



September/ October 2017



Word from the Office

Welcome to all of our new families who are joining us or have joined us over the summer months. I know working together as a team, we will be able to provide the best quality program possible. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to approach me at any time.



Alpha believes in taking learning outdoors therefore all of the children spend one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon outside in our fenced in playground. It is important that the children have appropriate clothing in order to enjoy and participate in the activities set up for them. For the fall weather the children will need a pair of puddle boots, splash pants, a jacket preferably with a hood or a warm hat and gloves as the weather becomes cooler towards October time. Please be sure to label each piece of clothing with your child's name and/or initials to ensure that all clothing are placed in the proper cubbies.

Below I have listed our educators and what team they will be working with:

Meet our Educators:

Owner/Operator	Greg Humpheys B.A.
Office Manager	Carol Young
Manager of Operations	Mary Soundy RECE, B.A.
Supervisor	Patricia Andrade RECE
Assistant Supervisor	Jennifer Nikolaou RECE
Junior Toddlers:	Prabhjot Kaur RECE Nancy Burgos ECA
Intermediate Toddlers:	Alicia Emond ECE, Directors Approval
Jr. Preschool	Kulvinder Singh RECE
Senior Preschool:	Jennifer Nikolaou RECE Chriscila Dummett RECE Ana de Leon RECE
School Age:	Kazeem Sunmola RECE
Float	Elsie Giuliani-Meza RECE
Cook:	To be announced (Faye Grooms has retired August 31 st , 2017)



Until next time my door is always open
Patricia Andrade RECE
Supervisor

Dates to Remember

Mon Sept 4th – Labour Day (Alpha Closed)

Tues Sept 5th – First Day of School

Fri Sept 15th – PA Day Catholic School Board ONLY

Tues Sept 19th – Alpha's Annual Corn Roast 4:30 – 6:30

Mon Sept 25th – Winter Menu starting with Menu 1

Tues Sept 26th – PA Day Public School Board ONLY Trip TBA

Sun Oct 1st – Run for the Cure

Thurs Oct 5th – Thanksgiving Luncheon at 11:30

Fri Oct 6th – PA Day Public and Catholic Boards

Mon Oct 9th – Happy Thanksgiving (Alpha Closed)

Thurs Oct 19th – PAC Meeting 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tues Oct 31st – Hallowe'en Day

Junior Toddlers

Welcome Toddlers and their families to Junior Toddler room! This year, Prabhjot and Nancy are looking forward to learning and working with the children in Junior Toddler room.

The skills that we focus on in the Junior Toddler room will be learning colours, shapes, parts of body, personal care, self help skills, new words, conflict resolution and the list goes on. We're hoping to make the best possible experience for you and your child.

Sending a child first time to childcare is hard for specially new parents. Parents are usually worried about how their child will adapt to the new environment and routines. It's important to remember that each child is a unique individual and will adapt at their own pace. Most children are comfortable in a few weeks, but age and temperament certainly



affect, how long it can take. We are here to answer any question or concerns you may have and most importantly to support you and your child through this transition.

There are many things that parents can do to ease their children to child care. Following are some suggestions to get you started:

Set up visits to the daycare prior to the start date so that they can become familiar with the other children, staff and the environment.

It is very helpful for children to bring something special from home, such as a blanket or stuffy that helps children to adjust to the new setting. These materials help the children feel comfortable. Also a picture of your family so that the child can look at it when they are missing you.

Be consistent with pick up and drop off time. The consistency helps the children to understand and follow the routines.

It is very important to not "sneak out". Children need a proper "good bye"- That helps to build trust. If parents leave without saying bye, children get stressed and it takes then even longer to calm down.

Last but not the least, always make sure that you provide every important thing asked by childcare for your child to participate in the whole program including outdoors.

Pranhjot, Nancy and Junior Toddler room

Nancy Burgos

Hi everyone welcome back to another year at Alpha for 2017/2018. My name is Nancy Burgos and I am the Assistant Educator in the Preschool room.

I've been with Alpha Child Care Centre for 6 years now. Some things I enjoy doing is spending time with my family and especially with my three grandchildren Marcelo, Gaby and Mateo. My favourite things are reading books and listening to music. I look forward to this new school year to interact with all the children at Alpha. I also want to give a big warm welcome to all the new children joining our centre along with their parents.

Welcome back everyone.
Nancy Burgos, Assistant



Prabhjot Kaur

Hello! My name is Prabhjot Kaur. I am a registered Early Childhood Educator currently working in the Jr. Toddler classroom.

I graduated from Sheridan college in 2016 and started working with Alpha Child Care later the same year. Since joining Alpha, I have worked in Sr. Preschool room and Jr. Toddler room. This has been a very exciting experience as I worked with such wonderful children, co-workers and families. I look forward to learning more, and to increase my knowledge while teaching, playing and talking with the children.

If you ever want to talk, please, feel free to approach me.

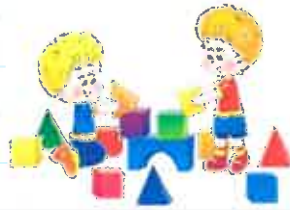
Prabhjot Kaur, RECE

Intermediate Toddlers

Welcome to the Int. Toddlers/ Junior Pre School room! Our room is divided into several different areas. Listed below some of the area names and activities that children participate in at each centre.

Morning Routine:

In the morning, we first have our morning circle where we sing opening songs, talk about the weather, or the days of the week using the calendar. Our morning routine depends on what the interests of the children are. We no longer have theme based centres; instead we use a child centred approach in program planning.



activities. Magnets, natural items, bubbles, bottles filled with oil, water and food colouring, magnifying glass and fabrics with different textures and give are all examples of objects found at this area for the children to explore.

- **Dramatic Area:** This is one of the children's favourite areas, where they pretend to act like a parent, teacher, doctor or other familiar people in their lives. They learn to be kind, caring and gentle, as they take care of the baby doll and explore parenting skills. Items such as hats, backpacks, dresses, shirts, and career outfits such as doctor, police officer and construction uniforms are also found in this area for children to wear and use their imagination.

- **Block/Bucket toy Area:** In this area children use their imagination to create structure with the material has provided such as different types of blocks, paper cups, tubes, rocks shells, cars trains & tracks and people etc.

- **Book centre:** This area has many different types of books such as picture books, flap book, hard cover books, sensory, music books etc.
- **The Program Plan** is posted beside the classroom door. In this age group your child will be learning about shapes, colours,

numbers, fine motor skills and their own name, as well as age. We will be encouraging your child to develop self-help skills, such as dressing and undressing outdoor clothing and shoes. Also, toilet learning and washing their own hands will be encouraged.

One request we would like to make for parents when purchasing clothing for your child is to please keep in mind that items should be easy for your child to put on. For example, boots or shoes with velcro straps that have a wide opening are easier for children to put on, unlike shoes with laces or high-tops. Also, in the winter season, winter gear that can be easily put on or pulled off will be necessary.

We will be planning many activities around Thanksgiving and Halloween. During Halloween, we have a costume party where we travel to each classroom for a 'Trick or Treat!' Please be sure to label your child's costume.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask us. Happy Thanksgiving and have a Spook-tacular Halloween!

Until next time,
Kulvinder and Int. Toddlers/ Jun. Pre-School

Areas Around the Classroom:

- **Cognitive Area:** Children learn about colours, shapes, numbers, patterns, alphabet and sequences, as well as develop their fine motor skills. Concepts are explored through the use of puzzles, shape sorters, etc.
- **Art Area:** Children learn to hold printing tools, and use their imagination to create their own masterpieces. Materials such as construction paper, chalk, paint, markers, crayons, pom-poms, stickers, glue, sequence and glitter are provided at this area.
- **Science Center:** Children learn to explore and inquire by participating in hands-on

Kulvinder Singh

Welcome to the month of September and October! My name is Kulvinder K Singh. I am a R.E.C.E. educator. I graduated from E.C.E. program at Sheridan College in 2004 and joined Alpha in October 2002, initially as a supply teacher. During my time with Alpha I have worked with all age groups. This year I will be starting with the Intermediate Toddlers/ Junior Preschool.

My time at Alpha has been an exciting and adventurous one, getting to know the children, teaching them important skills and having fun along the way!
Kulvinder Singh, RECE



Special Events

Monday September 4th Alpha will be closed due to the Labour Day holiday. Our doors will open at 6:45am on Tuesday September 5th and welcome everyone back to school and all our new families joining our Alpha family.

Friday September 15th there will be a PA Day for the Catholic school board only. To all the school age parents, a school age contract has been given to you and we ask that you read, sign and return the contract to Patricia in the office to put in your child(s) file. Just a reminder a two week notice needs to be given to Patricia if your child will not be attending PA Days. Alpha will automatically assume your child will be attending and charge the necessary fees, as all trips have been pre-booked and paid in advance.

On Tuesday September 26th, there will be a PA Day for the Public School Board ONLY and on **Friday October 6th** both Public and Catholic school boards will have a PA Day.

Tuesday Sept 19th is Alpha's Annual Corn Roast from 4:30 – 6:30 outside in the back parking lot on the grass area. Alpha will be serving Jumbo Hotdogs, Vegetarian Chilli, Chicken Weiners, Corn on the Cob, Popcorn, Water and Apple Juice. All monies raised will be going into our fundraiser account to purchase new outdoor equipment for the children to enjoy and to purchase another book nook for the Jr. Toddler classroom. We hope to see everyone attend as this is a great opportunity to meet your child's educators and for us to get to know all of you. Rain or shine the event will go on. In case of inclement weather the large hall upstairs has been pre-booked and we can always bring the



event indoors.

Monday September 25th Alpha will begin the Winter Menu, starting with menu 1. Now that the cooler weather is approaching, our new chef will be busy preparing warm wholesome meals for your child(ren). Our menus have been reviewed and approved by a registered nutritionist ensuring your child(ren) are eating healthy nutritious meals meeting the Canada's Food Guide lines.

Sunday October 1st is the Run for the Cure at the Powerade Centre. Alicia in the Sr. Toddler classroom is our Team Captain



for Alpha's Caring Hearts. A group of our educators will be

collaborating with the Peter Robertson location and walk 5k or run 2k. Families are more than welcome to participate or donate money towards the Breast Cancer Foundation, as thousands of women are diagnosed yearly. If you have any further question please visit Alicia, your Team Captain for further details.

Thursday October 5th, at 11:30 Alpha will be setting up the hall upstairs and enjoy a Thanksgiving luncheon. Our chef will be busy preparing a delicious turkey with potatoes, salad, bread/biscuits, cranberry sauce and much more. We all look forward to sitting together as a small family and enjoy a superb lunch!

On Monday October 9th, Alpha will be closed for Thanksgiving, We wish you all a wonderful long weekend getting stuffed and spending

quality time with your family.

Thursday Oct 19th will be our first Parent Advisory Committee meeting at 6:30pm. A big thank you to all the parents who joined the committee and shared their valuable input. It was a huge success! As children graduated over the year we are in need of more parent reps, preferably 2 parents from each classroom. Please see Patricia for further details regarding this committee. Sitting on the team allows you to obtain information on what is happening at Alpha and in the child care field. It allows you to be advocates for other parents and voice any concerns or offer to share new ideas to help improve the centre!

Tuesday October 31st, we are welcoming children to dress up in their costumes and enjoy themselves trick or treating within the centre. We welcome treats, but please keep in mind that we are a NUT FREE centre and labels that read **MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS** are not to be permitted in the building due to life threatening allergies.

Until next time I will keep you updated with future event dates!
Patricia Andrade RECE
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Senior Toddlers

Welcome Senior Toddlers and families to the months of September/October. I hope all of you had a great summer filled with lots of fond memories.



September and October are months to start fresh. With school and families busy preparing for new beginnings, it's also the beginning of a new season. It's a time of year when children start to realize the different colours changing around them, as well as, seeing and feeling

the change of weather.

This September, I would like to introduce our new Senior Toddlers to our group circle times. This may include stories, songs, finger plays, calendar time, as well as specific concepts such as learning about ourselves (age, feelings, body parts etc), colour, shapes and numbers. During our calendar circles, we will learn about dates and weather.

As the season shifts into fall we will discuss the appropriate clothing to wear with some help from our weather frog. We can dress weather frog in different clothes each day according to the weather which will help them to gain an understanding of what should be worn during the fall season. Senior Toddlers, I am excited to share all of this with you and your families, and to help nurture the growth and development of all our children.

Alicia and the Senior Toddlers

Alicia Emond

My name is Alicia Emond and I've been with Alpha for almost 7 years.

I first began my journey at Alpha's Springdale location and just transferred to the Cathedral location this past May. I am truly passionate about the Early Childhood Education field and am due to graduate with my ECE diploma this February. I have worked with all ages but particularly enjoy working with Toddlers because of their curiosity and their enthusiasm towards learning about the world around them. They are sponges at this age and I love watching them absorb all the new knowledge they learn on a daily basis.

I am a proud mother of 2, who are now both Alpha alumni as my youngest is starting JK this fall. The whole Alpha team has helped me raise my 2 children since they were babies! I am also a proud fur mom to our American Bulldog, Cali. I am married to my loving husband, Alex and we have just celebrated our first wedding anniversary on August 27th. As a family we love to be outdoors and go camping. In my spare time, I enjoy to exercise and use it as a form of (cheap) therapy. I love to run and often participate in 10-15 km races across the GTA.

I look forward to continuing to get to know the children and parents at Alpha in the upcoming year and excited to see what new challenges will come my way.

Alicia Emond RECE (DA)



Cook's Kitchen

As we enter the new school year, Faye has officially retired and we are in the process of finding another committed candidate who shares the passion as Faye did! In the mean time will be using our educators weekly in the kitchen until we find the perfect chef!

Some of you may or may not know that our menus have been approved by a registered dietitian and Alpha meets the Canada Food Guidelines! All items served are wholesome fresh cooked meals. Nothing comes from a box and no process foods are used. There is room for our chef to be creative and purchase Canadian fresh seasonal produce throughout the year from our local grocery stores. When grocery shopping our chef reads all labels and when storing them in the kitchen to ensure all products contain NO NUTS. As well, they purchase food items that contain less fat, saturated fat, trans fat, sugar and sodium.



Lastly make each food guide serving count, wherever you are, at home, at school at work or when eating out! **Follow these simple guides:**

Eat at least one dark green and one orange vegetable each day such as broccoli, romaine lettuce, spinach, carrots, sweet potato etc. Enjoy vegetables steamed, baked or stir-fried rather than deep fried. And definitely have vegetables and fruit more often than juice. Make at least one of your grain products whole grain each day. Drink skim 1% or 2% milk each day and choose lower fat milk alternatives. Have meat alternatives such as beans, lentils and tofu often, eat fish at least twice a week such as char, herring, mackerel, sardines, trout, salmon and always select lean meat!

If you have any questions please see Patricia and she can help you with any food questions that you may have regarding our menu and making healthy choices!

Patricia Andrade

My name is Patricia Andrade and I am the Supervisor at Alpha Child Care Ltd. I earned my ECE diploma in 1999 from Sheridan College. I completed my last field placement at the Peter Robertson location in the Infant Room and was offered a supply position over the summer months. In September of 1999, my journey began at the Peter Robertson location working full time in the Infant classroom.

Alpha has given me many opportunities to grow and develop as I have advanced from a student, supply teacher, lead teacher, Assistant Supervisor to Supervisor. Over the past 18 years I have had much



experience with all age groups and was promoted to Assistant Supervisor in July of 2008. I worked very closely with Mary Soundy (Manager of Operations and Development) who has mentored me to become the leader I am today. I have presented many workshops to Alpha's educators, to ensure they continue to grow and develop.

On June 29, 2015 I became the Supervisor of the Cathedral location and I continue to enjoy working with all the families here. I thought organizing a centre with 129 children was a challenge but working at Cathedral was more than a challenge, a very positive challenge as I am a very grateful for the Cathedral educators who have taught me

the "ins" and "outs". I continue to look forward to meeting all of our new families and continue to work with our existing families.

During my spare time I love to sit under the sun and read novels, relax with my husband Mitch and my Pitbull, Shady. I also love to relax in the back yard with family and friends and enjoy a BBQ. I often go for nature walks and enjoy the outdoors, especially playing volleyball.

If you have any questions, concerns or if you would like just to chit chat my door is always open.

Until next time,
Patricia Andrade RECE
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Chriscila Dummett

Hi, my name is Chriscila Dummett but most of you know me as Chrissy. I have been working at Alpha for almost 5 years.

I earned my diploma in ECE from George Brown College. Last Year I was teaching in the Jr. Toddler room, Sr. Preschool room and School Age. This September I will be teaching in the Sr. Preschool room.

I have always loved working and learning with children, which is why I wanted to be in this field. I hope for a Great year of fun and educational experiences to share with the all the children at Alpha!

Chrissy Dummett, RECE

Greg Humphreys

Hi, my name is Greg Humphreys, owner of Alpha Child Care Ltd.. When my mom Catherine, opened Alpha 36 years ago, I worked after school as the cleaner, painter and repair man. My dad and I would build the outdoor climbers, benches and sandboxes. Wow have things changed.

Today, I am Owner of Alpha and I oversee all aspects of Alpha's services working with the best Manager, Supervisors and



Educators in the business. It's my job to keep Alpha running smoothly so that our educators can focus on providing the best care possible for your child(ren).

I am a York University Graduate and sit as past-president and active Board Member of the Association of Day Care Operators of Ontario. I am proud of Alpha's leadership in our community and the many committee's that our educators volunteer for. Alpha is a community leader in program quality,

preschool curriculum, mentoring, inclusiveness, educator training and leadership. Our Manager, Mary, regularly conducts training in-house, and to large audiences from the child care field

If you have any questions, concerns or comments feel free to call/email me. My contact information is available through Alpha's website at www.alphachildcare.ca

Welcome to the Alpha Family
Greg Humphreys, Owner

Preschool

Welcome back Preschoolers! We are very excited to have some new faces here at Alpha as well as to welcome back our old friends. It's so nice to be together again after a long summer of holidays and fun with family.

As we welcome back our Preschoolers we ask that they bring a photo of their family for our Alpha Family Tree. This a great way to learn more about each other as well as to give our students a chance to see a picture of their family in the classroom and talk about who is part of their family. We will be introducing these photos at our Show N Share circle the first week of September.

The second week of September we will be getting into the core programming which will include Handwriting Without Tears (HWT), Second Step Social Program, Show N Share, and Jolly Phonics in addition to our daily calendar and weather circles. We will



be discussing many different topics of interest and relevance in these circles as well as throughout the day. Details of your child's Show N Share date will be posted near the classroom shortly. Your child will have one date of the week to bring an item from home. Please REFRAIN from allowing your child to bring any other items or toys from home as they are often lost or broken and the children may become quite upset. We have plenty of toys and materials for all of our students and we are all learning to share.

As this new term begins, please remember to bring a few items which will help make your child feel comfortable and included. We ask that you bring a water bottle or sip cup which will be kept at the daycare. A soft sleeping toy and blanket to be used at rest time. As

well as, a small bag or backpack to be kept in your child's cubby with extra clothes. We will provide the wipes for your child however ask that you provide diapers if your child is not toilet trained and lots of extra clothes if your child is currently toilet learning. We also ask that you provide both indoor and outdoor shoes (full support- no sandals/crocks etc), a bottle of unscented sunscreen, a light jacket, and a sun hat. As the weather changes and begins to cool we will ask for new items to be brought such as winters hats, boots, neck warmers and snow pants.

If you have any other questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ask Patricia in the office or any member of your Alpha family. See you all soon!

Chrissy, Ana, Jennifer and Preschoolers

Jennifer Nikolaou

Hello Alpha families! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Jennifer Nikolaou. I am the Assistant Supervisor here at the Cathedral location. However, you can usually find me in my primary role as an educator in our Sr. Preschool or "BIG" room.

I originally graduated from Sheridan back in 2002 with my Early Childhood Education diploma. I joined the Alpha team back in 2015 and have since made many new friends and shared lots of memorable moments with my colleges, our children and their families. I have also had the pleasure of experiencing Alpha from the "other side" as my 11yr old daughter Emily has participated in our Camp Alpha summer camp program over the past 2 years.



When we're not at Alpha, we like to volunteer with the Girl Guides Association of Canada. I am a Brownie Guide Leader and Emily likes to help with a younger Spark Guide group when she isn't at her own Girl Guide meetings or playing softball with the BGSA. I am proud to be the mother to such a caring, ambitious and intelligent young lady. I feel very fortunate to also work

for a company that shares my values, my beliefs and my passion. A childcare centre that guides exploration, encourages independence, supports inclusion, and nurtures self-esteem. Alpha is truly an extension of our family.

We look forward to being yours.
Jennifer Nikolaou, RECE – Assistant Supervisor

Ana De Leon

Hello everyone! My name is Ana and I am one of the educator's in the Preschool room. I am so excited to be a part of Alpha Child Care Family!

I am a RECE and earned my Diploma in ECE in Sydney, Australia in 2009 and I have been in the child care industry ever since. I have worked with all age groups and I am delighted to be a part of the wonderful educators in the Preschool room.

I moved all the way from the Yukon with my son. We came from a 13-day drive and it was a great experience. The warm weather plus the genuine smile from everyone was all worth it! I am just so happy to finally find a home here in Ontario.

I look forward to an awesome year of fun and learning with the children of Alpha Day Care.
Ana De Leon, RECE

Elsie Giuliani-Mez

Hello Alpha parents welcome to September! My name is Elsie, and I worked in the Sr. Toddler room as the RECE for last 4 months and in September I will return to the float position, relieving educators for a well deserved break and relief of educators to go home at the end of the day!

I started at Alpha as a student in 2016, in the Junior Toddler room. Since I was a little girl I dreamed of being a teacher some day, I would pretend play and have my stuffed animals as my

students, I had an easel that I would write on and "teach" lessons, I always had a passion working and being around children. As I was growing up I babysat my little cousins, my brother, and some of the neighbour's children which made me realize how much I loved being around children. I hope to keep moving forward and reach to the top with my career.



knew about myself. Being in the Senior Toddler room made me grow and face the challenges that came across this role. Other than having teaching as one of my passions I have many hobbies outside of work, I love going to the gym and staying active, reading books, being around my family, dancing, and going on adventures with my friends. it's a pleasure to be the Senior Toddler educator and I can't wait to keep growing and learning with your children.

Elsie Giuliani-Mez RECE



Working at Alpha has taught me many things that I never

Mary Soudy

My name is Mary Soudy and I am the Manager of Operations and Development for Alpha Child Care. My major responsibilities consist of strategic planning, educator training and quality control and the day to day operations of the Springdale location.

I received my Early Childhood Education diploma in 1978 from Sheridan College. I also received my B. A. in psychology through continuing education in 2000 from York University. Since graduating from college I have taught in two other child care centres before joining Alpha in 1988.

Alpha Child Care has given me many opportunities to grow and develop as I have advanced from teacher to supervisor to manager in the twenty-nine years that I have been employed with the company. When first joining the Alpha team, I was the teacher/Supervisor at the Cathedral Road location until August 1996 at which time I transferred to the new Springdale location in which I supervise. In 2005, I also took on the role as Manager of the company.



These positions have led me to several different avenues within the field as I am involved with many of it's organizations. I have served as chair of the annual Trade Show for the Region of Peel. This entails organizing a full day, in which vendors selling child care toys and equipment as well as other agencies associated with the child care field try to reach out to all child care centres to inform them of their purpose. I also attend the monthly SPRING meetings which keep everyone in the child care field a

breast of the happenings within the Region. I am also a member of the Brampton Supervisory Networking Group that meets once every three months to discuss the challenges that supervisors face in the day to day operation of a child care centre and I serve on the Raising the Bar Advisory Committee for the Region of Peel.

My philosophy is that each child is a unique individual and develops at

their own pace. Next to health and safety, self esteem, social skills and having the confidence to handle any situation that may arise, are the most important aspects and the necessary components needed to build a solid foundation. It is with this foundation that the children contribute to society in a constructive manner. With good self esteem and social skills children will seek learning, will love to try new activities and will feel confident handling any challenges that come with learning in a multi-cultural world. Since each child is unique and individual it is our responsibility as the Early Childhood Educators to provide and set up an interesting and exciting environment in which the children build on what they are already capable of doing and what interests the children. Therefore, the children are having fun, but learning without even knowing it, all of which is done within a caring, loving family atmosphere.

On a personal note, I am married to a wonderful guy by the name of Brian, who most of you will see quite often around the day care as

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School Age

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As another school year approaches, I would like to communicate some exciting changes that have occurred in the classroom. Our very own Camila, became a proud mother of three as she delivered a baby boy back in April. With that being said, Kazeem has now taken over as the lead educator for the classroom.

I would like to welcome back all the children and families as we enter a new school year of 2017-2018. And to the new children that are entering the School Age classroom or new to Alpha, welcome to the School Age clan, I hope you are able to accomplish many goals and retain many positive memories.

The School Age classroom is designed to give each child sufficient space in order to complete tasks set out. Various open ended materials will be provided to ensure each child is able to



maximize their learning. I will strive to provide each child with the necessary tools they need in order to thrive. Parents/guardians don't hesitate to communicate with me in regards to any needs your child may have or ideas they would like to add to our classroom. I would like to remain flexible and meet the needs of the children.

As I conclude, just a reminder to the parents/guardians as we enter a new season of fall, please provide your children with suitable clothing and indoor/outdoor clothing to meet the needs of the weather.
Stay tuned,
Kazeem and School Age Group

Kazeem Sunmola

Hello friends, families and colleagues. My name is Kazeem Sunmola. I recently completed my studies this past June at Sheridan College as I studied Early Childhood Education. I began to supply with Alpha after concluding my field placement in April 2016.

I am grateful as I was able to begin my post graduate life with Alpha, as I recently took over the Camp/School Age classroom in July. Alpha Child Care has allowed me to transition from a student, to supply teacher and now I am a lead educator in the School Age room.



and outdoor settings. I take pride in assisting children reach their full potentials, as I believe teamwork is an essential skill in life.

In my spare time, I engage in recreational sports, such as soccer, football and baseball. I also enjoy long walks through the Peel Village area, as I have been a resident since the third grade.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with knowledge, excitement and health, as one day we can reminisce over the great accomplishments we've achieved.

Kazeem Sunmola, RECE

I enjoy working with children of all ages, in both indoors

Mary Soudy

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we firmly believe in supporting each other's careers. We have one daughter, Brianne, who is a 1990 Alpha graduate and a graduate from the E.C.E. program at Humber College. We all maintain a strong family relationship in the beautiful Heart Lake area.

I look forward to serving all the Alpha families. If you have any questions, concerns or want to share your great ideas with me, my door is always open. I can be reached at the Springdale location 905-458-4884 or by email at marys@alphachildcare.ca. You can also leave a message with your supervisor and she would be more than happy to relay it to me.



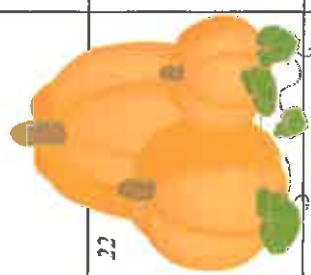


Until next time my door is always open,
Mary Soudy RECE, B.A.



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 	4 Fees Are Due <i>Menu #2</i>	5  Happy B'Day Xavier	6 Prabhjot 1st Anniversary with Alpha	7 Happy B'Day David	8  Happy B'Day Ana	2 Happy B'Day Ana
10 Happy B'Day Sophia	11 Labour Day Alpha Closed Alicia's 5th Anniversary with Alpha <i>Menu #3</i>	12	13	14 Happy B'Day Dietrich	15	16
17  Fees Are Due <i>Menu #1</i>	18 Fees Are Due <i>Menu #1</i>	19	20 	21 Corn Roast 4:30pm— 6:30pm	22 PA Day Catholic BD. 23 Patricia's 18th Anniversary with Alpha	23 Happy B'Day Zayne First Day of Autumn
24 Fees Are Due <i>Winter Menu #1</i>	25 <i>Menu #2</i>	26 PA Day Public BD	27 Happy B'Day Tea	28	29 	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Happy B'Day Tobi & Owen	3	4 Happy B'Day Crissy	5 <small>From our home to yours. 54 days Thanksgiving!</small> Thanksgiving Luncheon @ 11:30am	6 PA Day Public & Catholic BD	7
8 	9 Happy B'Day Joshua Alpha Fees Are Due Menu #3	10	11 	12 	13	14
15	16 Happy B'Day Andrade Menu #4	17 Happy B'Day Luke	18	19 Happy B'Day David	20	21 
22 	23 Fees Are Due Menu #1	24	25	26 Happy B'Day Devin	27 Nancy's 6th year Anniversary with Alpha Happy B'Day Kulvinder	28
29	30 Happy B'Day Kazeem Menu #2	31 		Happy Halloween Party		