

WEE BAIRN BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025 | Bi-Annual Newsletter

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

As we move into the final months of our program, we are excited to get outside more and enjoy the sunshine! Our goal is 60 minutes a day during Spring/Fall and our children enjoy it immensely. They love to run in the field, climb up the big rocks, slide down the biggest slide and explore in the woods.

Our curriculum allows the children to explore creatively in areas of art, language, social aspects, science and play.

Our preschool follows the Nova Scotia Early Learning Curriculum Framework which ensures we have an emergent and play based curriculum. A third of our mornings are spent outside exploring gross motor opportunities in our neighborhood, going on hikes, exploring nearby playgrounds and looking for worms!

During our activities we have the opportunity to use many loose parts. Things such as buttons, twigs or old jars become brand new toys for our preschoolers.

Over the next few weeks we will be winding up our program, prepping for our year end celebration and spending lot of time outside.

STATUS OF LICENSE

We recently had our bi-annual inspection from the Dept. of Education and our license has been renewed. Our next inspection will be in the Fall.

SMART GOAL

Our new smart goal for 2025 is to integrate activities from different represented cultures with our centre into our Preschool and After School Programs.

PRESCHOOL PORTFOLIOS

Portfolios go home three times a year following the Fall, Winter & Spring terms. These portfolio's are not like the year end artwork portfolios but instead they are a visual into your child's time at our centre. It shows their growth, learning and understanding in ways you wouldn't necessarily see at home.

These portfolios explore the 4 main Learning Goals (*Well-Being, Language & Communication, Personal & Social and Discovery & Invention*) for preschool aged children.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Registration for our Sept 2025 Preschool Program is currently ongoing but space is limited as we have several children returning. We will be offering a full-time morning program for children age 2.5 years to school aged.

We are open Sept to June, Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 11:30am. If you know anyone who may be interested please have them email us at weebairnpreschool@gmail.com. ***Please Note:** This email will be monitored over the summer break and important emails will receive a reply within a couple of days.

PRESCHOOL YEAR END CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, June 17th at 11:00am we will host a small gathering for our preschoolers to celebrate a successful year at preschool!

Children who normally come that day, will arrive at 830am like usual. Children who don't normally come that day, can be dropped off at the centre at 10:50am while parents gather in the backyard.

*Rain date: Wed, June 18th

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

In June, our After School Program will see some of our children leaving as they finish their time at JWMFT and move on to new schools. We will miss seeing them every day and wish them luck in the new schools. Please come visit often!

This means we are welcoming new children into our program and our After School remains full which we continue to be thankful for.

We do encourage anyone interested for the 2026/2027 school year to please reach out to us at weebairnpreschool@gmail.com or call 902-477-2117 to speak with Joy or Garlanda to be added to our waitlist.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in traditional Mi'kmaw territory, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of all the Mi'kmaw, Innu, and Inuit Peoples of this province.

PUBLIC HEALTH

For the safety of all staff and children, we kindly ask that children remain home if they are sick. Children who have a fever, vomiting or diarrhea must be symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours after that last time they exhibited these symptoms, without the requirement of medication.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

We continue to use loose parts in our centre each day, adding new items whenever possible! We've recently purchased some new books, art supplies and games.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PD DAYS

In September we will continue to offer a PD Day Program for our After School Program beginning at 12pm, following our morning preschool program. This will also include an afternoon snack.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ABSENCE DAYS & PICK UP

Please notify both Joy & Garlanda via text by 2:15pm on days your child will be absent from the After School Program. This allows us sufficient time to see your text before 2:35pm dismissal and not leave us waiting for a child who isn't attending that day.

If there is a day when you are running late, feel free to text Joy & Garlanda 10-15 mins ahead of time asking them to have your child ready to go upon arrival. We don't mind helping if it helps the progress go smoother/faster for you!

TRAINING

In April, Joy and Garlanda completed another workshop under the Capable, Confident & Curious: Module 4 connecting Learning Goals, Learning Objectives and Strategies Framework. This is one of the first offered under the 2025 Capable, Confident & Curious Curriculum Framework and accompanying Educator's Guide.

In May, they also completed the "Signing Together" workshop hosted by NSCC which was a 1.5hr session teaching sign language.



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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 17

YEAR END CELEBRATION ~ PRESCHOOL PROGRAM 11AM
RAIN DATE: WED, JUNE 18, 11AM

JUNE 27

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM;
PD DAY FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OPEN FROM 12:00-530PM

JUNE 30: LAST DAY OF AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. WE WILL COLLECT THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AFTER EARLY DISMISSAL AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 530PM.

SEPT 04:

BACK TO SCHOOL - WEE BAIRN REOPENS

PARKING

We kindly ask that parents refrain from parking in our driveway or across the driveway during drop off or picking up. This is for our staff only. Thank you.

FIRE DRILLS/INSPECTION

Fire drills are completed monthly with both programs. Our most recent Fire Inspection was completed in December 2024 and we passed. We will do another in three years.

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Now that Spring has arrived, please send your children with the appropriate outdoor clothing each day. and are expected to come dressed for all weather.

On warm days, all children are expected to come to school wearing sunscreen. Children in the After School Program should have more in their school bags to reapply after school.

Please ensure your child has an extra outfit in their bag for days when our play gets messy!

CONTACT US/ QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you would like to contact us, please do so by calling us at 902-477-2117. While we are closed over the summer, please reach out via email to weebairnpreschool@gmail.com and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the summer we will be closing down our current Facebook Page and will start new in September with a private page designed specifically only for parents with children currently enrolled in one of our programs. This means the page will now become private allowing us to freely post photos and videos of the children without worry about their safety. If you still wish for us not to show your child's face please contact us at weebairnpreschool.com.

MORNING ROUTINE

DROP OFF
FREE PLAY
CIRCLE TIME
CREATIVE PLAY
10 SECOND TIDY!
SNACK
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
DISMISSAL