

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2021



### New Umbrella Full Day Child Care Centres



We are thrilled to have opened two new full day child care centres in 2021. Our centre at South Meadour opened in April and our Greenville location in July. Full Day child care centres at Bellmoores and Vets Diamond will be opening soon.

If you require care, please visit our [waiting page](#).

### National Day of Action for Early Learning & Child Care

Umbrella educators have been advocating for a National Child Care Strategy throughout September and October and participating in #TakeActionTuesday.

Eight provinces and territories have already agreed to the federal government's plan for Universal Child Care. The plan would ensure affordable fees for families, decent work and pay for educators, and enough quality public and non-profit spaces for all.

If you would like to let our leaders know that Ontario should sign the child care agreement, please consider signing the petition.

[Sign The Petition](#)



### Orange Shirt Day / National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day was started by Phyllis Webstad, a residential school survivor who told the story of her shiny new orange shirt which was taken from her when she attended her first day of school at the St. Joseph Mission residential school. Orange shirts are worn on Sept. 30th to honour residential school survivors, children that never made it home, and their families.

It was wonderful to see our educators and children participating in Orange Shirt Day this year in meaningful ways. We are very thankful for the resources provided by [The City of Hamilton](#) in partnership with [Naveen Hamilton](#) and [Bella Hamilton](#) to support the Honouring our Children/Every Child Matters initiative. ❤️



We are very happy to be well on our way to implementing [Storypark](#) at all of our Umbrella centres. Storypark helps keep you informed of important updates and easily involves you in what's happening with your child.

Our full day locations are currently using this app to communicate with families and we expect our Before & After School locations to be onboarded by the end of 2021 so watch for an invite coming soon!

Thank, Oct. 21st is [Indigenous Heritage Month](#) and we are celebrating [Indigenous Day](#).



The contributions that ECEs and Child Care Workers make every day in our communities are amazing and we look forward to recognizing them on Oct. 21.

### REMINDERS

• Please ensure that you phone your child's centre directly or send a message through Storypark if they are going to be absent from our programs. This is especially important for the after school program as the school does not pass on absences to us. Contact information for all centres can be found on our [website](#) (Click on the name of the centre to view).

• On Mon, Oct. 18/21, the closing time for all Umbrella programs will temporarily change to 5:45 pm. Please ensure you pick up your child(ren) by 5:45 each day.

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