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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Our next board meeting is the AGM and will be held on October 24, 2018 at the SSCY Centre Building**

## FROM PAT'S DESK

Renovations, Renovations! This is definitely the word of summer 2018! We were excited and highly anticipating the wonderful construction of the windows in our main space within Robertson school. A project we only dreamed about since we officially moved into the MPR in 2009. It was exciting to see it come to life this summer and it was finally installed on August 29, 2018. Like all renovations, we expected the unexpected and that did occur when we were notified that asbestos was found and when we frequently were informed about all the delays, nevertheless it was worth it when we finally saw the blue skies and the sunlight danced all around the room.

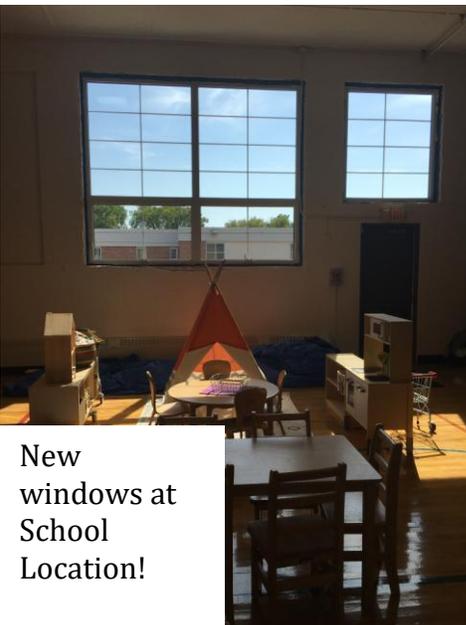
We did not plan for the pipe to burst in our beautiful SSCY location. The water damage was so extensive that many walls needed to be ripped out as far as the infant program. Renovations are slowly coming to an end as new cabinets are being constructed and materials are coming in from Europe. I am extremely grateful to our educators who made this stressful transition go so smoothly and for all the support we received from various partners.

It was a very stressful summer however during times of stress it is important to acknowledge gratitude.

Here is my list!

1. I am very grateful no one was hurt when the pipe burst. Thankfully it happened after hours.
2. The renovation detected other issues within our space that needed repairing.
3. To our educators who still provided an enriching curriculum at both locations given they both were in different spaces and "under construction"
4. To our board and outside partnerships that offered support and assistance when needed
5. To our restoration company who provided excellent communication on a regular basis
6. Marshall Kirton, Architect with Prairie Architects Inc who designed and coordinated the entire window project since December.
7. To our families and children who never complained about the chaos and seemed to handle all of the transitions with such ease and grace.

The school site has this quote in their office which sums up our summer! It says "Rome wasn't built in a day, but they worked on it every day"!



New windows at School Location!

# Becka's Beat

During the months of June-August I was able to spend the majority of my time working at the School age location within Robertson School. I absolutely loved this opportunity to see up close how the summer program worked and how the educators pulled together such an amazing summer plan. This also gave me the opportunity to get to know the educators who work at the school age site, and to watch how they work together as a team. The school site is a very different environment, and I'm definitely a person who believes in each area having its own huge impact.

Over the next few months I will continue working between the 2 locations, switching weekly between the school site and SSCY. I hope to continue to learn more about the individuality of each of the programs, yet see how we all have the same common goal.

I'm grateful this opportunity to learn and grow together... just as our organization motto suggests.



At the  
Winnipeg  
Art Gallery

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NEWS

Hi everyone!

I hope you all had an amazing summer! From what I have gathered from some of the children it sounds like a lot of you were very busy making memories during summer 2018! In the program we sure had a very eventful summer.

As you are all aware we went on a few fieldtrips and had multiple guests come and teach the children and educators a little bit about the indigenous culture. We were very fortunate to learn more about Canada's history. Currently within our program we are excited for all of our school age children to begin a new year within Robertson school. We hope they learn amazing things and make exciting memories with their new teachers and classmates.

We are also very thrilled to begin a new year with the Kindergarten and Nursery children in our revamped space! The window is looking fantastic and our new furniture and equipment is absolutely beautiful, we definitely encourage all families to come take a look around our beautiful classroom!

As you are all also aware I have taken the role of Assistant Director here at the school site. Over the last two years my focus has been on programming and our environment; I will still be focusing on that aspect of the program, I will just be adding other administrative duties to the list. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding programming and anything within our centres day to day operations, please feel free to knock on my door any day of the week! I am very excited about continuing to work with all of you, these beautiful children and amazing educators!

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# Truth and Reconciliation

Tipi Project for the year end art show



Over the summer months the children have been learning and reflecting on Indigenous culture and history through arts and literature. We would love to give our upmost thanks and gratitude to the Winnipeg Foundation for their continued support of our summer programming.

We welcomed Heather Bjorklund, who brought in a guest drummer and did jigging, drumming, and chanting with the kids; Tipi Joe who did soap carving and drum making; Amanda Johnson, ECE at our SSCY Centre Location, who shared her grandmother's Bannock recipe with our kids; and David Robertson, who came for a special reading of this book, "When we Were Alone."

We also visited the indigenous art exhibits at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and visited Fort Whyte Centre; and made bannock and stew for our group lunches.

It was enlightening to see the children's engagement in all these activities, and to hear and feel the connections they made through the questions asked. It was also wonderful to see everyone's art creations at our year end art show! Thank you, Winnipeg Foundation, for these amazing opportunities!

Tipi Project for the year end art show



At the Winnipeg Art Gallery



Nature at Fort Whyte Centre



Tipi at Fort Whyte



Art project at the Winnipeg Art Gallery



# School Age News

By Amy Schellenberg

This summer has been very successful in my school-age group. We enjoyed being co-researchers to our special guests as we learned new things about indigenous culture through different activities. We created tipi's out of sticks and the children got to see a real tipi during our field trip at Fort Whyte. We created talking sticks, spirit animals, dream catchers, inukshuk's, and canoes. The children used their creativity throughout all these activities and showed how competent and capable they are at using the hot glue guns to create their art.

The children in my group also showed a lot of interest in cooking and baking. Therefore, we had a guest come in (Amanda from SSCY) to teach the children how to make bannock and stew soup. The children also enjoyed baking cupcakes, broccoli and cheddar soup, poutine, jello and much more during summer.

Our group talked about how connecting with nature is a big part of the indigenous culture, so we would go on nature walks where we would collect nature loose parts for projects and talk about the outdoors and animals we have within Manitoba.

The weather has been really nice this summer, therefore the children have enjoyed going to the waiting pool and walking field trips to the splash pad. It has been a great summer and it is bitter sweet that it is coming to an end. I am so proud of all the children for participating and being respectful to all of our guests throughout the summer and I am very excited to be the centres new Kindergarten Program Leader, and Pedagogica Leader!



Baking with Meagan



Cooling off at the splash pad



Fort Whyte Tipi



Bottle Cap Inukshuks

"It's not 'forgive and forget' as if nothing wrong had ever happened, but 'forgive and move forward,' building on the mistakes of the past and the energy generated by reconciliation to create a new future."

- Alan Paton

# "When we were Alone" By David Robertson

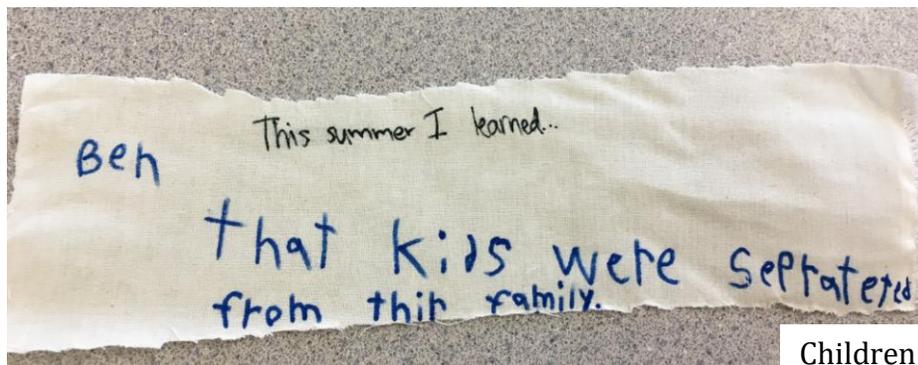
By Pat Furman

This summer we were honoured to have David Robertson, Author of "When we were Alone" for a special reading at our school location. This is a beautifully written book explaining what Residential Schools were like through a grandmother and granddaughter's relationship. A grandmother Kokom, explains to her granddaughter Noisim, why she wears bright colours, why her hair is so long, why she speaks Cree and why family time is so important. David explained to the children that this book is about identity, and why respecting people and being honest about who we are is so imperative.

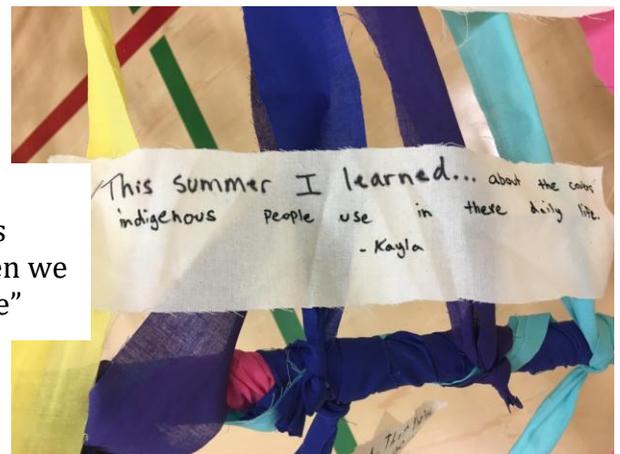
Discussing Residential Schools to young children is not an easy task. This is why we love this book so much because it is written for children in a child friendly way. Our children rose to the challenge! They asked so many curious and intellectual questions.

Our discussions from our various presenters obviously impacted the children because as we were creating our "Learning Teepee" eight year old Ben wrote "I learned kids were separated from their families".

David Robertson is an award winning author who recently won the Governor Generals Literacy award.



Children Reflections from "When we were Alone"



## Grandma's Bannock

By Amanda Johnson, ECE at SSCY location

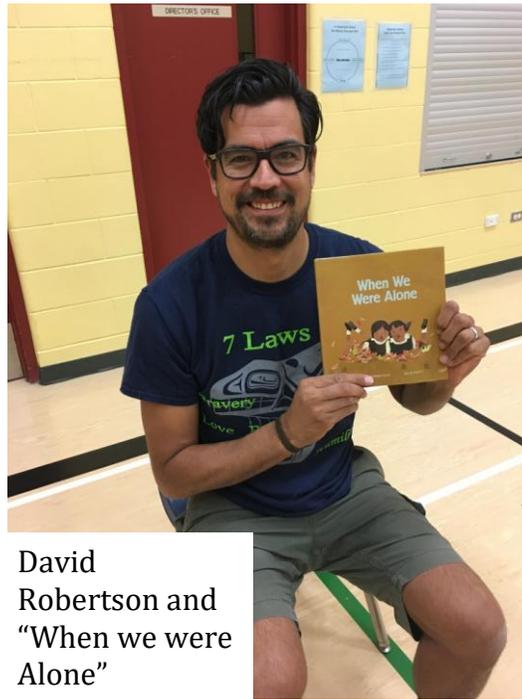
In August I had the pleasure of visiting our school age site and sharing my Grandma's bannock recipe. This was a very fulfilling experience for me. At the SSCY Centre location, I am the supervisor for the infant program. Working with the school aged location was very different. I enjoyed stepping back and letting the older children take the lead; they read the recipe, and measured all the ingredients. All the children loved kneading the dough and making their own bannock shape to bake. It was very rewarding for these children to help prepare their snack for that afternoon!



Homemade bannock

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our next board meeting is the AGM scheduled on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the SSCY Centre Building. All are welcomed to attend! Dinner will be served.



David Robertson and "When we were Alone"



Group Project: Tipi building with Pat

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MAY AND JUNE BABIES!

### CHILDREN:

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## À la Suzanne

### Beef Stew

#### Ingredients

- 1 tsp. Vegetable Oil
- 2 lbs Stewing Beef
- 1/2 cup Beef Broth
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Garlic Cloves, peeled and chopped
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 Bay Leaves
- 2 tsp. Sugar
- 2 tsp. Salt
- 1 tsp. Black Pepper
- 4 cups Chopped Carrots
- 2 cups Chopped Celery
- 8 Potatoes, peeled, and cut into small cubes

#### Procedure

1. Sear beef in vegetable oil until browned. Add flour and fry for 1 minute. Remove meat and set aside.
2. Add vegetables to pot and fry for 5 minutes
3. Add beef, Worcestershire sauce, bay leaf, garlic, onion, salt, sugar, and pepper
4. Add carrots, celery, and potatoes
5. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes

- Suzanne Larocque