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YORKLAND News

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Dear Parents,

Did your little ones come home buzzing with excitement about our recent Bento Day? We bet they did! Let's take you behind the scenes of this delightful culinary journey that had our Yorkland chefs-in-training creating, 'buying', and devouring their very own bento boxes.

Bento Day, a Colourful Culinary Adventure at Yorkland!

Big Kids, Big Responsibilities

Our day kicked off with a flurry of activity as our 6-year-old 'big kids' rolled up their sleeves and dove into food preparation. With the concentration of master chefs, they:

* Carefully washed and wiped fruits to a shine.

* Peeled eggs with the precision of professionals.

* Sliced eggs into perfect halves.

* Artfully arranged an array of colourful foods on trays.

The pride on their faces as they helped pack the bento boxes was priceless. Busy as bees, they ensured every morsel found its rightful place, leaving no box unfilled. The satisfaction of a job well done radiated from their beaming smiles!

A Rainbow of Nutrition

The finished bento boxes were a sight to behold – a veritable rainbow of nutritious delights! This visual feast wasn't just for show; the vibrant colours signalled a diversity of nutrients, essential for fuelling our children's growing bodies and minds.

Remember, packing a healthy lunchbox is more than just a meal – it's an investment in your child's health, well-being, and learning potential. It's a tasty reinforcement of the nutritional education we provide in our preschool program.

Younger Children's Market Day

While our big kids were busy in 'production', our younger children were gearing up for their own adventure. Armed with homemade 'wallets' and 'cash', they eagerly waited to 'purchase' their bento boxes from the ever-patient Aunty Anny. The excitement was palpable as they engaged in this playful exercise in basic economics!

Picnic Paradise

With bento boxes in hand, we took our feast to Yorkland's garden for a delightful picnic. The joy of eating outdoors, coupled with the pride of 'buying' their own lunch, saw most children polishing off their bento sets. Many even asked for seconds – good thing we always had extras on hand!

More than Just a Meal

Bento Day was more than just about filling tummies. It was about:

* Fostering independence and responsibility.
* Introducing basic economic concepts through play.
* Encouraging healthy eating habits.
* Celebrating the joy of shared meals.

By involving children in meal preparation and emphasizing nutritious, colourful foods, we're laying the groundwork for a lifetime of healthy eating habits. It's a gift that will keep on giving long after their days at Yorkland.

Farewell to a Beloved Team Member
Happy Retirement, Aunty Anny!

This month, we bid a fond farewell to our long-time team member, Aunty Anny. What began as a temporary position blossomed into a decade-long journey of culinary excellence and love for our children.

Aunty Anny's story is truly inspiring. During her younger days, she worked as a helper in expatriate homes, where she learned about Western culture and English cooking. Her passion for baking and cooking led her to invest her savings in cooking classes.

For ten years, Aunty Anny has been the heart of our kitchen, carefully preparing lunches and snacks that have become favourites among children, parents, and teachers alike. Her dedication and warmth will be deeply missed.

As we say goodbye, we welcome Aunty Nickie to our team. A mother of three and former cook for a YouTube channel, Aunty Nickie is excited to continue Aunty Anny's legacy of serving healthy, delicious meals to our Yorkland family.

Upcoming Events

Very soon, Yorkland prepares for one of our most cherished traditions: the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival. This enchanting celebration, falling on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, is a time when families and friends gather under the glow of the full moon, savouring delicious mooncakes and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

While mooncakes and lanterns are the stars of the show, Yorkland is taking the festivities to new heights with an array of creative activities. Our little ones are already buzzing with excitement as they prepare for the big day!

As the festival approaches, our budding chefs will be rolling up their sleeves to craft mooncakes in a variety of flavours. From traditional lotus seed paste to adventurous chocolate favour, there's a flavour to tickle every taste bud!

Mark your calendars, parents! Join us for an unforgettable Mooncake Festival celebration on Friday, September 13, 2024. The night sky will be our canopy as we come together to honour this beautiful tradition. For more details please refer to programme schedule.

The garden of Yorkland aglow with creativity as our children embarks on their lantern-making journey. Here's a peek into their artistic process:

First Step: Moon and Stars Emerge - Little hands carefully trace celestial shapes onto delicate rice paper.

Second Step: Cutting Constellations - With focus and precision, our young artists cut out their traced designs.

Third Step: A Burst of Colour - The moon and stars come to life as children paste on vibrant tissue paper.

Forth Step: The Magic Touch - A light coating of oil transforms the paper, giving it an ethereal, translucent quality.

The Grand Finale: With a flourish, the masterpiece is affixed to a bottle, creating a unique lantern.

And just like that, a work of art is born, ready to light up our celebration!

Mooncake Festival Program

13th September 2024 [Friday Evening]

6.15-6.30 pm	Arrival.
6.30-6.50 pm	First Presentation [After School Care children].
6.50-7.10 pm	Presentations [Pre-school children].
7.10-7.50 pm	Light Dinner & Toilet time.
7.50-8.05 pm	Second Presentation [After School Care children].
8.05 pm	Lantern walk.
8.15 pm	Goodbye.

Please be on time so that the children have ample time to prepare for their presentations.

Notes regarding the Mooncake Festival [Evening]

- There will be NO class session in the morning. The children will come at 6.15pm with their parents and siblings. A light dinner will be served. ***Please be on time***.
- This year's Mooncake Festival promises to be our grandest yet, uniting both our Pre-school and After School Care children in a celebration of lunar proportions. As our Yorkland family grows, so does our festival! To ensure everyone can enjoy the festivities comfortably, we kindly request that each family limit attendance to TWO adults (siblings are welcome to join). Your understanding and cooperation will help us maintain the intimate, cherished atmosphere that makes our Mooncake Festival so special.
- If parents wish to park their cars along the road, please do not block our neighbours' entrances. Alternatively, you may park at the Taman Jajar public car park.
- As there will be many people attending the Mooncake Festival, please look after the safety of your child.
- We would like to encourage the children to come in traditional clothes as it helps them to be in the festive mood. This is not compulsory but your co-operation is much appreciated.
- If the weather permits, we plan to have a lantern walk outside of Yorkland i.e. on the roads surrounding our kindergarten. Parents are requested to help keep an eye on their children's safety when they are walking on the road. Please do not block the children's passage while taking their photos. We request fathers to help with traffic control during our walk.