

December/ January Newsletter 2015/16

Director's Messages

Hello Parents,

We are now in the middle of the cold weather. It is very important that the children come to daycare dressed for the cold weather. I know that it can be pretty nice in the mornings, but as we know the weather can change very quickly. Please keep this in mind when leaving the house in the morning. The children can get very cold when walking to and from school. The children must have all appropriate outerwear each and every day, including boots. All the rooms like to take the children outside to play on the nice days but this is very difficult when not every child is coming to daycare with all of their gear.

We would like to thank everyone that contributes to the Silent Auction. We raised \$1485.00 from the auction items. Now on to the donations made for attending and in some cases not attending we raised \$1322.00 the center will match this for a total of \$2644.00. Our grand total with all money collected is \$4129.00. We are still torn between the Women's Shelter and Lee. As discussed we were going to split it amount between both, but so many of you have voiced your interest in donating it all to Lee. Do we all agree with this decision?

We can not thank you all enough for your generosity. Without your donations and support we could not have done this. Again a very Big Thanks goes out to all of you that participated!

You will find photos on the screen in the hallway from our fun day. Please take a few moments to look at the pictures. **Please let us know if you did not receive your family photos we sent them out last week.**

**Important Date: First Annual General Meeting - January 13th - 7:00 – 8:00
(Childcare provided)**

Christmas Break Survey

The last day of school before Christmas is December 18, Friday

Listed below are the dates that we will be open over the break. Please let us know if you require care during these dates.

December 21, Monday – December 24, Thursday @ 12:00

If your child will be attending during these days please make sure to send appropriate indoor and outdoor clothing. The children love to play in the snow. All activities will be at the center. The weather is too unpredictable for us to plan any away trips. We have lots of fun activities planned for these days.

The center will be closed at 12:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve until January 3, 2016. We re-open January 4, 2016.

Movie Nights: December 18 & January 15

We would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Happy 2016!!!!

Kathy, Melissa, Lee, Nina, Rachel, Cathy, Flor, Taija, Sholeh, Roberta, Carly, Melody &Patty

Daycare/Preschool December/January Newsletter 2015/2016

Hello Families! The Daycare/Preschool children have had a wonderful Fall playing, making friends, discovering and enjoying their days. We have all been enjoying all of our "Themes/Interests" each week as these are planned on the children's interests, needs and abilities providing a number of opportunities to help children grow and introduce challenges! We will enjoy a Multicultural week in December and January; if you have a family custom or tradition you would like to come in and share with us, please let us know.

The children who are enrolled in the Thursday dance class from 3:15-3:45 have been enjoying the class! We hope to offer this class in the New Year and we'll keep you posted on the situation.

Clothing

With the cold and snowy weather here, please ensure your child comes each day prepared for playing outside: **Hat, long mittens (no gloves please – they fall off and little fingers get cold faster), winter jacket, snow pants, and warm winter boots.** Please take inventory of your child's "extra clothing" and ensure one complete outfit is left in the top of their cubby in a Ziploc bag with their name on it – *thanks!*

Family Wall

We are still looking for a few family photos for our Family Wall. The children love looking at family pictures and talking about their families. Please help us complete our family wall and send in a cool photo – *thanks!*

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We wish you a very Merry Christmas – hope your holidays are filled with fun, family and love! Happy New Year and all the best in 2016!

Nina, Sholeh and Flor

4 ½ year/ Kindergarten Room December/January Newsletter 2015/2016

Hello Families! We are excited to have our new 4 ½ year old friends join our room. They have enjoyed meeting new friends, playing in the centers, discovering, exploring and learning with us. The children and staff are excited that Christmas is fast approaching. We have wonderful ideas in mind to celebrate this season together. We would like to recognize all the different cultures, family customs or customs that we all value.

With this cold weather please remember to provide your children with all the appropriate clothing needed so that we can go outside everyday i.e. **snow pants, winter jacket, hat, mittens, and winter boots.**

Birthdays:

Julia- December 6

Children's Interests:

Gym and outside sports/activities
Building with wooden or linking blocks
Board games
Dress up and pretend play
Animals
Pokémon

Important Dates:

Dec 18: Last day of school before Christmas Break

Dec 21-23: Cottage opened from 7am-6pm (No School/PD Day) Please let the staff know if you will need care.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve: Cottage opened from 7am-12pm Please let the staff know if you will need care.

Dec 25-Jan 3: Cottage will be closed for Christmas Break

Jan 4: Classes resume at school and Cottage will be opened for regular hours

Jan 29: No School (PD Day) Cottage will be opened- Please let the staff know if you will need care.

Movie Night is on December 18 & January 15

Family Wall:

We are still looking for your family pictures for our family tree we made earlier this year. Please provide one so the children can enjoy showing there friends.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Rachel and Roberta

Before and Afterschool December/January Newsletter 2015/2016

These past months from September through December have been extremely busy, for both the children and staff. Hard to believe that December is among us and we are now going to be focusing on the Christmas rush. The past week we have introduced a knitting club, which has been a huge success and hopefully by the end of the year we will have a finished produce. Our Elf on the shelf has returned for some fun/trouble that keeps the children very entertained. Hopefully the amazing weather we have been having will carry into January so we can continue to play outside and reduce some of the energy.

Please remember proper clothing especially on PD days, as we were unable to play outside due to some children arriving in sweat shirts and no boots. This is also helpful for after school play as well.

Birthday Wishes:

-Ellareen Dec.7	-Tiarnan Jan.14
-Jordyn Dec.8	-Kaleb.W Jan.18
-Nicolas Dec.21	
-Anders Dec.24	

Merry Christmas

Melissa, Cathy & Taija