

EXCEL CHILD CARE PROGRAM - 2010-2011

The EXCEL Child Care Program, a department within the Halifax Regional School Board, offers a child supervision program to parents, at select schools, for their children during the times before and after school. With programs designed for students in grades primary through six, our goal at EXCEL is to create an organized, fun atmosphere for your child. The name EXCEL stands for Extended Care and Enhanced Learning, but we also believe it is short for *EXCELLENCE*. We strive to provide excellent programming for your child, and provide you with the sense of security that your child is in good hands.

At EXCEL, children have an opportunity for fun, recreation, and social enrichment. Our convenient in-school location removes transportation worries for parents, enabling them to drop their child off at a secure, positive, caring place for the day. Our Before programs begin each morning at 7:30 am. Your Regional Supervisor or Head Instructor will be able to tell you should this start time differ at your school site. The After school program begins immediately upon dismissal from afternoon classes and operates until 6 pm. The After school program encourages children to pursue their own interests, develop friendships, try new things and respect themselves and others. Weekly core programming activities are planned by Head Instructors at each school incorporating themes & learning objectives. The activities generally include art, reading, creative play, games, science, occasional outings and special guests. Participation by all children present is expected. The children spend time outdoors every day (weather permitting) and most schools provide an active indoor play area. A nutritious snack that meets the Province's healthy eating guidelines is served during the After school program. If your child has a special diet, you are encouraged to send along a snack suitable to their dietary needs.

For details on the EXCEL programs being offered at your son/daughter's school and the fees, please review the reverse side of this notice or simply call the EXCEL Regional Supervisor assigned to your school. Make certain to mark the below dates on your calendar as demand often exceeds the number of program spots available. Priority enrolment will be offered to those applicants enrolling in full-time (5 days per week) combination programs, followed by part-time applicants based on the desired number of days. The date and time applications are received in our office will also be considered when comparing applications of equal # of day requirements. History has shown that some EXCEL program applicants can not be accommodated due to limited program space and staffing availability at specific school sites. If necessary, waiting lists will be formed for individual school programs. Notification of acceptance or denial into the program shall be issued no later than the end of June, 2010.

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2010-2011:

- **April 23rd** EXCEL program literature and application forms for the 2010/2011 school year will be distributed to parents of children currently enrolled in our 2009/2010 Before & After programs ONLY via the participating student.
- **April 26th-30th** Early submission opportunity for students currently enrolled in 2009/2010 EXCEL Before, After or combination programs ONLY.
- **April 30th** Application forms and EXCEL program information will be available on the HRSB website for downloading and for general pick-up at schools.
- **May 3rd** General Registration begins for **ALL** EXCEL Before & After school programs. Applications will be accepted in the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth; or by mail; and on-line. The hours of operation for on-site registration at our 25 Alfred Street office are as follows:
 - May 3rd, 4th & 5th - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - May 6th & 7th - 8:15 am to 4:30 pm
- **May 10th & onwards** - General Registration for ALL EXCEL programs continues and will be accepted in our office, by mail, and online. Normal hours of operation of the 25 Alfred Street office are:
 - 8:15 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

*** **ON-LINE REGISTRATION** - Beginning **Monday, May 3rd, 2010 at 0800 hrs**, those individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.



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2011
WEEK LONG
WINTER
GAMES
CAMPS!**

2010/2011 EXCEL Child Care Program Fees

Monthly Fee Amounts:

| | | 1 Child | 2 Children | 3 Children |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|
| Before | | | | |
| | 5 days/wk | \$ 80.00 | \$152.00 | \$220.00 |
| | 4 days/wk | \$ 68.00 | \$130.00 | \$188.00 |
| | 3 days/wk | \$ 51.00 | \$ 98.00 | \$141.00 |
| | 2 days/wk | \$ 34.00 | \$ 65.00 | \$ 94.00 |
| | 1 day/wk | \$ 17.00 | \$ 33.00 | \$ 47.00 |
| After | | | | |
| | 5 days/wk | \$200.00 | \$380.00 | \$550.00 |
| | 4 days/wk | \$171.00 | \$325.00 | \$471.00 |
| | 3 days/wk | \$128.00 | \$244.00 | \$353.00 |
| | 2 days/wk | \$ 86.00 | \$163.00 | \$235.00 |
| | 1 day/wk | \$ 43.00 | \$ 81.00 | \$118.00 |
| Before & After | | | | |
| | 5 days/wk | \$280.00 | \$532.00 | \$770.00 |
| | 4 days/wk | \$239.00 | \$455.00 | \$659.00 |
| | 3 days/wk | \$179.00 | \$342.00 | \$495.00 |
| | 2 days/wk | \$120.00 | \$228.00 | \$330.00 |
| | 1 day/wk | \$ 60.00 | \$114.00 | \$165.00 |

Early Dismissal Days – registration is also available for Early Dismissal Days for Parent Teacher Interviews for students participating in the EXCEL After school program. The charge is \$15.00 per child (\$7.50 per day) and is to be paid at the time of program application. Participation provides those students registered supervision from early dismissal until the standard After School program end time.

Payment of Fees - All fees for the EXCEL Before & After school program must be paid on the 20th day of the preceding month. Options include post-dated cheques, pre-authorized payment (PAP) or credit card (VISA or MasterCard). Ten post-dated cheques, dated August 20th, 2010 to May 20th, 2011 and payable to "EXCEL/HRSB" or banking information for either PAP or credit card must be supplied at the time of application.

EXCEL Program Opportunities & Regions

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| SCHOOL | Program: | SCHOOL | Program: | SCHOOL | Program: | SCHOOL | Program: |
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| Ash Lee Jefferson | A | Astral Drive | BA | Basinview Drive | BA | B.L.T. Elementary (P-5) | BA |
| Burton Ettinger | BA | Bel Ayr | BA | Beaver Bank Kinsac | BA | East St. Margaret's | BA |
| Holland Road | A | Brookhouse | BA | Bedford-South | BA | Grosvenor-Wentworth | BA |
| LeMarchant-St. Thomas | BA | Caldwell Road | BA | Caudle Park | BA | Hammonds Plains | BA |
| Oldfield Elementary | A | Colby Village | BA | Cavalier Drive | BA | JW MacLeod-Fleming Tower | BA |
| Oxford School | BA | Crichton Park | BA | Gertrude Parker | BA | Prospect Road | BA |
| Park West | BA | George Bissett | BA | Harry R. Hamilton | BA | Rockingham | BA |
| Shannon Park | A | Joseph Giles | BA | Hillside Park | A | Sambro | A |
| Sir Charles Tupper | BA | Mount Edward | BA | Kingswood | BA | Shatford Memorial | A |
| Springvale | BA | Oyster Pond | A | Lakeview Consolidated | A | St. Margaret's Bay | A |
| Waverley Memorial | BA | Portland Estates | BA | Millwood | BA | Sunnyside-Eaglewood | BA |
| Westmount | A | R.K. Turner | BA | O'Connell Drive | A | Sunnyside-Ft. Sackville | BA |
| | | Ross Road | BA | Ocean View Elementary | BA | Tantallon | BA |
| <u>Legend:</u> | | | | Sackville Centennial | BA | William King | BA |
| B - Before School | | | | Sackville Heights | BA | | |
| A - After School | | | | Smokey Drive | BA | | |
| BA - Before & After | | | | St. Stephen's | BA | | |
| | | | | Sycamore Lane | BA | | |

February 2011 Camps – EXCEL Child Care Program

Schools will be closed for a two-week period in February 2011 in support of the Halifax 2011 Canada Winter Games. During this period of time, the EXCEL Child Care program will be offering two optional full-day week long camps to those students enrolled in the 2010-2011 EXCEL Before & After programs.

The interest of parents and availability of school sites will determine the number and location of camps that will be held. A minimum number of 30 campers will be required for a camp to proceed at a stated camp location and will operate with a maximum of 100 students per site. Camp registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis until camp capacities are reached. Waiting lists will be formed for those students who are not able to be initially accommodated. Should the number of interested participants be insufficient to proceed, parents will be contacted and provided with alternate location options, if available.

The hours of operation of the Camps will be 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Children will be responsible to bring their own lunch, and EXCEL would be serving a healthy snack to participants in both the morning and the afternoon.

EXCEL Camp fees are \$175/week. Sibling discounts of 10% for the 2nd child and 15% for the 3rd and further children registering from the same family will apply. Parents have the option of registering their children for participation in either of the individual weeks or both weeks if desired. The camp dates are as follows:

Week #1 – February 14th to 18th, 2011 Week #2 – February 21st to 25th, 2011

Camp fees for those EXCEL participants paying via PAP or Credit Card each month will be added to your monthly program payments that are processed monthly on the 20th of each month, beginning August 20th, 2010. Camp fees will be pro-rated over 6 consecutive months, August 20th, 2010 through January 20th, 2011. Thirty days notice will be required to withdraw your child from either of the February camp(s). Camp fees will be non-refundable after Friday, Jan 14th, 2011. The only exception would be for a medical reason with supporting documentation provided. Applications for camp enrolment must accompany 2010/2011 enrolment requests for the EXCEL Before & After programs.

Current EXCEL PROGRAMS & Proposed 2011 February CAMP SITE LOCATIONS:

| <i>EXCEL Before and/or After Program:</i> | <i>Proposed EXCEL February Camp Site:</i> | <i>EXCEL Before and/or After Program:</i> | <i>Proposed EXCEL February Camp Site:</i> |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ash Lee Jefferson | Ash Lee Jefferson | Mount Edward Elementary | Mount Edward |
| Astral Drive Elementary | Caldwell Road | O'Connell Drive Elementary | O'Connell Drive |
| B.L.T. Elementary (P-5) | B.L.T. Elementary | Ocean View Elementary | Caldwell Road |
| Basinview Drive Community | Basinview Drive | Oldfield Elementary | Ash Lee Jefferson |
| Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary | Millwood | Oxford School | LeMarchant-St. Thomas |
| Bedford-South Elementary | Basinview Drive | Oyster Pond Academy | O'Connell Drive |
| Bel Ayr Elementary | Mount Edward | Park West | Rockingham |
| Brookhouse Elementary | Mount Edward | Portland Estates Elementary | Portland Estates |
| Burton Ettinger | Westmount | Prospect Road Elementary | JW MacLeod |
| Caldwell Road Elementary | Caldwell Road | R.K. Turner Elementary | Joseph Giles |
| Caudle Park Elementary | Hillside Park | Rockingham Elementary | Rockingham |
| Cavalier Drive Elementary | Gertrude Parker | Ross Road | Joseph Giles |
| Colby Village Elementary | Caldwell Road | Sackville Centennial Elementary | Hillside Park |
| Crichton Park Elementary | Shannon Park | Sackville Heights Elementary | Millwood |
| Dutch Settlement | Ash Lee Jefferson | Sambro Elementary | JW MacLeod |
| East St. Margaret's Elementary | Tantallon | Shannon Park | Shannon Park |
| George Bissett Elem. | Joseph Giles | Shatford Memorial Elementary | Tantallon |
| Gertrude Parker Elementary | Gertrude Parker | Sir Charles Tupper | LeMarchant-St. Thomas |
| Grosvenor-Wentworth | Rockingham | Smokey Drive Elementary | Gertrude Parker |
| Hammonds Plains Elementary | Basinview Drive | Springvale Elementary | Westmount |
| Harry R. Hamilton Elementary | Millwood | St. Margaret's Bay Elementary | Tantallon |
| Hillside Park Elementary | Hillside Park | St. Stephen's Elementary | Westmount |
| Holland Road Elementary | Ash Lee Jefferson | Sunnyside-Eaglewood | Sunnyside-Eaglewood |
| John W. MacLeod-Fleming Tower | JW MacLeod | Sunnyside-Ft. Sackville | Sunnyside-Eaglewood |
| Joseph Giles Elementary | Joseph Giles | Sycamore Lane Elementary | Gertrude Parker |
| Kingswood Elementary | Basinview Drive | Tantallon Elementary | Tantallon |
| Lakeview Consolidated | O'Connell Drive | Waverley Memorial Elementary | Ash Lee Jefferson |
| LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elem. | LeMarchant-St. Thomas | Westmount Elementary | Westmount |
| Millwood Elementary | Millwood | William King Elementary | JW MacLeod |

Please note that Camp locations have not been finalized so actual locations are subject to change. For more information please refer to the HRSB website at www.hrsb.ns.ca or contact 464-2000 ext. 2495.