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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Thank you to the Board of Directors and all of our families in helping us celebrate ECE WEEK!

FROM PAT'S DESK

We are on the final stretch of this journey and our new SSCY second site will be open early July! This has been a large endeavor for me personally and professionally over the last four years and I am so excited to see it come to fruition!

I returned from my maternity leave officially last month however I continued to work the majority of the leave from home attending the various meetings with SSCY and revising all of our operational documents to reflect this expansion to our organization.

We will be licensed for 48 preschool spaces including 16 infants. Several of our current families have already enrolled their younger children at this new site.

My position will be located within the SSCY centre and Jean dela Cruz will continue to remain at the school site. I will continue to oversee both programs and her and I will continue to communicate regularly. We will be governed by one Board of Directors with representation from both sites and our Educators' meeting will be combined on a monthly basis.

If you visit our website it will have a choice between clicking into the "school site" or the "SSCY site".

I want to thank all of the Board of Directors, Educators and Jean for their support, guidance and patience during this transitional time.

This has been a wonderful learning opportunity for me and our program in which I am honored to be a part of - thank you!

DETAILS FROM JEAN

Spring is finally here! We welcome our new families and have said farewell to a few families! Parents/guardians a few reminders:

- Please remember at drop offs it is your responsibility to walk your children to their lockers and ensure they are safely in the MPR or with their group before leaving for your day. Our educators cannot be pulled out of ratio to walk them down to their lockers for safety and licensing.
- Spring weather is here, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the day. We will continue going outside, if possible for longer periods. Please send extra clothes labeled with your child's name.
- A reminder that fees are due on the first day of the billing period. Cheques are the preferred payment, however cash is also accepted.
- We have been working hard at setting up the centre environment. Please check our main space in the MPR. There are learning stories displaying various pictures of your children and our educators are open to share a conversation of your child's day!

I have been training and continue to learn and practice new duties as the centre's assistant director here at Robertson. Thanks to the board of directors, Pat, and fellow educators and families for their support during my transition into this role. I am excited to continue the journey of the centre in our goal to provide the best quality care for our families.

SCHOOL AGE NEWS

In line with REEP's philosophy of learning through play and experience, the staff in our program have been working hard in planning and setting up activities and invitations to play that help the children enrich their imagination. As part of our after school program, we are following routine wherein we divide them into groups. This is to help the staff as well as the kids to know each other individually and build connection to them.

Since spring has finally sprung, we spend lots of time outside, enjoying the weather, the sun and the field that is no longer covered by snow. All the children are so engaged to some outdoor activities like four square games, catch, swing and a lot more. It is so nice to see that even the ISPs are getting involved in these activities. The main goal of our program is not just to let them have fun but also to help them learn from their games and experiences at the same time.

- Angela

Working the early morning hours, our goal is to help the children start their day on a high note with positive vibes and invitations to play. I myself have had the opportunity to create a project for the children and the turnout was amazing! From puffy paint to sun catchers, to monthly themed projects, there is always something fun happening in the mornings, and all the children love to get in on the fun.

With the weather slowly starting to get nicer, we love spending our time outdoors playing popular games like soccer, basketball and foursquare.

This is going to be my first summer at Robertson and I am excited to begin the summer fun and see how the routine is carried out. I know it's going to be a blast!

Being fairly new to the program since December 2015, I can say that it has been a fantastic first few months for me at the program. I have learned a lot and I do believe I have found my true passion, and I would love to thank my coworkers, supervisors, and all the parents for supporting me in this new learning experience.

I am looking forward to more experiences as the spring and summer months arrive and I can't wait to see what the future holds for me!

Please see Jean or Amy if you have any questions or concerns.

- Alexis Boldt

Favorite Quote of the Month:

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression & knowledge"

Albert Einstein

KINDER CORNER

It is important to be able to observe the kinders and develop a program that is based off of them. We recently had a yoga program that just ended, and we learned that these children had a lot of fun learning how to manipulate their bodies into the different poses. We have also learned that these children have such a strong passion for music, and love expressing themselves through song and dance! We are now starting a music and movement class and are excited to see how the children will react to this experience! We have also had fun re-enacting ninja moves from the TV show Lego Ninjago!

Within the past month, Moe the Mouse and his friends were introduced to our kinder program. Amy and I are hoping to prepare another sleep over with Moe for all the children in our program before the school year ends. More information about this program will soon be available.

We look forward to what the rest of the school year brings for our kinder program! Family pictures (vertical 4x6) to be posted by your child's locker. Please bring it in ASAP! Thanks to the families who have brought theirs in.

If you have any concerns please see Amy or Jean.

- Lindsay



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE APRIL, MAY & JUNE BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Anastasia, Ashton, Darren,
Kenny, Maira, Riley,
Beckham, Benjamin, Cora,
Grant, Joemar, Lisa

STAFF:

Pat, Cristy, Terry, and
Jenifer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Next meeting will be held on
Wednesday May 18th at 5:15 pm.

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EDUCATORS' NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Jean as the Assistant Director at our school location. I would also like to welcome Lindsay Mamona as our new kinder leader and afternoon Supervisor. Both of these wonderful ladies have settled into their new roles and have been an amazing asset to our team!

I have started to hire my team at the SSCY location. Several of our part time staff have expressed interest to move with me to the new site. Angela, Elaine, Carmie and Jenifer will all transfer employment. I have also hired Anjelica Brucal, our Administrative Coordinator and Becka Linton as our new Assistant Director at the SSCY site. Please join me in welcoming these Educators and thank you for your patience during this transitional time!

RECIPE

Taco Soup

- 1 pd. ground beef
- 1 medium onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 pkg taco seasoning
- 19 oz kidney beans
- 12 oz can corn
- 28 oz can of crushed tomatoes
- 1 green pepper
- 5 ½ oz can of tomato paste
- Sour cream
- Grated cheese
- Taco chips

In a large pot, brown beef and onion, drain. Add taco seasoning, beans, corn, tomatoes, green pepper and tomato paste. Add enough water to cover ingredients. Simmer for 1 hour. Serve garnished with sour cream, grated cheese and taco chips.

Enjoy!

PARENT UPDATES

At the last Board of Directors meeting we voted to implement EFT (electronic funds transfer) through the childcare pro management tool. More information about this new system will be out shortly!

This summer the Winnipeg School Division is removing and replacing the boiler in Robertson School. The school will unfortunately not be safe to conduct our program, so we have been given permission to run our summer program out of Andrew Mynarski.

More information to follow!

PARENT INFO

Reminder that your child will be going outside daily so please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS. Also, please remember to have a change of labeled clothes for your child in case of accidents.

