of 13 students.

**Kindergarten 2** - will be a Senior Kindergarten classroom of 8 students.

**Kindergarten 3** - Will be a Junior Kindergarten classroom of 6 students.

**\*\*This does mean that there will not be any movement through the program(s) until September 2027. Educators are trained to modify their programs to fit the needs of the students in their classrooms.**

## **Facilitation:**

Junior and Senior Kindergarten will run separately to ensure there are not too many students together at one time. For example:

**Senior Kindergarten** (21 students) will follow their current schedule and spend their mornings engaged in curriculum workshops with 3 educators. Their outdoor classroom will be the side yard and paved area or their current playground at the front of the school. They will go to the forest 2-3 afternoons a week offsite and spend 2 afternoons onsite.

(whenever we are offsite, we will be adding an extra educator for these sessions).

**Junior Kindergarten** (13 students) will follow the current Kindergarten schedule and spend their morning engaged in curriculum workshops, with 2 educators. They will use their indoor classroom (currently Roots 2), the front deck, and the front yard.

Their outdoor classroom will be the side yard and paved area or their current playground at the front of the school.

They will go to the forest 2-3 afternoons a week offsite and spend 2 afternoons onsite (whenever we are offsite, we will be adding an extra educator for these sessions).

Our playgrounds will be modified to support the needs of the group occupying them.

# DRESSING FOR

# WINTER

As the weather continues to get colder, we need to make sure that all our students are dressed appropriately to help us extend our time outdoors. Please find the link to our Dressing for Winter Guide below

[CLICK HERE FOR THE DRESSING FOR WINTER GUIDE](#)

## Winter Layers FOR KIDS

Add your base layer:



Add your mid layer:



Add your final layer:



Boots + Accessories



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