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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Next board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2017 at the SSCY Centre Building**

FROM PAT'S DESK

We had the honour of participating in a cohort with Deb Curtis, world renowned Educator in the Early Childhood Field. On January 30, she spent the day with a few of our Educators from both locations here at SSCY. It was a valuable experience for all of us and we have been incorporating this "new thinking" in our day to day work with the children.

We were successful in obtaining funds through the Winnipeg Foundation from a Nourishing through potential grant. Approximately \$6,000 will go towards supplementing the healthy lunch program for our fully subsidized families and \$3,000 will go towards workshops and training opportunities for our Nutritionist specialist at the SSCY location. We are very grateful to the Winnipeg Foundation and their support of our new site!

This year we have made two separate financial contributions to our community partners, Robertson School. We donated \$800.00 to go towards a new washer and dryer in which our program uses on a regular basis and \$1,200.00 towards an electronic sign, which will be located outside on the school grounds. We were happy to assist the School with these endeavours and we always appreciate their support of our program, the children, and families within this community.

Thank you!

DETAILS FROM JEAN

Spring has finally arrived! With the snow melting, please remember to **send your child with extra clothes (labelled)** as the centre does not have extra clothes and it would be nice for them to be in warm dry clothes in case they get wet.

Please ensure your account is up to date. This will help to secure your spot for summer. Reminder payments are preferred by EFT's. Cheques are still available for payment options as well. You can email or talk to me directly about your account if you have any questions.

Reminder for Spring Break we will be CLOSED Monday, March 27 in lieu of Easter Monday. The remainder of the week we will be open from 7:00am to 5:00pm daily.

Summer shut down dates are from July 31 – August 11, 2017.

If you haven't yet, **add TADPOLES to your safe email list** to receive information about the centre. We have found this is a great way to get information out to all of our families quickly.

Keep an eye out soon for our summer survey and information.

-Jean Dela Cruz
Assistant Director
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January 30, 2017 Deb Curtis visit
Left to Right
Olha, Deb, Pat, Lindsay, Christy, Brigitte

SCHOOL AGE NEWS

It is rare, that one starts a new position and feels so welcome, and almost immediately embraced by a tight knit family. That is what the team at REEP is. While I have worked with children, in many facets over the years this is my first time in a daycare setting. The children have great mentors, and leaders here, the way they inspire the children with different kinds of activities and play leaves me inspired.

While I have been fortunate to work closely with some of the nursery kids at the school, I have especially felt welcome by them as they run to greet me every time I enter the center. It warms my heart. I work with mostly the little ones and younger school agers and Robertson School, so forming relationships with some of the older ones has been humbling as they open up to me, boys giving me hugs, and interacting with me in and out of the center. I have the pleasure of working with a very special little girl, while with some challenges, she inspires me with her imagination, and the way she plays.

I have been learning so much from my colleagues just by observing the way they interact the children. Being a part of the life skills group, I am moved to see so many of the boys exercise their creativity through art and writing stories and comic books. It reminds me of myself at their age, and I want to help nourish that creativity and hope they still use it in their adult years as I do. In an age where technology seems to be the children's main focus and past time, it is wonderful to be a part of a team that show our children there is so much more than that, in their teaching of creative, and positive play and letting them tap into their imaginations.

- Chadd

After school – School agers

After school is a busy time! Each group checks into different classrooms (MPR, Music room, Life Skills Kitchen, Gym/Room 132).

Highlights from each group are:

- MPR group has been involved in creative arts, variety of dramatic play, and singing songs.
- Music group has been very interested in big body play.
- Life Skills Kitchen has been creating a variety of comic books, creative arts and dramatic play.
- Room 132/Gym has been trying sewing, card games, and creative arts.

Creative
Arts in
the MPR



“Everything
you can
imagine is
real”

-Pablo Picasso

KINDER CORNER

During the last few weeks the kindergarten and nursery children have been very hard at work! We have been implementing a new Moe the Mouse friend every week to practice our speech sounds. Please be on the lookout for new notes on the children's lockers about Moe the Mouse programming updates.

Over the last month we have noticed the children have been showing interest in mixing colours and discovering different colors they can create. We did a number of activities that involved mixing colors. The children were able to create their own potions with water, food coloring and different materials; we also attempted to create our own colors by mixing colors together and giving the new color a name. This activity was a little bit more challenging for the children but they really seemed to enjoy using their creative skills!

Our latest curriculum is based on Rhyming. We have noticed some of the children needed a little bit of extra help in this area so we decided to work on this as a class! At the moment we are focusing on the famous author Theodor Seuss Geisel to help reinforce the skills we are teaching in our curriculum.

- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Chantal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MARCH AND APRIL BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Frank, Ashley, Jenaya, Aliyah,
Madison, Isabella, Daniella,
London, Hazel, Rylan

STAFF:

Rachael, Brittany, Melchie,
Martin!



Anjelica Brucal is the Administrative Co-ordinator to Robertson Early Enrichment. Joining the team early 2016, she took part in assisting Pat Furman through the final processes of opening our SSCY Centre location.

Since joining the team, Anjelica has taken on many responsibilities: including preparing family invoices, processing EFT payments, and editing our newsletter issues.

Anjelica will be communicating with families as an on-going process. Anjelica can be reached at:

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À la Suzanne

Granola Bars

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup milk

Mix together

1 2/3 cup rolled oats

Stir in above ingredients

Add-

1 1/3 cup flour
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Mix together

Stir-

1 cup raisins
1 cup coconut
1 cup chocolate chips

Spread onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for 15 minutes. Cut while warm.

Enjoy!

-Suzanne Larocque

EDUCATORS NEWS

We would love to welcome the following staff to our team!

- Mumba
- Chadd
- Diane
- Halyna

Educators continue to enhance our program by setting up their classrooms to meet the needs of the children's interests for their groups.

At our last educators meeting, we welcomed guest teacher, Anne McMurdo from Strathcona School to demonstrate the use of different art mediums. We experimented with clay, printing, watercolour paint, and marbling. We are excited to incorporate these art mediums into our program!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our next board meeting is scheduled for **5:15 pm on Wednesday April 12, 2017 at the SSCY Location**. All are welcomed to attend! Dinner will be served.



Staff Meeting – Stamp and print station with Anne McMurdo

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