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WSPR announces new daycare spaces, pottery studio relocation and the reopening of its pool

With funding from Ministry of Children and Family Development, and Union of British Columbia Municipalities, renovations are well under way in the upper JDF Recreation Centre to build the new WSPR Childcare Centre. Included in this beautifully-renovated area will be an outdoor playground, commercial teaching kitchen and program rooms allowing for 24 new full-time daycare and 30 new preschool spaces (for children 30 months to 5 years) and 40 new afterschool care spaces. An artist rendering has been posted to www.westshorerecreation.ca to show families what the new daycare space will look like.

Families interested in September 2021 daycare spaces are asked to complete and submit an application of interest form between February 1st – February 28th, 2021. Twenty-four successful applicants will be notified that a spot is held for them by April 15th. The daycare is due to open on September 1st, 2021.

Preschool and afterschool registration for the 2021/22 school year will also begin in February with current registered families being given priority. New afterschool care families seeking full-time care will begin on Monday February 22nd while new preschool families can start registering on March 22nd, 2021.

WSPR's Move.Learn.Play-based philosophy will be applied throughout all of the new childcare programs. Nicky Brown, community recreation coordinator at WSPR comments that "certified early childhood educators and program leaders will be trained in fundamental movement and physical literacy skills and will facilitate inclusive, safe and enjoyable activities that encourage the children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development. The aim is to give children the motivation, confidence and skills to be active for life!"

Work to relocate the pottery studio from the Q Centre Arena to Centennial Centre for Arts, Culture and Community has been completed. The new studio located at 2805 Carlow Road is spacious and offers a creative environment to enjoy working with clay. Programs offered include: Open Studio Time, Adult Programs, Private and Semi-Private Lessons, School Age Programs, Home Learners Pottery and much more. The new studio is equipped with a dedicated hand building area, multiple wheel stations, a separate glazing room and three kilns. WSPRS invites you to experience our new studio opening on January 23, 2021.

Centennial Centre is dedicated to providing recreational arts programming to the Westshore community. This community arts facility has a variety of resources including a dance studio, a pottery studio, the Aspiring Artists Art Studio, a kitchen, multi-purpose rooms (including meeting spaces), an abundant of parking as well as access to the neighbouring playground, water spray park, ball diamonds, and public washrooms.

The JDF Pool re-opened to the public on Jan 20th after 10 months of closure. Pool visits must be reserved in advance as part of our COVID-19 safety plan. Reservations allow us to ensure physical distancing is maintained and to provide time for additional cleaning. Pool access includes options for lane, leisure and family swimming sessions, AquaFit and access to the hot tub.

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For more information on program details including the pottery studio, registration dates and application of interest forms, COVID-19 safety guidelines, and all current facility schedules, please visit www.westshorerecreation.ca

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