



October 14th, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Believe it or not the holiday season will soon be upon us. The warm fall weather will sadly come to an end, and we will shift our thoughts to decorating for the holidays and festive gatherings with loved ones.

As we transition out of the COVID-19 pandemic, staffing shortages remain an ongoing struggle affecting not just the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario but the entire child care sector. The YMCA of Northeastern Ontario has persevered and continued to offer programs and services for our families and community. In doing so, we have not always been able to give our staff a break to recharge or accommodate certain vacation requests in an effort to not further disrupt service for families.

In wanting to be an employer of choice, as outlined in our Associations Strategic Plan, we have heard the wants and needs from our staff and we will be giving them some well-deserved time off during the holiday season.

This year, the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario will be temporarily closing our Child Care Centres during the week of December 26th to January 2nd. This closure will be for both our Early Learning (infant, toddler and preschool) and School Age Children. Regular care will be provided on the other week of school-related holiday closures; January 3rd to January 6th. Families **will not be billed** during the additional closure days. Please note billing for stat days will continue as per our [Family Information Guide](#).

Our Health and Wellness Department will be offering YMCA Holiday Camps during the closure. Your children will have fun with holiday-themed crafts, swimming, gym activities and more. For more information and to register, please email northbaydaycamps@ymcaneo.ca.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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