



January 2024 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year everyone! **Update on the Affordability Grant:** Most of you will see the grant increase applied to your January Invoice. For full time clients who were at Rainbow in Jan 2022, when the grant started, you will see a delay until Feb. This is just because grant payments are tied to the claim for the previous month, and so are delayed about 6 weeks (for example, I won't receive the January grant amounts until the middle of February). Initially the daycare wasn't able to absorb the delay for the full grant amount for every client at once, and so your Jan 2022 grant was applied in Feb 2022. For newer clients, I've been able to absorb the delay.

19 month to 3 year old children will increase from \$510.00 to \$709.00, and 3 years + from \$450.00 to \$626.00. Partial first and last months will remain the same at \$255.00 or \$225.00 for 50 - 100 hours, and \$0.00 for less than 50 hours. There is now a required minimum parent fee of \$217.50 for 100+ hours before subsidy is applied, and \$100.00 for 50-100 hours before subsidy is applied. This will not be an issue in a typical month, however please be aware it may impact partial first and last months. **If your child has no attendance hours in a month, you will not receive subsidy or grant, despite paying for your space. If this happens, you are responsible for your full fees.** Parents receiving subsidy – if your child attends less than 100 hours in a month, your subsidy may be impacted, and the difference will be reflected in your fees. If you have questions please text me at 780-713-5057. Please ensure we always have your current email and phone numbers on file, as I will need to enter them into the claim monthly.

We are excited to welcome Bronson into our **Rainbow** Family!!



IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH:

Jan 9 – wear **yellow** today!

Jan 15 – strawberry ice cream sundae day

Jan 18 – snowman-building day – outside (weather permitting), and a paper-mache snowman project inside

Jan 19 – National Popcorn Day (popcorn twists treats)

Jan 22 – Snow day! Snow activities inside and outside.

Jan 30 – special Croissant breakfast today

TBD – we are planning a small field trip, a walk to Gregoire Foods. There will be a field trip form to sign once we decide on a day.

Our Rainbow Giving-back Project this month is to donate cat and dog food to the SPCA. We'll be walking to Gregoire Foods to purchase food, and talking to the kids about caring for pets.



CHECKLIST FOR WINTER GEAR:

- Boots
- Hat
- Extra mittens
- Snowsuit or
- Snow pants and coat

Names or initials on each item will help us keep everyone's belongings organized.

