

# Catch A Cab News

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre

## TUCK SHOP IS BACK!



### CAB Tuck Shop is Back, Better and Bigger Than Ever!

Starting February the 9th the Tuck Shop will be opening back up. The Tuck Shop has undergone some great new changes including appearance, signage, operational times and products. The Tuck Shop will now be Open every-

day for a portion of Coffee Shop (10:15am-10:30am), allowing students a greater opportunity to run the program as well as be a consumer.

A Tuck Shop is what it is, which is a small operating store that retails in treats and sweets. Taking into account the amount the Tuck Shop will be operating, we are trying to include more healthier options that can still be purchased at Tuck Shop prices.

The location of the new counter also allows for a greater opportunity to offer it to the external population who attends CAB for meetings, tours or social events.

As the Tuck Shop grows with our new large space, we hope to operate more social gatherings such as seasonal dances, events or meetings and include the availability of the CAB Tuck Shop, helping to boost Sales, and allowing it to be profitable to CAB.

As any 'business' grows, things change, products come and go and new ideas are implemented. As we keep aiming to improve our Tuck Shop we hope to incorporate Branded logo items including clothing, bags, Pens, lanyards and more.

Stayed tuned to see what the Tuck Shop can offer you next!

## The Wizard of Oz.

Natali Edmondson once again has came up with a great opportunity for our individuals to attend a musical, The Wizard of Oz.

The Musical will be hosted at the Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge, on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 10:30am. The cost for our students would be \$19.50 per

student, as well be responsible for bringing their own lunch.

Attendance for this event is **limited** and therefore only a few students may attend. If this is something you feel your individual will enjoy

please return forms attached to this Newsletter ASAP. Spaces will be a first come, first serve basis.



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## Social Enterprise



Crossing All Bridges is continuing to move forward with the opportunity to develop a variety of businesses. The Job Readiness and

Training program is continuing to offer the skills needed to participate in future employment opportunities.

The Shredding prospects are still in full affect and we will soon be launching our training piolet for the business where CAB students will have the opportunity to learn the skills required to work for the future business.

Recently Michelle and Sherrie travelled to Rodney where they met the manager of operations of International Erosion Control Systems (IECS). It was here that they learned about Cellulose insulation which is a product made from paper. Its green, safe and cost affective product. They have agreed to partner with CAB to receive all of our shredded paper as



well as old flyers and Newspapers.

We are asking you to help us in this partnership. As they learned clean Newsprint is the best paper on a rating scale and therefor highly sought after. If you have extra **flyers or Newspapers** bring them into CAB so we can produce them to IECS along with our shredded materials.

## Student Cards

Last year our students received student cards that were eligible for use at specific locations to allow them a percentage of discount.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of use, the student cards will not be re-issued.

For many the student card offered a form of photo ID and we understand the im-

portance that may have had for them. This is an opportunity to remind families and individuals about the **Age of Majority Card**.

This card allows individual who are 16 years of age and older, who do not have a drivers license and are a resident of Ontario to be issued photo ID.

The card does have a cost of \$35 and must be renewed every 5 years.

If this is something you want more information on you can visit the government website

[www.ontario.ca/government/Ontario-photo-card](http://www.ontario.ca/government/Ontario-photo-card)



## Recreation Heads to Gretzky

With our new proximity to the Wayne Gretzky Centre, Molly, our recreation instructor has utilized the location well by incorporating it into her program.

Everyday in her ten thirty class, Molly and her students go to the Centre to use their free walking track. It is the

class goal to reach 1km (4.5 laps) for each individual. Thus far Molly has received great feedback from the students.

Molly has not only found away to keep fitness new and fresh but also incorporated a way to be in the community.

As we get settled, new opportunities are always a possibility. Molly as well as the other staff hope to incorporate more Gretzky trips involving other recreational interest.

## The New Space

Firstly, a huge thank you has to be handed to everyone who volunteered their time to move CAB, clean and unpack. We unfortunately were unable to get any pictures on the moving day, but our memory will not be lost when we think back to how many people were here and how hard and fast everyone worked, so thank you.

Now that we are in and getting settled, the new space speaks volumes. All the staff

have reported a change in everyone. The days are now calmer and individuals have the space needed to spread out and find quietness when needed.

Lunches are no longer congested and the flow of the daily agenda and expectations are more fluid. Co-ops and Volunteers have space to work one-on-one with individuals needing the extra support.

With new and larger space comes more responsibility. Here at CAB we are very fortunate to have such an amazing team, who is constantly working hard. Currently, our staff are the instructors, janitors and maintenance crew. We are looking for any volunteers who would be willing to come in and offer our staff some relief of the extra duties to allow greater focus to be directed at instructing.

Also, do you or anyone you know have a skill or Trade? If so, we would love to hear from you. We are continuing to look for individuals who can use a skill or trade to help CAB anytime in the future when in need. If you can please contact Debbie or Sherrie and let them know .

## Media

CAB news is back! Every morning our students and staff have an opportunity to watch the daily news during our coffee shop time and now you can too by staying tuned to Facebook

Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre's Facebook page not only contains the, as well as updates, reminders, calendars and upcoming events.

Natasha would like to remind everyone to Like our Facebook page, share it, provide positive feedback for the students to see, and keep in touch.

Recently, Natasha has had many family members interested in Apps that are being used here for I pad learning. A reminder; new apps get added to the back of the monthly calendar. If you have any questions about purchasing apps, how to install them,

what ones are best for your individual, you may email Natasha at:  
natasha@crossingallbridges.ca.

## Cold and Flu Season

Its that time of year, Sickness is in the air. It is really important that individuals who are ill **do not attend CAB.**

Crossing All Bridges understands the inconvenience this may cause but it is important that we are taking precaution for the greater

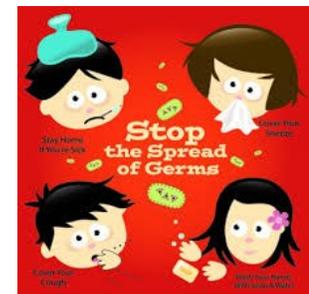
good of the population as well as the staff.

If your individual will be absent due to illness please call and let the agency know.

If your individual attends the centre in an ill condition that is deemed unfit, a call will be placed to have them picked up or sent home.

Being the season it is , we advise extra care on hygiene and sanitary care including hand washing and napkins for runny noses.

Thank you in advance for understanding and working with CAB to ensure everyone is healthy.



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### REMINDERS:

- The Centre will be closed Monday February the 16th for Family Day
- Valentines Dance will take place on Wednesday February the 11th– Individuals who would like to attend that normally do not will have to pay the days fee of \$36.50 which includes lunch or \$33.00 with out lunch. Please call in advance to let staff know if your individual plans to attend.
- Random Act of Kindness Week will be taking place from February 9th to the 15th. CAB will be out in the community demonstrating our kindness skills, what will you do?

## Transportation



With any new location, changes are made. With regards to transportation, students who are currently using Driving Miss Daisy, be advised as of January 31st they will no longer be offering services. Alternant Subsidized transportation (STP) can be made with registered Brant Taxi services as well as Grand River Cab and Paris Taxi.

As of February 1st, rates for STP will be based on distance travelled per participant per trip. One way trips less than 16km will be charged a rate of \$8.00 per trip and one way trips exceeding 16km will be charged \$10.00 per trip

Our new location has also posed a few changes with parking concerns and bus drop offs. Brantford Lift has evaluated our space and feels it is unsafe to provide drop offs to the back door, in order to accommodate, the

driver parks near the front entrance and walks the individual to the door.

Due to students need to walk through the parking lot, we ask all individuals staying or dropping off to park on the right hand side (fence side) to ensure greater safety precaution.

We ask that all students use the end door as their main entrance and exit. This entrance leads them to their lockers when arriving and their mailboxes when exiting.