

KIDS & US FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Volume 1 Issue 2

Greetings!

We are pleased to share with you our next issue of our Family Newsletter. Please review carefully for things that might be helpful for you.

Program Closures

Please be reminded that our staff will be attending Professional Learning Days this fall. These days are part of the government's commitment to recruitment and retention of Early Learning Professionals. On Friday September 26th, our Grey County Programs will be closed for all staff to attend a one day event hosted by Grey County. This closure impacts our childcares, Before and After School Programs as well as EarlyON programs. Friday October 3rd our Bruce County Programs will be closed for the one day event in Bruce County. This Bruce County closure will impact childcare and Before and After School Programs.

Parent Handbook

We would like to remind all families of our Parent Handbook that you would have received upon registration with updated versions available on our website. From time to time we have to revise and update policies that may impact families. We ask that for the most current version of our Parent Handbook you go to our website kidsandus.com and search the Parent Resource Page for the current version with all relevant policies and procedures, this document is full of important information that helps navigate our processes.

Markdale East and Markdale EarlyON Grand Opening

On August 5th, 2025 Kids & Us was thrilled to host the Grand Opening Celebration of Markdale East Kids & Us and Markdale EarlyON. After receiving the approval in 2017, the centre became a reality in 2025. The new centre is bright, open and welcoming for children and their families. It was a long road but one that has been successful and supported by the community.



The official Ribbon cutting was followed by this unofficial ribbon cutting with some help from our littlest participants. Kids & Us welcomed members of Grey Highlands Council and staff, Grey County Council and staff, BWDSB, Kids & Us board of Directors and our local newspaper. What you don't see in this photo is that the organization has been providing quality childcare since 1985. That's an astounding 40 years of commitment to quality childcare in communities in Grey/Bruce. That in itself is a huge milestone.

Payments - Etransfers

As per our parent fee policy, it is imperative that parent fees are paid by Thursday at noon the week prior to receiving care. Ensuring that your fees are paid on time will avoid disappointment and inconvenience as care for the following week will be denied. Returning to care will only be allowed when all overdue fees, and the following week fees are paid.

Please remember when sending etransfers you must include your account number. Our finance department accepts transfers on behalf of the 600 plus families using care. Including your account number will ensure that there is no delay in applying the fees to your account and ensure continuity of care. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.