

# Program Overview

The Elmdale Kindergarten/School Age Program is located at Elmdale Public School, 49 Iona Street, Ottawa. We have five qualified part-time and full time staff and space for sixty-five children. Our hours of operation are 7:30 a.m-5:30 p.m.

We offer morning and afternoon care, in a quality environment for children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten. As well, we have a Before and After School Program.

The child care is open on professional development days, March Break and summer holidays.

## History Of Program

In 2004, the Elmdale After School Program opened for the first time and was designed to provide care and education to children in grades one through six, between the hours of 3:30p.m and 5:30p.m. We leased space in the school lunchroom and therefore were required to set up and take down program equipment and materials on a daily basis.

The need to expand was evident, so in September 2005, we added a kindergarten program as well as before and after school care. The kindergarten and one school age group are located in classrooms on the lower level of the school. An additional school age program in the lunch room has been added to accommodate the number of children using the facility.



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## Staff Qualifications

The staff have a Diploma in Early Childhood Education or related discipline, and a broad range of experience with this particular age group. They possess unique skills and competencies needed for school age care and are truly dedicated to the well-being and development of each child.

## Our Program Goal

Our goal is to provide a fun and safe place for the children to come to, out of school hours. The rooms are set up in a relaxed way and provide children with plenty of opportunities to socialize develop skills and pursue individual interests and hobbies.

The educators provide child-directed, play-based experiences, planned around specific learning objectives. Activities are geared to the individual needs and skill level of the child and aim to help him or her master social, cognitive and physical skills. Emphasis is also placed on emotional and moral development.

The child care team maintain a good relationship with the school staff and work in close liaison with the teachers, to ensure the philosophies of both Canadian Mothercraft and Elmdale Public School are carried out.



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