

THE VOICE



"Fire Truck, Hey!"

Housekeeping

1. CHSC Open House: Loretta's farewell! Thursday, June 9th
2. Parent Teacher Conferences, no school: Friday, June 10th
3. Last Day of School, Tuesday, June 28th



A Message From our Director of Education

Dear Family, Friends, and Staff,

June has arrived! June is always a busy month for the Centre and this year certainly is no different! Teachers and therapists are doing assessments, writing reports, and setting up transition meetings with school teams for the children who will be moving on to their neighborhood schools. As we reflect on the strides the children have made over the past year, we are also looking to the future and planning for next year.

For me, personally, this is an especially poignant time. After a forty year career in this field, most of it with this amazing centre, I will be retiring at the end of July.

I have shared tears and cheers with families who have honoured me by allowing me to be a part of their journey. I have had the privilege of working with many incredible professionals in the community. I have worked alongside and been entrusted to lead a skilled, creative, and passionate group of professionals. I feel truly blessed to have worked in this field and especially at this centre.

As we come out of some of the most challenging times any of us have ever faced, we look to the future with renewed hope and optimism. The future looks bright and I look forward to watching the centre continue to grow and thrive, albeit from a distance!

Thank you for your support and trust over these many wonderful years!



Loretta Richardson
Director of Education



Raymond James Volunteers Plant a Garden

On May 19th we had an incredible team from Raymond James (RJ Cares) come out to help create a beautiful new garden space for our students. The RJ Cares team worked so hard to clean up the existing area, haul in fresh soil, spread the mulch pathways and plant the various vegetables, fruits and flowers. The garden looks absolutely beautiful and we are so grateful to Raymond James and all the RJ Cares volunteers for their hard work!

In addition to their labour, they also covered the expense associated with the garden. Community service and volunteerism is a deep core value of Raymond James. The energy, enthusiasm, and compassion from their volunteers shone through and made the day extra special. Thank you Raymond James and the RJ Cares Team!



Did You Hear?

Excerpt from Auditory Verbal Therapy Handout by: Stacy Crouse

Wait Time!

Children who are deaf and hard of hearing may need a bit more time to process verbal stimuli than typical hearing children. It is important that you provide that extra time to let them respond before repeating a direction or giving extra information.



What Does this Look Like?

After providing verbal stimuli (i.e. you said something) give some time for them to really process what you said and provide a response back. The amount of time you provide will really vary depending on the child and the complexity of the task. The wait time could be a few seconds or even 30 seconds. While you are waiting for their response, make sure you continue to attend to the child and resist the urge to repeat yourself too early.

Example:

You're working on a puzzle together. The child is trying to insert a piece upside-down. You state "that piece is upside-down. Turn it around". If the child doesn't immediately turn the piece around, wait several seconds for the child to hear what you said, internalize the meaning, and take action by turning the piece around. If after a period of time they have not executed the task or appear confused then you can repeat or rephrase what you said or demonstrate how to turn the piece over.



AN INVITATION TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, ALUMNI, &
STAFF, BOTH PAST & PRESENT

AFTER

40 YEARS OF DEDICATION

LORETTA RICHARDSON IS NOW RETIRING

Come join us at our open house to wish her
all the best!

**THURSDAY
JUNE 9**

*open house from
3:30-6:30 pm*

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