

After The Bell Inc.

Family Newsletter – February 2013

Smile of the Month ☺



February Update

February was a very busy month at After The Bell Inc. We decided our centre needed a change therefore; switched our furniture and equipment around. We are now using the main room for physical activities, music and movement, large wooden blocks, ping pong, mini sticks and soccer. We are also taking advantage of the smaller rooms and set up a fooseball room and games centre.

The newer space has a craft centre, science centre, drama area, reading/homework area, computer and game station centre, older kids clubs for both girls and boys and of course the Lego area!

The kids love the new change and so far it's been great.

Car Seats Required

Unfortunately the all but two seats in our van are going to be expiring this year. Please bring in a high back booster if your child still requires a booster seat and attends Astral Drive, Colby or Caldwell Road schools. For more information please read our Transportation Policy.

December Superstars

- **Jack G.** – we love it when you sing your favorite song in the van! Keep singing!
- **Michael** – for trying his best to keep the hockey teams fair in mini sticks!
- **Christopher** – for being so polite to the staff and other kids at the centre ☺
- **Jane** – we love the crafts you make the staff every day, they make us feel appreciated.
- **Emily** – Thanks for marketing ATB Mandy may end up hiring you as her marketing manager when you grow up.
- **Alivia** – for growing really cool Triops at home and taking such good care of them...hey mom? Hehe....

**Remember:
We are NUT FREE.**

Dates To Remember

March 11th – 15th is MACH BREAK

Please CALL

PLEASE call us when your child is not attending the after school component of our program. It is our goal to provide quality care to ALL children, therefore; your support in this matter is VERY important. We have been held back on several occasions and late for other school pick-ups frantically trying to locate missing children and then come to find out the parent picked up the child or they were at home sick all day.

This has become a serious issue and we will have to resort to the centre policy of a three strike rule if it continues. Thank you for your support!

Outdoor Wear

Please send your children dressed appropriately, especially if they are walking students. We want to enjoy the outdoors especially since the snow is beginning to melt away and spring is on it's way. It's muddy and wet in the snow these days. Please send appropriate gear.

Programming

The older kids decided they wanted both a girl's and a boy's club. While the boys were busy with the new wood burning kits and hockey card collections the girls were making purses with the sewing machine and creating glitter by number pictures. Our younger kids enjoyed broom ball, making Gak and really messy sensory activities. We hope you enjoy viewing the children's art displayed in the stairwell.

We Miss Krista Already

February 28th was Krista's last day at ATB before her mat leave and we miss her already. She says she will be back early and won't be able to stay away too long but we will have to wait to see it! She will be by to visit us often and if anyone has a gift for her or the baby please drop it to the office and one of us will gladly deliver it to her for you ☺