



EARLY LEARNING – EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

MANOR PARK Public School

January 2012

To Parents/Guardians,

The Early Learning Program is a Ministry of Education initiative that brought full-day kindergarten to Ontario starting in September 2010 with full implementation by September 2015. There are two components to the program, the Core Program which represents the full day classroom component and the Extended Day Program which represents the before and after school program.

In the Core Program certified teachers and registered early childhood educator's work together to deliver the Full Day Kindergarten Program. Students receive instruction and play-based learning with both the teacher and the early childhood educator. The students develop their capacity in language and mathematics, and build a strong foundation for future learning. In addition they engage in healthy physical activities and enjoy arts education. Full Day Kindergarten offers students the opportunity to develop skills to become more comfortable in social settings and to interact with their peers and the adults who guide them.

In September 2012, 55 schools in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will offer the Full Day Early Learning Program for junior and senior kindergarten students. See attached brochure for the listing of schools or visit www.ocdsb.ca for additional information.

An Extended Day Program may be offered by a Third Party Operator as part of the Early Learning initiative at your local school. This program is designed to provide before and after-school programming for children registered at the school up to the age of 10 years of age.

The 3rd party operator at your school will be the agency or program that currently operates a child care program within the school. The 3rd party operator is a non profit agency that is licensed by the Ministry and currently has a “purchase of service” agreement with the City of Ottawa.





EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Hours

The Extended Day Program will operate from 7 a.m. to the start of school and from the end of school until 6 p.m. Parents may register their child in the morning, afternoon, or both programs.

Fees

The child care program that may be offering the Extended Day Program as a 3rd party operator will set the fees for their program.

Subsidy

Limited financial assistance – a child care subsidy will be available to families that meet the criteria for eligibility. Parents will need to contact the City of Ottawa to apply for the subsidy at 613-580-9696.

Transportation

Parents will be responsible for getting their child to and from the Extended Day Program.

Important: Please do not discontinue your current child care arrangement prior to receipt of confirmation and acceptance in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Extended Day Program.

Confirmation will be provided to parents/guardians in March 2012.

In an effort to determine the number of families that have an interest in accessing the Extended Day Program being offered at your school by a 3rd party operator, we are asking interested parents/guardians to complete the attached form and return it to your child's school **by February 29, 2012.**

Please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor Heap, Manager of the Early Learning Program at **613-239-2378** or eleanor.heap@ocdsb.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.



How many days a week will you require extended day care: (circle below)

- a) two
- b) three
- c) five

Will you require a full day of care on: (circle below)

- a) PA Days
- b) Christmas Break (one week)
- c) March Break
- d) Summer Break (July, August)

Additional Children: Please complete if you wish to have additional children in your family enrolled in the program.

Student Name(s): _____ **Grade:** _____

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Fees/Subsidy:

Please circle the appropriate response below:

The Extended Day Program fees are the responsibility of the parent/guardians. Subsidies may be available to qualifying families through the City of Ottawa at 613-580-9696.

- a) Yes, I currently receive a City of Ottawa child care subsidized space at the following facility: _____
- b) No, I do not currently receive a City of Ottawa subsidized space but I will be applying to the city for a subsidy.
- c) No, I do not currently receive a City of Ottawa child care subsidized space and will be responsible for the cost of the Extended Day Program fees.

