

Mothercraft Waterbridge Program

Before and after school child care for children from Kindergarten to age 12

Mothercraft Ottawa is pleased to offer the Extended Day Program at Farley Mowat Public School.

The Mothercraft Waterbridge Program is licensed by the Ministry of Education and is regulated by the Child Care and Early Years Act. The program is delivered by teams of Registered Early Childhood Educators and follows Ministry regulated staff-to-child ratios. Our kindergarten staff-to-child ratio is 1:13 and our school age staff-to-child ratio is 1:15. Our educators implement a play-based program using the ELECT (Early Learning for Every Child Today) framework and guidelines for early childhood best practices. We make use of shared spaces and resources within Farley Mowat Public School, creating a seamless day for the children.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can attend?

A. The program is available for any child from kindergarten to age 12.

Q. How do I apply for the Mothercraft Waterbridge Program?

A. Application forms can be obtained from the school website, farleymowatps.ocdsb.ca. Please fill in the application form and return it to waterbridge@mothercraft.com. Once application forms have been collected, a Mothercraft Waterbridge representative will contact you (in late spring) in order to set up your child's full registration in the program.

Q. What happens in the program?

A. The program is developed to complement what happens during the regular school day. The day will include a balance of indoor and outdoor learning experiences, quiet time, gym time, and a variety of structured and free play activities.

Q. What are the hours of operation?

A. The program is open from 7:00 a.m. to the start of the school day and starts again at the end of the school day, closing at 5:45 p.m.

Q. Will transportation be provided to attend the Mothercraft Waterbridge Program?

A. No. Parents are responsible for getting their child to and from the program.

Q. Does the Mothercraft Waterbridge Program provide care during PA days, Winter Break, March Break and summer?

A. Yes. The program is open from 7:00a.m. - 5:45p.m. during non-school days. Families may choose to register for PA days as a group through the school year (space is then guaranteed). The school breaks and summer months are also optional. Please see the table on the reverse side of this sheet for more specific information.

Q. How much will it cost to enroll my child in the Mothercraft Waterbridge Program?

A. Please see the table on the reverse side of this sheet for our flex care options and fees.

Q. Are there subsidies available for care?

A. The City of Ottawa offers child care fee subsidies to help eligible families with the cost of all, or a portion, of their child care expenses for children from ages 0 to 12. Parents may consult the City of Ottawa's "Child Care Fee Subsidy Calculator" at ottawa.ca/childcare to see whether or not they qualify for a child care fee subsidy. Applications for subsidies are made within the City of Ottawa's Child Care Registry & Waitlist; as well, please provide us with the completed Waterbridge application on the reverse. Parents will be contacted by the City of Ottawa if/when a subsidy is authorized.

Q. Will food be provided?

A. A healthy snack is provided both morning and afternoon. Parents are responsible for providing their children with a nut-free lunch at all times.

Looking for a Preschool Program (ages 2.5 to 4)?

Our Mothercraft Waterbridge Preschool Program is also located at our site in Farley Mowat Public School. We offer an amazing program licensed by the Ministry of Education and staffed by qualified Early Childhood Educators. Our hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Monday to Friday. Our preschool program includes a hot lunch and morning and afternoon snacks. Please see our website at www.mothercraft.com for more information, or feel free to call us at 613-825-3110

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