

Britannia Out of School Care - Winter 2013

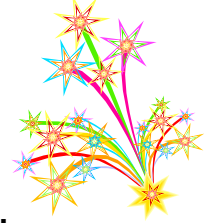
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Dear OSC Families:

As we welcome another winter holiday break, we would like to take this time to wish all our families a Festive and Happy Holiday. We want to remind you of our commitment to offering quality childcare in a safe and fun atmosphere. We are committed to:

- providing a safe, comfortable and nurturing environment
- creating exciting challenges for each age group
- encouraging co-operative experiences in play and activities.



WINTER HOURS/LOCATION:

PICK UP/DROP OFF at the 5-8 Childcare room during the winter break.

Hours: 7:30 am – 5:45 pm PICK UP BY 5:45 pm

Please call if you are going to be late. Late pick-up procedure will be followed.

WINTER BREAK CLOSURE

- **Closed** – Wednesday December 25, 2013
- **Closed** – Thursday, December 26, 2013
- **Closed** – Wednesday, January 1, 2014
- **First Day of School** – Monday, January 6, 2014



ARRIVAL

All children should be dropped off no later than **10:30 am**. See the winter break calendar for earlier drop off times. If you are arriving later than 10:30 am, call to make sure we can accommodate your late arrival. Childcare may not be provided after 10:30am. Phone us if your child/ren will not be attending @ **604 718 5822**.

LUNCHES

Pack a NUT-FREE LUNCH everyday. Your child will often be on field trips, therefore a portable lunch (one that does not require heating up or a can opener) is highly recommended. ***Please refrain from packing pop and candies in lunches. We will always encourage children to eat the healthy items in their lunch prior to eating cookies/bars etc.***



TOYS FROM HOME:

All personal toys must be kept at home. We have a huge selection of toys and games. OSC is not responsible for lost/broken toys from home.



SNACKS

Two snacks will be provided; one in the morning (ends at 9:30am) and one in the afternoon. Please send your child with a lunch each day and extra snacks.



WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY:

Send your child with a backpack containing: **LUNCH, swimsuit, towel** and an **extra change of clothes**. Please also pack a **water bottle** with your child's name clearly labeled on the bottle. **Send your child dressed appropriately for the weather (jacket, hat, mittens/gloves, snow pant, snow boots and warm socks).**



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Our winter break is packed with cool fun activities and treats:

CHRISTMAS AT CANADA PLACE

On our **first day** we will visit Canada Place where we can skate, curl and do other fun activities. Children will have a choice to go or stay behind baking up a storm making gingerbread cookies and making holiday decorations. The children will be able to be creative with decorating the room while getting into the holiday spirit. We will also continue with our routines including playing in the gym and, if the weather permits, playing in the park.

PJ COOKING DAY

Our **second day** of winter break there is no need to get dressed, just roooll on in with your fancy jammies because it's **PJ Day** - a warm cozy home day where we celebrate being with each other. The children will participate in cooking a meal of two different types of lasagna - turkey and vegetarian; for desert mini chocolate cupcakes. We plan on making this meal special by having both staff and kids eat a meal together. Still pack a lunch and snacks, especially for our fussy eaters.

TOBOGGANING & GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Friday arrives after the holiday break and we hope that everyone had a great two days off and feel rested. Older kids are off for either tubing or tobogganing on Mt. Seymour and they should have tons of fun playing in the snow. The children must be at least 48" tall to participate safely in this activity. For the younger kids graham crackers mini gingerbread houses will be created in addition to fun games in the gym and a visit to a local park. We finish the day with a winter game of Jeopardy.

NEW YEAR'S GREEN EGGS AND HAM!

Two more sleeps till the New Year begins. It's a happy **Monday** for us where we cook up green eggs and ham, inspired by one of our favorite stores from Dr. Seuss. We will go to the Vancouver Public Library downtown for reading stories and playing fun games. We might even read a book or two from Dr. Seuss!

"SEUSSICAL" WATER FRONT THEATRE AND CENTRAL CITY ARENA

It's New Year's Eve, and we end 2013 with a BANG this **Tuesday**. The younger kids are off to see a live play "Seussical" at the Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island:

Seussical - CTYP's beloved holiday musical is back due to audience demand! Horton the Elephant reminds us that a person's a person, no matter how small when he befriends young Jojo and saves Whoville. Along the way, Mayzie LaBird, the Sour Kangaroo and everyone in the Jungle of Nool learn that it takes a community working together to solve problems. This award-winning production will have children and parents laughing and dancing in their seats.

While the younger kids enjoy their trip, the older kids are off to Central City Arena in Surrey where they can choose between either roller skates or blades to zoom around the court. We often go skating and this will be an opportunity for the kids to learn some new techniques with some different set of wheels. The last day of 2013 will end with excitement and tons of fun!

CRAZY HAIR DAY AND SCIENCE WORLD

Thursday, our first day back in 2014 and we start off the year with Crazy Hair day! Come with your wackiest hairdo or plan on creating your own do with us back at the Centre. We continue with our Dr. Seuss theme making Cat in the Hat party hats to go along with our do's. We'll even bake a Lorax cake, hoping we can eat it too! The Younger kids are off to Science World to explore like we always do. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We end our week by making mini candle holders to keep or give away and off we go to the theatre to watch a flick. Who knows what will be playing then, but we are sure to pick a cool show that everyone can enjoy. We smell popcorn in the air!!