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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next BOD meeting December 11th at 5:15pm

FROM PAT'S DESK

Over the last ten years I have worked as a Child Development Counsellor with Children's disAbility Services for 2 ½ days per week. With the expansion to the new SSCY centre in late 2015 the committee work continues to remain busy and I have decided to leave my government position and start full-time at the centre effective December 16, 2013. I am very excited about this move and look forward to spending more time at the centre. I have had many projects "in the works" which have been difficult to complete with my hectic schedule. As much as I will miss my government position, my colleagues and clients, I look forward to simplifying my life a little.

I wanted to thank everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting this year. We had a good turn out! I would also like to thank the staff members who spoke so eloquently about their values and beliefs. Please see the staff board for the information. I would like to welcome the new Board of Directors! I have updated the list on the licensing board as well and the Board of Directors section in this newsletter.

Our website continues to progress and I look forward to launching early in the New Year. Please feel free to check out the SCCY website if you would like any more information at www.sscy.ca.

TAMMIE'S TIDBITS!

We have made revisions to our Transportation Policy and after the Board's approval the Parent Manuals will be updated.

Winter Break surveys have gone out and are due back November 29, 2013. We are in the process of determining any field trips during this holiday season!

We will be adopting another Cheer Board family. Information about what this family needs will be posted on the program board in early December. Anything you can donate to the family is greatly appreciated. The children help us develop the board and the list of items needed. Our program provides anything that is not accounted for prior to the drop off date.



SCHOOL AGE NEWS

The School Age program has evolved over the last several weeks to meet the safety needs of all the children enrolled. We have gone back to "Groups" based on your child's age. We have been developing new policies and procedures and we apologize if this process has been confusing to anyone lately. A letter regarding some of these new changes will be out in the next few weeks.

It's that time of year again and we will be adopting another Cheer Board family. The school agers will help us develop what items are needed and this information will be posted on the large program board inside the MPR. This is always a wonderful teaching opportunity for the children as they learn about giving back to our community. Any donation of food and gifts is greatly appreciated and more information will follow soon!

My deepest condolences to those staff and families in our program and the Robertson Community

who have family and friends who have been affected by the Typhoon in the Philippines. We thoroughly enjoyed our Filipino Pavilion during "Folklorama Week" in the summer and learning about the Filipino community, foods, culture and traditions - and we are sorry for their loss during this time.

The following story was written by Marilyn who observed two boys in our program who took an interest in locating their homeland after learning about the Typhoon.

I noticed Jay-Jay focused on the globe. I asked if he was looking for any particular place, and it seemed he wanted to locate the Philippines on the Globe.

Jay-Jay told me he was born in the Philippines and he has family and friends there.

As we were talking, J.B joined our conversation, and Jay-Jay was eager to show J.B his birth Place on the Globe.

Jay-Jay is usually very quiet, but when showing J.B places on the map, he used his communication skills and his knowledge of his homeland.



Favorite Quote of the Month:

I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

~ Anne Frank

KINDER CORNER NEWS

Moe the Mouse sleepovers have begun and the children have been enjoying these new experiences. We hope to start a similar project! I have been creating a "Piggie and Gerald" book bag including Mo Willems books and activities.

Jean and Arlyn are embracing Emergent Curriculum and they

have been spending lots of time documenting your children's work and ideas! Recently the children had many discussions regarding what peace looks like, feels like etc. The children made beautiful heart cookies and watercolor paintings which I donated to some veterans in lieu of Remembrance Day!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Aaron, Jackson, Kaydence,
Jack, Memphis, Richard,
Zachary, Jordan, Orenda,
Shaelyn, Carson, Nicholas,
Jella, Morgan, Katie J., Rowan.

STAFF:

Suzanne

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome Anna Brown, Adrienne Cameron, Jennifer Besyk, Michelle Cuaresma and Jeni Neyedly to our Board of Directors. The updated Board of Directors' list is posted on the licensing board. Our next meeting will be held on December 11th at 5:15 pm. As always, babysitting and dinner is provided during all Board of Directors' meetings!

Special thanks to Tracy Drimes and Danielle Harvie for organizing the Grey Cup tickets!

STAFF NEWS

I would like to officially welcome Meagan to our team! I would also like to wish Susana all the best in her future endeavors! She will continue to substitute for us from time to time in the mornings.

On November 4th Suzanne and I attended a full day workshop provided by the Manitoba Child Care Association and Manitoba Education Department on Forest Kindergartens. It was an inspiring event! More information will be provided over the next few months!

Happy 2 years Carmie and happy 3 years of dedication Melchie!

PARENT NOTICES

Snow has arrived and the children are excited! We will continue to go outside throughout the winter unless we are experiencing extreme weather conditions such as -25C or colder. Please make sure you supply your children with ski pants, mitts, hats, boots etc. We have started to purchase a few spares in case anyone does not have these items occasionally.

We are trying to teach the children about responsibility! We will assist the Kinder children in getting dressed however we are encouraging them to be more independent. We do not assist School Age children in getting dressed, however we will remind them to wear the clothing that was brought from home when going outside!

ME TO WE

Approx. one month ago we decided to host a bake and coffee sale to raise funds for Siloam Mission. We received notice that Siloam Mission will supply 93,000 meals over the Holiday Season.

However after learning and hearing about the devastation in the Philippines we wanted to do our part in helping the Red Cross donate vital supplies to the most affected areas. We decided to host two bake sales which will take place on Thursday December 12th and Friday December 13th from 7:00am - 9:00am. All proceeds raised on these mornings will go to the above organizations. Suzanne will coordinate groups of children to help make these wonderful goodies! The bake sale will take place in front of the MPR doors. Feel free to bring your coffee mug to take and go!

Thank you in advanced for your contributions!

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