

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		<b>1</b> KIDS' CHOICE	<b>2</b> PLAYDOUGH	<b>3</b> PARK PLAY	<p><b>After School Program The Branch</b></p> <p><b>March 2023</b></p> <p><b>MARCH 8th – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY</b> This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. This year's theme is #EmbraceEquity.</p> <p><b>MARCH 13-17TH – CLOSED FOR MARCH BREAK</b> The Afterschool Program is closed today except for those who registered and paid for our March Break Camp.</p> <p><b>MARCH 21st – INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION</b> This day recognizes that the injustices and prejudices fueled by racial discrimination take place every day but is observed annually on March 21. In Canada, this date is an opportunity to reflect on the fact Indigenous Peoples, racialized communities and religious minorities in Canada continue to face racism and discrimination every day.</p> <p><b>March 22nd – RAMADAN BEGINS</b> Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer, reflection and community. This year Ramadan is set to start on the evening of March 22, ending on the evening of April 20.</p> <p><b>MARCH 28th – APPLEGROVE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <i>Doors at 6:00 pm. Located at the Neighbourhood Food Hub (Glen Rhodes Campus – 1470 Gerrard St. E.).</i> Join us for dinner, games and activities during our Annual General Meeting and make sure to stick around for dessert afterwards!</p> <p><b>MARCH 29th – GOODFOOD MARKET</b> 3:00 - 5:30 pm. Applegrove will be selling fresh local produce in the archive room for the afterschool families. Cash or Etransfer only.</p> <p><b>Josh Grainger (he/him)</b> Child &amp; Youth Coordinator 647.233.8143 <a href="mailto:childand youth@applegrvecc.ca">childand youth@applegrvecc.ca</a></p> 
<b>6</b> BOARD GAMES	<b>7</b> MAC N CHEESE	<b>8</b> <i>International Women's Day</i> KIDS' CHOICE	<b>9</b> FUN WITH BEADS	<b>10</b> PARK PLAY	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>CLOSED FOR MARCH BREAK</b>					
<b>20</b> RAINBOW LOOM	<b>21</b> RICE CRISPIE SUSHI	<b>22</b> <i>Ramadan Begins</i> KIDS' CHOICE	<b>23</b> PLAY MOBIL	<b>24</b> RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT	
<b>27</b> MOVIE DAY	<b>28</b> <i>Annual General Meeting</i> DOUBLE BAKED SMASHED POTATOES	<b>29</b> KIDS' CHOICE	<b>30</b> RAINBOW LOOM	<b>31</b> SPLATTER ART	

## Pick-Up

**3:45 PM**

Your children will be picked up in the backfield by our staff at dismissal. Please contact us if your child will be absent or late to program. The staff will then walk the group either to the Toronto Formosan Presbyterian Church or to Moncur Park for snack. Please text/call Jared or Shelley at 416-459-0231 to know which location they are at.

## Snack

**4:00 PM**

The group will be provided a nutritious snack. Children will have time to decompress and hang out with their friends. They can also get help with their homework during this time.

## Activity Time

**4:30 PM**

Planned activities will be run by the staff for your children. We strive to offer a variety of activities based on the groups' interests – therefore we encourage all children to participate in all activities and to try new things! If your child has some favourite activities, let their staff know!

## Program Ends

**6:00 PM**

Please let us know if you are going to be running late picking up your children. Continuous late pick-ups will result in additional fees.

## Prenatal Program

This pre and post-natal program offers social and supportive learning activities for pregnant women, new mothers and their babies up to age 6 months. Weekly sessions and workshops are a way to get to know other local parents-to-be and discuss pregnancy questions or concerns with specialists. Topics include prenatal health and nutrition, childbirth, breastfeeding, infant care and development and more. Food and other supports are available. All programming is free.

## EarlyONs

We offer a welcoming, safe and supportive space where all types of families and their children age 0 to 6 can meet, play, talk, learn and grow with each other. Join us for early learning activities, music and movement, creative experiences, and parent education. Supportive staff can help with accessing information about parenting and child development or community resources. All programming is free.

## Youth Drop-in & Leadership Programs

The Drop-in is a casual program where youth have fun, hang out with friends and get active! Activities are based on people's interests and include things like basketball, cooking, game and movie nights. The Leadership program is a registered program and provides opportunities to participate in activities, events & trips that build leadership and life skills. To register email Josh. Programs are for youth aged 12-16 and are free.

## Seniors & Older Adults

Aimed at adults aged 55+ this program offers a selection of activities to choose from each week. Activities are designed to create social connections, keep people active, promote life long learning and have fun. Some, like bingo and Spanish lessons happen on a regular schedule. Other activities change from month to month based on what people are looking for. Staff can also make check-in calls and provide referrals to other services.

## The Neighbourhood Food Hub

The Food Hub is a welcoming food-focused facility and gathering space located at 1470 Gerrard Street East. It seeks to connect people to fresh, nutritious food, improve food access in Toronto's east end, and build community. By working with partners, the Food Hub provides space to local food programs and projects, participates in projects to promote sustainable local food systems, facilitates food resource sharing in the community, and supports community-based emergency food programs.