



 Sunshine and clear blue skies 

Welcome back to the Otis's weekly update! There has been so much activity at OSNS in preparation for the gradual return back to services.

We have enjoyed staying connecting with our families through this newsletter and hope it has provided some helpful tools in navigating these last couple of months. We also wanted to update everyone that moving forward our updates will now be sent out bi-weekly.

Please stay tuned for our next update on June 15th!

Craft of The Week!

## Fruit Loop Rainbow



### What you'll need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Paint / markers or crayons
- Fruit loops
- Glue

### Easy Steps:

- make a rainbow template for your child
- have you child sort fruit loops in different colours
- glue the fruit loops onto the template matching the colour

### Tip:

This is a great activity for reviewing colours, sequencing and building some early math skills.

## A Message from our Executive Director!

Beginning on June 1, OSNS will slowly, careful begin the resumption of in person treatment. Practices will look different - but we are so excited to see our children again. Schedules will be staggered, our spaces have been rearranged and we will continually adapt as we learn more. Clinicians have begun contacting families starting with our urgent referrals.

We will continue to provide childcare for essential service workers and are starting to invite back other families as well.

This week we were thrilled to have a strong team from the Penticton Morning Rotary Club come and help us spruce up the Centre in anticipation of next week. We feel grateful and hopeful.



## Upcoming OSNS Event....

### **OSNS Bottle Drive campaign "Recycle with Otis"**

If you have any bottles or cans that need recycling or if you know anyone that does, we have some great options for you!

To participate:

A. Put your bottles and cans in a clear bag and take them to the **Penticton J & C Depot** and follow these steps.

- Go to the "Express Return It" machine
- enter the OSNS phone number **250. 492. 0295**
- print the label, place one on each bag
- Drop off the bag at the Express Bin and you are done!

OR

B. For a one time opportunity **the OTIS Army Volunteers will come by your home on Friday, May 29th to pick up your bottles and cans.**

To arrange your pick up please **call OSNS @ 250. 492. 0295 or email [info@osns.org](mailto:info@osns.org)**

All proceeds go in support of OSNS treatment services for children with developmental challenges.

**OSNS Child & Youth Development Centre**  
**RECYCLE WITH OTIS**  
**Cans & Bottle Drive Fundraiser**

Bring your bottles to the Penticton J & C Bottle Depot to donate in our name! Put your recycled cans in a clear bag, go to the "Express Return It" machine, enter the OSNS phone number 250.492.0295, print the label and place one on each bag. Done!!

**Or** Our OTIS Army Volunteers will pick up your donated recycled bottles and cans on Friday, May 29th. Please call OSNS @ 250.492.0295 or email [info@osns.org](mailto:info@osns.org) to make arrangements.

*Thank you for your support!*

Funds raised will directly support OSN Child & Youth Development Treatment Programming

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EMPTY'S!**

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## Tip Of the Week:

### Why read to your child?

Reading to your child is such a worthwhile activity and there are many benefits:

- it promotes oral language development & develops early literacy skills
- it helps build vocabulary and the ability to hear / distinguish letter sounds & syllables
- it stimulates curiosity & sparks imagination
- it helps develop pre-reading skills like rhyme, sequencing & repetition of words
- it enhances concentration, increases comprehension & memory skills with story recall
- reading together forms bonds & social connections

## Weekly Community Shout Out!

This segment is dedicated to businesses, organizations and services groups to thank them for all they do to make this community such an amazing place to live. As the businesses are opening up, make sure to show some love and spend money locally.



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