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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Next board meeting is September 13, 2017 at Robertson School**

FROM PAT'S DESK

I had the honour of meeting and receiving the Winnipeg Centre MP 150th Anniversary Medal for Volunteerism presented to me by Member of Parliament Robert Falcon- Ouellette on June 23, 2017. You can see the full ceremony at <https://youtu.be/wz4gs07Z-qo>. Please also view Anjelica's vlog of the tour at <https://vimeo.com/223478915> the password to view the video is "**Pat150**".

My Falcon- Ouellette was very generous with his time and he took genuine interest in not only learning about our program at REEP SSCY, he spent several hours touring and hearing about all the other fabulous services within the SSCY Centre.

Our Board of Directors has identified four strategic priorities between our both sites and we are all working hard to reaching these goals. We are also working on identifying potential "risks" to both of our locations. Thank you to Ronald Sison for taking the lead on creating this initiative. We plan to present these at the Annual General meeting in October.

I had the pleasure of visiting the school location in July during one of Alana's fantastic art sessions. We will be hosting the school locations Art Show here at the SSCY location on August 30th, and refreshments will be served to celebrate the SSCY's one year anniversary. More information to follow shortly!

BECKA'S BEAT

Can you believe its summer already, and REEP SSCY has just celebrated our first full year open?! I personally cannot believe how fast time has flown.

This summer the children have made some wonderful connections and the programs involving these connections continue. Hopefully you have all noticed the beautiful gardens outside. The planter boxes are blooming beautifully with flowers, vegetable, and fruit plants. This is all thanks to the children learning about gardening alongside the Khartum Shriners Ladies Auxiliary. These wonderful ladies come in 1-2 times each week to plant, water, weed, and manage all the beautiful raised planters along with our children.

We are also excited for our connection with Elder, Debbie Cielen of Indigenous Spiritual Care Services at Life's Journey. Elder Debbie Cielen has graciously passed along some indigenous teachings to help the children understand the play yard connections to the indigenous culture (i.e. the TeePee, the turtle). On September 1, 2017 Elder Debbie will be leading us, together with the drumming group from Life's Journey for the TeePee blessing, naming ceremony, and feast food teaching.

Lastly, we know that September tends to be a transition month and some of our children will be leaving us as they head off to school. As with any other date of leaving, just a reminder that we need 2 week's notice in writing of your child's withdrawal. Your final invoice will be adjusted accordingly.

Thank you so much, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jeni's Column: Our Inclusion Journey

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all been enjoying summer so far!

Over summer, I have been in touch with some families regarding review meetings. Most meetings will take place in September or October depending on when we held our last meeting. Review meetings tend to be held once a year for children that receive Inclusion Support in our centre. If you haven't heard from me regarding a review meeting, I will be in touch soon to set something up.

For families with children entering the school system in September 2018 we (you, the centre, and your child's support team) will also begin the early stages of planning transitions to school this fall. This process can take close to a year to implement; as there are many components involved which is why we start this process early. The planning involved in the transition to school will help make this process as smooth as possible for your child.

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Pat Furman with MP Robert Falcon-Ouellette as he presents Pat with the Winnipeg Centre MP 150th Anniversary Medal for Volunteerism. Congratulations, Pat!

Infant friends take a nap inside the teepee for their outdoor challenge



“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.”

- Mr. Rogers

Reggio-Emilia Philosophy



Hitching a ride with Pat at Fort Whyte



Preschool friends enjoying the outdoors

As summer comes to an end, our children are still enjoying spending their time outdoors discovering many new wonders of nature. Activities include running, climbing, arts and crafts, and Bug Hunting-activity in which children use magnifying glass to search for and collect various insects. We, as educators support our children by providing various books about nature. Stay tuned for new upcoming book titled “Bug Hunt”, about our children and their bug hunting adventures.

A big thank you to all parents, guardians, and staff for supporting our center by providing children with unforgettable memories in their early years this summer.

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INFANT CORNER

So exciting summer is here!

We have all been enjoying time outside on these warm summer days!!

Children have been playing in the outdoors water table and in buckets full of water. Water play is offered daily please remember changes of clothes. We have been helping our volunteer gardeners from Shreiners care for all our beautiful plants. Our outdoor challenge was a huge success and was lots of fun. We all enjoyed playing, painting, reading and having music with Ian outside. We all had our snacks and lunch outside on a picnic blanket and the older infants were able to have their nap in the tepee. Thanks to all the families that participated in our special get together for father's day. Cookies were delicious and music was fun.

Documentation from our outdoor challenge can be found [here!](#)

Maple and Chestnut room want to send a warm welcome to Jacob and Joshua, looking forward to all the adventures in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please feel free to approach one of us in the infant room, or feel free to email Amanda Johnson at ajohnson@robertsoneep.ca

- Infant Staff



Infant friends Thomas and Angela help the Khartum Ladies plant flowers in our garden!

Birch friends have an outdoor picnic



PRESCHOOL NEWS

When we say the word “challenge” our minds automatically jump to a difficult situation. But no challenge is too difficult for our kids! During our outdoor challenge, everyone loved and embraced being outside. Playing outdoors has a lot of benefits for the kids. It allows them to explore the environment, develop muscle strength, coordination, and self confidence. Playing actively outdoors also increases flexibility, fine and gross motor skills, and is related to the development of a wide variety of physical skills, including those involved with sports.

Being our first outdoor challenge, it was a great learning experience to have our program outside. For the most part we engaged in free play, but we had different activities too! We had art activities, painting the different plants and rocks outside. Anjelica even came outside to do an outdoor yoga class! We also had tons of picnics! During quiet/ rest time, those who regularly went down for rest, rested in our Oak Room, and anyone who still had energy to play, stayed outside. We can't wait for the next outdoor challenge!

Our outdoor challenge might be done, but we love taking advantage of the beautiful summer weather, so we LOVE to be outdoors! Please remember to bring hats, extra clothes, and sunscreen for your child!

If you have any questions, please approach any one of us in the Birch Room 😊.

Science time with Simon... Expanding a balloon using chemistry

What did we learn?

We learned a simple chemistry trick that we can try with household materials. We also learned that some materials react differently when mixed with other items. (I.E. acids & bases)



Explanation...

Once the baking soda (base) dropped and made contact with the vinegar (acid), it created a chemical reaction, which produces carbon dioxide. This gas rises and fills the balloons.



PICCOLLAGE

EDUCATOR'S MEETING

At our last educator's meeting the team from REEP School and REEP SSCY came together at the Fort Whyte Centre!

We engaged in many team building exercises such as a field-wide scavenger hunt and cooking dinner for each other!



Scavenger Hunt
Item #10: Do
three yoga poses

Robertson Team
roasting and
enjoying dinner
by the fire.



Our REEP Family
at Fort Whyte



Moe, Moe, Moe the Mouse, he comes from far away. He brought his book and brought his house, and he has come to play!

For the past few months Moe has travelled all around the world! In June he went all around Europe with Meghan and Christy, and in July he went to Asia with Angela!



BALAI ISABEL AQUA PARK,
PHILIPPINES



ST. PAUL'S RUIN

MOE VISITS ASIA

Moe and I really had so much fun on our travel across Asia. We visited 3 countries such as Macau, China and Philippines. Moe got the chance to stay in Parisian Hotel in Macau for a week. We roamed around Wynn Palace, Senado Square and St. Paul's Ruin, too. We went China for a day.

Meanwhile, in the Philippines, he travelled with me to Balai Isabel Aqua Park. He also saw the second most active volcano in the Philippines, the Taal Volcano. During our last week of stay in the Philippines, we went Tagaytay wherein he experienced horseback riding at Picnic Grove and ferris wheel ride at Sky Ranch. Indeed, it was a month full of fun and adventure!

For more documentation, click [here](#) and [here](#)!

MOE VISITS EUROPE

Moe left with Christy to Europe at the beginning of June and was away until the end of June. He travelled through Austria and Italy: Florence, Venice, San Gimignano, Klagenfurt, Maria Rain, Legnano Sabbadoro, and more! He visited many mountains, beaches, markets, hotels, look-outs, and vineyards!

During Moe's visit to Europe with Meghan he stopped in Hedge End in England to see his cousin, Milly. The two of them went up to London and than all the way north to Scotland. Moe loved trying new dishes and Milly loved hearing ghost stories, especially on the Edinburgh Ghost Bus tour



Moe and Milly catch up at a café in Hedge End

Moe 850 ft above ground level at Pyramidenkogel in Klagenfurt.



Marilyn, Pat, and
Becka at
Fort Whyte



Infant group
celebrates
Canada's 150th
anniversary!



Moe having
a rest in
Venice



IN JEANETTE'S KITCHEN

Mac & Cheese with Veggies and Split Peas

- 15 mL (1tbsp) butter
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 250 mL (1 cup) zucchini, diced
- 250 mL (1 cup) cauliflower, chopped
- 250 mL (1 cup) spinach, chopped
- 250 mL (1 cup) red split peas, uncooked
- 45 mL (3 tbsp) flour
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 250 mL (1 cup) cheddar cheese, grated
- 60-125 mL grated parmesan

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F
2. Melt butter and oil in a large pot or pan on medium heat
3. Saute vegetables until tender crisp
4. Add flour and combine well. Cook for 1 min
5. Stir in evaporated milk and cheddar cheese. Mix well. Stir until thickened, set aside
6. Meanwhile, cook macaroni and split peas according to package
Note: You should be able to boil them together until noodles are tender and peas are soft
7. Drain pasta and split peas and mix with sauce. Add milk if mixture is too thick.
8. Place in greased casserole dish
9. Top with parmesan cheese
10. Bake for 20 mins.

Enjoy!

-Jeanette Cabacungan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE JULY AND AUGUST BABIES!

CHILDREN:

**Ava, Xander, Caydence,
Braydon, Emmet, and
Thomas!**

STAFF:

**Angela, Anjelica, Simon,
Olha, and Aimee!**

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

- We would like to invite everyone to our parent picnic and art show on August 30 from 4-6pm. Art made by the children will be displayed for all to see!
- The SSCY Centre will be having a teepee blessing ceremony for the teepee in the play area on September 1, 2017 at 3pm. All are welcome to attend!
- Yoga with Anjelica starts up again in September and will be held every Thursday morning!

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**Learning and
Growing Together.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our next board meeting is scheduled for **5:15 pm on Wednesday September 13, 2017 at Robertson School**. All are welcomed to attend! Dinner will be served.