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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Next scheduled board meeting on January 11, 2017 at Robertson School. All are welcome!**

FROM PAT'S DESK

On October 26th we celebrated our 12th Annual General Meeting. Thank you to all families who attended this event. The children at both locations made beautiful Picasso inspired self portraits and families at the SSCY location discussed the story behind their child's name.

On Thursday November 15th we hosted a Reggio Network meeting at the SSCY location. We had an attendance which was composed of 100 Educators who are employed in the childcare field or who are early year's teachers across the city including professors from St Boniface College and Red River College. It was an honour to host such an event and to see so many people who were interested in viewing our space and hearing about our philosophy. Thank you to Olha Zablotski and Alana Chernecki in their hard work in helping me plan and organize this event and to all of our dedicated educators who worked a long day getting their rooms looking beautiful, baking and hosting this successful event.

We feel strongly about connecting and giving back within our communities. Please see the upcoming events at both sites. We are collecting tnoonies for turkeys, non perishable food items and winter accessories to help those families in need within both communities.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

DETAILS FROM JEAN

The holiday season has arrived!

Mark your calendars, Winter Break starts December 23. Our hours of operation are 7: 00am-5:00pm. And we are closed December 26, 27 and January 2. Back to school Monday, January 9, 2017. Thank you to all the families who filled out our Winter Break Survey.

Our children have been broken up into 4 groups after school. Groups check in the Music Room, MPR and the Gym. At about 4:00PM the groups transition into other rooms or outdoors. Please remember we continue to go outside daily (weather permitting till -25) so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Groups that go to the far park should have all their belongings with them to help with pick up.

Reminder for morning drop offs to plan for at least 5 minutes at the centre to have your children undressed and belongings in their locker prior to you leaving for your day. Along with ensuring you've let an educator aware your child is in the program. Please also remember to bring indoor runners/ sneakers for your child.

Our next in-service day is Friday, February 3, 2017.
Thank you.

SCHOOL AGE NEWS

Since the beginning of this school year we have established a great routine! We meet every day, after school, in the gym. The children have enjoyed playing dodge ball and many other games. Lately, after our time in the gym, we have been making our way to the park, bringing our snacks with us to enjoy a nice picnic during snack time. The children really seem to enjoy this routine!

It has been a great joy to work and spend time with my group. It has become very fulfilling for me to watch them grow and mature right before my eyes!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Jean

- Suzanne LaRocque

"Our task is to help children communicate with the world using all their potential, strengths and languages, and to overcome any obstacle presented by our culture."

-Loris Malaguzzi

On November 10th, Pat Furman was given the honour to speak at the B & L Resources Conferences! Using her vast experience as a child development counselor and Executive Director to Robertson, Pat presented her knowledge on the developmental milestones of children ages birth to 6 years. Pat's presentation also included suggestions on how help our children reach those milestones.

We would like to thank all the families and staff who have assisted in the creation of this presentation. Without all your help, this presentation would not have been as successful as it was!

Pat's presentation can be viewed on <http://www.robertsoneep.ca/blog>



KINDER CORNER

Hi everyone!

We have been having so much fun in the kindergarten/Nursery program over the past few months. The Educators in the program have spent a great deal of time observing the children to find a common interest among them to create our curriculums. So far we have found it was necessary to talk about health, kindness and the letters of the alphabet. Right now we are currently learning about robots! The children in the program have been having a great time during our Moe the Mouse programming! Very soon we will be starting Moe sleep overs, so keep checking the locker area for updates. We are currently in the process of starting communication books with all families, please check those daily, and feel free to write in them as well. Please remember to read all of the posts in the locker area and keep sending your children in warm clothes!

Thank-you,

Ms.Lindsay
Kindergarten Program Leader/Supervisor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Holly, Miles, Braxton,
Taylor, Morgan, Jacoby,
Cyan, Iris, Ryan, Jaela,
Payton

STAFF:

Amy, Myla, Jenette, Steven,
Marilyn

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our next scheduled board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. Dinner and child care will be provided.

Our BOD meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month. Locations will vary.



Cultural Artifacts
brought by the
Robertson Team

RECIPE

Dill Pickle Soup

- 2 cups thinly sliced carrots
- 5 Medium Potatoes, chopped and peeled
- 5 Cups of chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 Cup finely chopped dill pickles
- 1 Cup Pickle Juice
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 flour
- 2 cups of milk

1. In a large pot, combine carrots, potatoes, and broth. Boil for 10 minutes.
2. Add salt, pickles, and juice. Cook over medium heat.
3. In a microwave safe dish, melt butter then whisk in flour.
4. Add flour mixture to pot.

Enjoy!

- Suzanne LaRocque

EDUCATORS NEWS

The past few months have led very exciting change to our program!

We would love to welcome our new educators that started over the fall!

Please welcome Christine!

At our last educator's meeting, we celebrated our cultural differences by bringing in an artifact that describes our own cultures.

REMINDER

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.

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