SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Parent Mailboxes

Please regularly check your mailbox which is located outside of the classroom. Your child’s last name is posted on the box. This is where we will be leaving information pertinent to the school age program.

Registration forms and U.R.I.S.

Each child was sent home with a new registration form and U.R.I.S health form to be filled out and returned. Kindergarten children were also given a ‘transition’ package which contains forms that need to be signed and returned. I need the children’s files to be updated as soon as possible and so I ask that those who have not yet returned the forms to do so by Wednesday, September 29th. If you do not have new forms yet please ask for a set.Attendance

The afterschool program is currently full with our maximum number of children being 15. Parents are asked to be sure you inform the school age staff when your child will be absent from the program. This will minimize the panic and rush at the end of the school day when children do not show up.

If your child attends the before school or afterschool program, or both on any days of the week you ARE charged for 5 days a week, even if you have given notice that your child will be absent.

The cost for 1 session a day is $4.80, the cost for 2 sessions a day (before and after) is $8.00.

If you have indicated that your child **will** need care on in-service days (no school) you will be charged for a full day on each in-service day this year.

If you have indicated that your child does **not** need care for in-service days you will not be charged for in-service days, but a space will not be saved for your child on those days and you must make arrangements with the school program in advance for your child to attend on an in-service day.

Written notice must be given 30 days prior to withdrawing from the program.

Electronics Day

The following dates will be “electronics day” and the children may bring an electronic device from home to use at the school age program on these days only:

Monday, September 26th

Friday, October 21st

Monday, October 10th

The school age program will be CLOSED on Monday, October 10th for Thanksgiving.





Shoes

We are having an issue with outdoor/indoor shoes between school and the school age program. Children are required to wear shoes in our classroom before and after school. I would prefer that these shoes NOT be their outdoor shoes as this causes rocks and dirt to be dragged inside, and with winter on the way it will not be acceptable for boots to be worn in the classroom.

I have the following suggestions for footwear:

1. An extra pair of shoes can be brought to the school age program for indoors and left on the school age shelf by our entrance.
2. Indoor and outdoor shoes can be transported each day from the child’s classroom to the school age program.

Please let Melony as well as your child know what he/she is to do about their footwear for the school age program. I would be happy to help them remember what they need to do.

If you have any concerns or other ideas please let me know.

Halloween Social

The Souris Day Care Center Inc. is planning and hosting a Halloween social on Saturday, October 29th.  There will be a live band, prizes and Kids’ Art Auction. Tickets are available from the daycare or by calling 483-0249. There will be a monetary prize awarded to the family who sells the most tickets.

Please spread the word to family and friends about the social, and please support the daycare by purchasing tickets or helping out with bartending, set-up, clean-up or working at the door.

Pie Sale

The annual pie sale will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Each family is asked to bring TWO pies to the daycare center on or before Friday, September 29th which will be sold at the sale. There are sign-up sheets at the daycare and at the school age program for working at the pie sale. Any help would be appreciated.

School Age Program Rules

The following rules have been created by the children and teachers at the school age program. These rules are posted for the school age children to follow while at our program. Please review the following rules with your child and discuss any concerns with Melony.

* After school- All children must meet the group in the early- years hallway and walk together to the classroom afterschool. Upon arrival to the classroom jackets and bags must be hung up and outdoor shoes placed by the entrance. Children are asked to enter the classroom and sit down for attendance then they will be allowed to play.
* Children must walk while in the classroom and the hallway, if children forget to walk they will be asked to walk beside Melony until they can remember on their own to walk.
* Rough play including pretend fighting will not be allowed and will result in the child being removed from the activity and parents will be notified upon pick-up about the behavior.
* Name-calling, teasing and using swear words will not be tolerated. Parents will be informed upon pick-up of this type of inappropriate behavior.
* Each day clean-up time occurs at 8:20 a.m. and approximately 4:00 p.m. Children who do not help with the clean-up will not be able to play with the toys the next day. Instead they would be allowed to choose a quiet activity such as books, coloring and puzzles.
* Snack is served afterschool at 4:00 p.m. Children are encouraged (not forced) to eat at this time.

We fully understand that the school age children are very independent. They enjoy spending time together and creating their own games. It is the responsibility of the teachers to provide optional activities which match the children’s interests and to provide a safe, healthy environment for the children each day.



# Messy Fingers By: Debra S. Higginbotham

Sticky fingers ' tangled hair,
scattered crayons, everywhere.

Fancy artwork ' on the wall '
drawn by midgets ' three feet tall.

Tell me why ' and tell me how '
that was mine ' I want it NOW!

Fix my bike. Buy me gum.
If you have it, I want some.

Dirty faces, grass-stained knees,
learning words ' like pretty please.

Endless hugs & goofy wet kisses,
learning respect with 'Mr.' & 'Mrs.'

Scraped-up hands, from falling down.
Tender tugs - - on my night gown.

Need more paper ' for Santa's letter?
I wasn't so bad ' but I've been better.

Watching a movie ' again and again '
Mommy, please ' put the tape back in.

Messy fingers ' hair gone wild '
all in the life ' of a precious child !!

School age Program

Contact Information

Program phone: 204-483-0249 (call or text)

Email: sourisdaycare@mymts.net

Website: [www.growingstrong.weebly.com](http://www.growingstrong.weebly.com)

Melony phone: 204-570-0760

Melony Email: mfrieze@live.ca

Daycare phone: 483-2535

School Program Teachers

Melony Frieze- Early Childhood Educator- level II

 Shift: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shauna – Child Care Assistant (ECE in-training)

 Shift: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Carly Leverington- Student Assistant

 Shift: 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tara Mills- Director of daycare programs

 Shift: Monday to Friday at Daycare

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