



 Spring is in the Air 

Hi Friends,

The spring weather has finally arrived and Easter weekend is upon us!

We wanted to share some fun spring crafts and ideas for you and your family to enjoy this weekend, along with some centre updates.

We hope you're all staying well and enjoy the sunshine when it appears.

Egg Carton Caterpillars



What you'll need:

- Egg carton
- Scissors
- Paint / markers or crayons
- Pipe cleaner (optional)

Easy Steps:

- Cut the lid off the egg carton, then cut the egg carton in half.
- Paint or colour the egg carton as desired.
- Add eyes, nose and a mouth.
- Attach pipe cleaner antennas or draw them on!!!

Your craft is all ready to go!

Tip:

Read the hungry caterpillar with your new craft and act act the story together!

Updates From Our Team:

Hello OSNS Families,

Nothing is more important to OSNS than the health and well being of the children, families and employees who attend and work at our Centre. We continue to be guided by the advice of our public health officials and, like each of you, we are making decisions each day with the health of our employees and community in mind.

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 crisis I would like to thank our OSNS family and community for your continued patience and understanding. In an effort to support you and to provide services, we are looking at innovative ways to adapt our programming with the use of technological upgrades. We are committed to finding solutions and welcome your ideas and suggestions on how best to deliver them to you. Together we are stronger and we are excited to collaborate with you!

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge our team. I am so grateful and proud of the ways in which you have come together, combining your resources

and talents so we can have the greatest impact for the children and families we serve.

Our thoughts go out to all those affected by COVID-19. Keep well and please stay connected to the OSNS through our various social platforms including www.OSNS.org, [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#). We will get through this. Thank you for your continued support. #OTISARMY #STRONGERTOGETHER

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EMERGENCY FUNDING

The BC government has announced new Emergency Relief Support Funds and added service flexibility for parents of children with special needs. This includes expanded services and equipment that can be purchased with Autism Funding. MCFD encourages families to contact their CYSN worker to see how they can benefit.

More information about this can be found on the government website [here](#).



The graphic is enclosed in a green border and contains the following elements:

- On the left, there are four hand-drawn icons: a pink handprint, a blue heart, a green asterisk, and a stack of three colored pencils (pink, green, blue).
- At the top center, the text "Show us your colouring skills!" is written in a green, cursive font.
- Below this text, it says "Click here for your own copy of our Easter colouring sheet." in a grey sans-serif font.
- Further down, it says "Once you're finished send your artwork to info@osns.org or tag us on social media so we can share your talent with our #OtisArmy." in a grey sans-serif font.
- On the right side, there is a black and white line drawing of a cartoon rabbit holding a large Easter egg. The egg has a zig-zag pattern and a small heart. Above the rabbit, the words "HAPPY EASTER!" are written in a curved, bubbly font.
- At the bottom right of the drawing, there is a line for writing: "Name + Age _____".

Tip Of the Week: Practicing Your Bilateral Coordination!

Bilateral Coordination is the skill and ability to use both sides of your body at the same time! It is important for later skills such as printing and coordination for sports. Bring focus to your 'doing' hand and your 'helper hand'.

Which one is your doing hand? Which one is your helper hand? You can practice this skill when making your caterpillar craft this week! Use your helper hand to hold the egg carton and your doing hand to colour or paint!

Have you joined the #OTIS ARMY?    

OSNS invites you to join us in our Otis Army social media campaign, featuring our favourite bear, Otis, living his best life in our community, our homes, and our businesses as we all make the conscious effort to stay home and practice social distancing.

Take pictures and videos with Otis and show us how we're all in this together. We want to see what Otis is up to while we are all doing our part staying at home and practicing social distancing. We know your creativity will create smiles!

Tag OSNS on Facebook & Instagram use the hashtag **#OtisArmy**. Let's show this community that we all support one another, in good times and bad!

Thank you for supporting the #OtisArmy. Watch our Facebook page for updates!



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