We are excited to announce a new Nova Scotia Before and After School Program (NSBAP) that will be operated by Splash of Color Children's Center Association at Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre. The Splash of Color NSBAP program is a recreational program intended to provide participants the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. Splash of Color's program will be using the school gym, cafeteria and outside play area for our activities. Please note, the Before and After program is an outside based program and will be outside as much as possible (weather pending).

Splash of Color will be hiring and training a group of dedicated and qualified program leaders to plan and facilitate weekly activities for all children. A snack that follows the Canada Food Guide will be provided everyday to participants. Our program will provide opportunities for physical and creative activities while creating a safe, loving, and positive environment that promotes social interaction with other children.

The Splash of Colour NSBAP program will begin operation on October 28th, 2024 and run until June 26th, 2024. Please note, the program will only operate on regular school days. The program will not operate on storm days, in-service days, Christmas break, March break, or during Summer break. The daily operating hours for the program will be 7:30am until 8:40am (start of the school day) and 2:50pm (school dismissal) until 6:00pm.

Program registration for Splash of Color's NSBAP program will open at 8am on October 7th, 2024. To guarantee a start date of October 28th, we are asking that forms be completed by October 11th, 2024. Although registration will remain open after October 11th, the opening day start date cannot be guaranteed if forms are not received by October 11th.

Registration priority will go to participants seeking full time care (5 days per week) for Before and After or just After school. If your family requires part time care (less than 5 days a week), please complete the form and, on the application, share the days you require care. We will do our very best to accommodate these requests.

Please find the registration form for Splash of Color's NSBAP program attached. We request that families complete one form for each participant they would like register for the program. Once complete, please email (no earlier than October 7th) Alternatively, families are welcome to pick up a hard copy registration form at Splash of Color. Completed forms can also be dropped off at the daycare site. We are located at Haverstock Pharmasave 2nd floor suite #3.

Program fees are due at the beginning of each month. We request that families pay in full for that month's service. For example: November's fees are due on the November 1st for November service. With the program starting October 28th, fees will be due October 25th for service for the last week of October.

Program fees (per child) are as follows:

Before and After - \$11.75/day

Before Only - \$2.50/day

After Only - \$10.75/day

Payment can be sent via etransfer to <u>socassociation@hotmail.com</u>. In the etransfer notes, please include the month you are paying for and reference the payment is for Splash of Color's NSBAP program. Please note, income tax receipts are issued by the end of February to the account holder.

Please note, families enrolled in Nova Scotia Before and After Programs may be eligible to access subsidy. For more information, please visit <u>https://novascotia.ca/childcaresubsidy/</u>.

A Splash of Color NSBAP parent handbook provided with more information about the program and policies and procedures will be available prior to the program's start date.

If you have any questions please email <u>socassocitation@hotmail.com</u> or you can contact Wendy Crocker from Splash of Color Children's Center at 902-384-3276 or 902-751-1755.