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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 Zablotzki 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 twoonies 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!

## BECKA'S BEAT

For December we are focusing on giving back to our community for the holidays. Many of our educators participated in an 'Adopt a Senior' activity where we adopted a senior citizen and purchased a gift off their wish list. Within the centre we were able to provide 17 gifts for seniors.

We are also preparing for the holidays. We have started our collections for families in our community. We have a line hanging in the common hall to accept hats, mitts, scarves, and winter gear. We have a box located outside the office to collect non-perishable food donations. And we also have a 'Twoonie for a Turkey' jar to collect monetary donations towards Turkey or perishable food items.

Just a reminder, we want to make sure all families are celebrated. Please let us know if you celebrate a holiday that we may not be aware of.

I want to take this time to wish you the happiest of holiday seasons, and a very blessed and successful upcoming 2017!

Becka Linton  
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# Jeni's Column: Our Inclusion Journey

Hello All!

It has been a very wonderful and busy few months and we have settled in quite nicely. As a brand new location there has been a lot of special "firsts" for us such as having our first intake meetings.

I would like to share with you all a little bit of background information regarding intake meetings. Some of our children need additional support and for these children we hold intake meetings. These meetings allow families, the centre, the specialist team, and the centre's child care coordinator to collaborate. Our meetings are designed to share information celebrating the child's strengths, highlighting growth, and discussing plans for the future.

It was a wonderful opportunity for all of us to meet and collaborate!

If at any time you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [jsinger@robertsoneep.ca](mailto:jsinger@robertsoneep.ca). I am looking forward to continuing getting to know you all!

- Jeni Singer



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>

*"Play is our brain's favourite way of learning."*

- Diane Ackerman

## Reggio-Emilia Philosophy

Since opening its doors this summer REEP SCCY has blossomed into a close community where children, staff and parents work together as one family.

Thank you, parents, for your active participation and support of programs at our centre. We have enjoyed having you join us at our Fall Parties. Your contribution of family pictures with quotes, cultural artifacts, has helped us create a welcoming homelike environment. Together we are building a unique Reggio Inspired centre that attracts the attention of Educators. We are proud to have hosted Manitoba Reggio Inspired Coalition of Educators meeting, sharing our knowledge, passion about our environment, materials and philosophy.

We are very pleased to have such a beautiful place for inspiration, investigation, exploration, learning and a welcoming place for everyone to come and enjoy. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [ozablotski@robertsoneep.ca](mailto:ozablotski@robertsoneep.ca)

- Olha Zablotski

## INFANT CORNER

Time flies by fast and we are about to end another year again. Over the past two months we have had a couple celebrations. We want to thank all families for joining us at our fall gathering, it was a wonderful way to welcome everyone to our Infant program. We also enjoyed a Turkey lunch with lots of our families and it was yummy! We are very glad that parents and grandparents were able to join us for these events. On October 31, most staff and children were wearing their costumes and we headed out in the SSCY building for some Trick or Treating fun! It was nice to see everyone out and ready to hand out treats.

Yoga has been lots of fun!! Our infants have shown their abilities to move their bodies in creative ways. We continue to enjoy music with Ian. Children love gathering with their instruments, bells and shakers. We have been singing some Christmas songs and have noticed a lot of children dancing!

Our group has been gathering a couple times a week for morning meetings. We welcome everyone by singing a good morning song to start their day at daycare. Children have enjoyed playing cooperative games and listening to storytelling with props.

We are very excited to welcome Braydon and Thomas to our program.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please feel free to email me at [ajohnson@robertsoneep.ca](mailto:ajohnson@robertsoneep.ca), or come by and talk to any one of us in the infant room

- Amanda Johnson

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hi, my name is Hayley. I'm a first year student at Red River College. I've been placed at the centre from November 14th – December 9th.

Throughout my placement I've been doing activities with the children of Birch, they particularly enjoy doing art. I planned this activity to let them explore the different textures and patterns that sponges can make with paint. They especially enjoyed the feeling of paint on their hands! ☺

If you have any questions please feel free to speak with Christy!

- Hayley Larence



Painting with our friends in Birch!

The Cedar room is an ever busy hub. We welcomed our RRC student, Arlene, who has been preparing wonderful activities for the children to participate in as part of her studies to become an Early Childhood Educator. Among them have been sensory explorations with the water table, big body movements with the parachute in the oak room, and small group work on math language (comparing big/small, soft/hard, et cetera).

With the changing of the seasons from autumn to winter, the children have been learning and exploring in new ways. Outside play requires balance and coordination on slippery surfaces, and sleds allow the development of large muscles from pushing/pulling. Teamwork from pulling sleds uphill and around the yard assists social skills. Our 3 and 4 year-olds show their caring natures by assisting the 2 year-olds learn to navigate over the snow and ice.

If you have any questions please come and see any one of the teachers in the Cedar Room!

- Meghan Tervoort



Infant yoga with Bryanna

## PARENT INFORMATION

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.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

- Come for our holiday sing-along party on **Wednesday, December 21 from 4:30 – 6:00pm**. Join us for celebration and refreshments!
- Music time with Ian in the infant room Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am!
- We are always looking for loose parts to inspire the children's creativity!
- Join our board of directors! Meetings are held approximately every second Wednesday of the month

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## EDUCATORS NEWS

We would like to welcome our new educator that has started with us this fall. Please welcome Aimee!

In anticipation for the holidays, we celebrated our cultural differences by bringing in an artifact that describes our own cultures! These artifacts were displayed during our staff meeting.



Cultural Artifacts brought by the Robertson Team

## RECIPE

### Slow Cooker Beef Barley Soup

- 2 tbsp Olive Oil
- 2 lbs Beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 Medium Potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 Medium Carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 Small onion, diced
- 3 Celery stalks, diced
- 6 Cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 qtz beef broth, divided
- 1 – 15 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 3/4 cup Barley, rinsed
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Using oil as needed, sear beef on all sides. Transfer beef to a 6-quart slow cooker.

Add potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, garlic, diced tomatoes, barley, and beef broth to slow cooker. Stir to combine.

Cover and cook on high for 4 hours. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Enjoy!

- Jeanette Cabacungan



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BABIES!

### CHILDREN:

**Emma, Mariia, Alexia, Aria, Vida, Sofiia**

### STAFF:

**Ian, Nathalee, Christy**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our next scheduled board meeting is scheduled for **5:15 pm on Wednesday January 11, 2017**. All are welcomed to attend! A survey will be posted shortly regarding the positions vacant on the board of directors. Dinner will be served.