

Tiny Tim more than daycare, says operator

On the heels of its recent grand opening, Tiny Tim Developmental School is already more than half full.

"We're so surprised. We already have 75 families registered and we just opened in July," said director Heather Bauer.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony was held September 30.

The facility is located at 3037 Derry Rd. W., across from Milton District Hospital.

"It's a great location — very picturesque," Ms Bauer said.

The facility is licenced for 132 kids and will accept babies as young as six weeks up to school-aged children.

Tiny Tim is no ordinary daycare, Ms Bauer said. It offers a French program for children who will be enrolling in French Immersion programs in school, and also offers a speech and language program.

"A French teacher comes in and offers a fabulous program," Ms Bauer said.

Tiny Tim teams up with the Halton Speech and Language Centre for the speech and language program, which can help detect speech delays early.

Another of its differences is the emphasis it places on the entire family, rather than just the child, Ms Bauer said.

"We're more than just a daycare. We care about the needs of the whole family," Ms Bauer said, adding, "We don't want it to be a place where parents just drop-off and pick up (their kids)."

So, once each month, Tiny Tim has a special event for families. And in order to keep parental input flowing, the facility has a parent advisory board.

The first Tiny Tim Developmental School opened in 1974. There are now locations in Brampton and Georgetown in addition to Milton.

"My mother started it," Ms Bauer said. "I grew up with it."

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