



Welcome to Edmonton After School Care Association and welcome back to all the families who took a break this summer! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited for the new school year. There is lots of information for all our families and a few updates to look forward to.

If you'd like to know a little more about us, please go checkout our website at <http://edmontonafterschoolcare.weebly.com>

Our monthly newsletters will be sent out early in the month and will have updates on what is happening in the rooms at EASCA, what to look forward to in the months coming and any other general updates.

## **Drop off and pick up**

I am sure that many of you are excited to finally be able to come up and see our rooms! When dropping off your child in the morning you need to come up to drop your child off in the room, just ring the buzzer and say **the password and your child's name** so that we know who is coming up and we only buzz in people we know. We will change the password monthly and will send out an email with the new password for the month. When bringing up your child(ren) ensure a staff member sees you and greets you so we can sign them in on our online attendance.

**\*\*Note:** you **must** call or email to let us know that your child(ren) will not be at EASCA and let us know why. If we are not notified, there will be a \$25 charge added to your fees the following month. As mentioned in the parent handbook.

Breakfast is between 7:00 am to 8:10 am. Come in between that time if you would like your child to have what is on the menu. If you drop your child off after 8:10am then we will give a small snack like a granola bar or cheese string as that is the time we begin getting the children ready to go outside for school.

When picking up your child(ren), the process is the same, ring the buzzer, say the password and who you're picking up then come up to the rooms. You need to let the staff know you are here so they can sign your child(ren) out of the room.

If we are in the park or outside, make sure you greet a staff member and let them know you are picking up your child(ren), once you've talked to a staff the child(ren) is now in your care. Please note that once you've picked up your child(ren) and you decide to stay and play in the park that we will not be supervising them.

## **Our Team!**

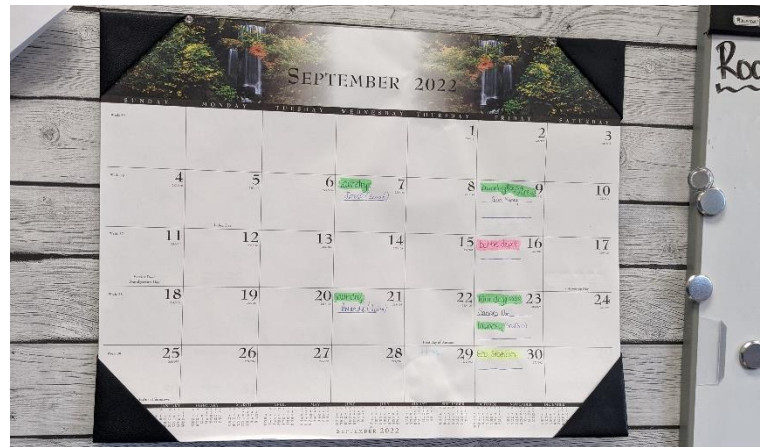
We have a wonderful team of Educators here at EASCA. In the morning you will be able to see Amrita, Crystal, and Wendy and in the afternoon, you will see Sarah, Hong, Marjorie and Kanchana. Although we have a small team, they are passionate about childcare and are always striving to build lasting and meaningful relationships with the children in our care.



## Volunteer Opportunities!

As a non-profit we require help from the families to help around the center. Every family requires 12 hours of volunteer duties, and we have many ways in which you can volunteer to help. In each room we have a calendar where you can sign up for an opportunity (only once a month please!), you'd just write your name and your child's name, and we will make sure what you choose is ready for you for that day.

As you may notice, there are many days that are blank. If you would like to volunteer to come in and read a story for the kinders, do an activity with the kids, cook with all the children, or come in to help clean or organize we can make that happen and it will all count towards your volunteer hours. Please don't despair if you come to sign up and everything is full, we have 12 months ahead of us that will be full of opportunities for you!



## Labelling children's belongings

It's still early in September, but many children have already misplaced or have taken someone else's things home! We kindly ask that you please clearly label your child's belongings. Many of the children have the same or similar things so it is important to make sure their name is there. The staff can only remind the children to put their things in their cubbies or their backpacks so they can find them later, and so they can take everything home that needs to go home. We can go look for items with the children in the school's lost and found but we are not allowed to go into classrooms with their children We will help them build the skills to be responsible for their things!

## Dressing for the weather!

Its starting to cool down for the fall, so we want to make sure that the children come prepared for the change in temperature. Please send an extra sweater or jacket to have on hand at EASCA, last week was little chilly and some of the children only had t-shirts. We take the children out everyday, up to +30 and as low as -20, so please make sure they come dressed for the weather!

## Joining the Board of Directors

We are looking for eager parents to join The Board of Directors. The Board meets bi-monthly to discuss matters pertaining to EASCA and to make policies governing the organization. It is an excellent chance to see the operations of our organization and to have a say to. The Board of Directors is a team and works together among themselves and with the EASCA management team. We welcome everyone to join! If you join the board, it will take care of all your volunteer hours for the year as well! This is a great opportunity to share your skills with EASCA.

Wendy and Crystal will be speaking to parents in the mornings to recruit some new members for the school year. If you would like to join, please email Wendy at [executivedirector@easca.org](mailto:executivedirector@easca.org) and you will get sent a nomination form that the current board will review and elect new members at the Annual General Meeting.

## Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The annual general meeting will be held through a virtual online via Google Team Meets. Our current Board Chair, Kristin Krysa, will send a link to everyone to join online on **Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. You can join in and listen and ask questions. Kristin will send an agenda closer to the date so you know what will be up for discussion for the evening. We anticipate that the meeting will be for 1 hour or so, depending on questions that parents may have.

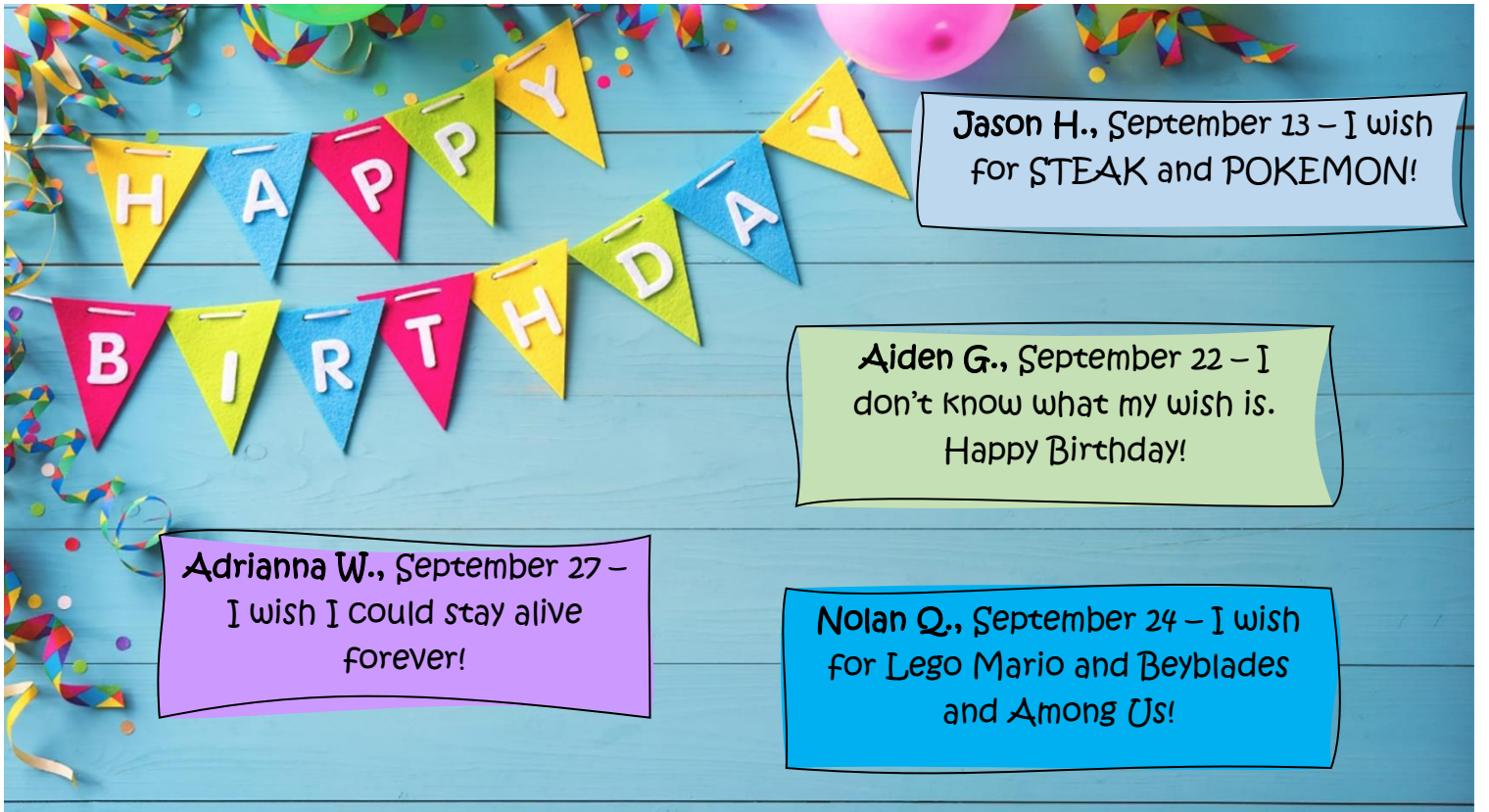
We do require that 50 % of our families attend, so please prepare yourselves for Crystal and Wendy to be giving you reminders to join that evening! We want your say and your participation!



- **September 26- Annual General Meeting at 6:30 pm**
- **September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day, EASCA Closed**

## Christmas Break

I know I know....it is only September, and we are talking about the holidays. We wanted to give everyone a heads up that EASCA we will be closed from December 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen again on January 2, 2023.



Jason H., September 13 – I wish for STEAK and POKEMON!

Aiden G., September 22 – I don't know what my wish is. Happy Birthday!

Adrianna W., September 27 – I wish I could stay alive forever!

Nolan Q., September 24 – I wish for Lego Mario and Beyblades and Among Us!