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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next BOD Meeting, Jan 14

## FROM PAT'S DESK

Over the past two years during our Educator's meeting we have been discussing our values as individuals, in our groups and now in our centre. Last month we decided, along with our Board of Directors, the six core values of our program! These values are:

1. **Relationships** - Our relationships with the children, families, Educators, School and our community.
2. **Inclusion** - We continue to strive to be an inclusive program celebrating our similarities and differences with one another.
3. **Well being** - Safety and healthy living continues to be a priority for our centre and we are always looking at ways to enhance our programming to accomplish these objectives & goals.
4. **Fiscal accountability** - The financial stability of our program will always be a core value. We will continue to look at applying for new grants to enhance our programming and to offset some of our expenditures throughout the years.
5. **Communication** - We value the variety of ways we communicate within our program, community and with each other.
6. **Life long learning** - Just like our motto says, we will continue to learn and grow together!

It was National Child Rights Day on November 20th, 2014! Please take a few minutes to read our program board to hear what the children in our program believe what children's rights are. This project was inspired by the opening of the Human Rights Museum.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TEN YEAR CELEBRATION

On Wednesday October 29, 2014 we held our tenth Annual General Meeting! I would like to thank all of our families who took time out of their busy schedules to attend this wonderful celebration! I would also like to welcome both Diana Small and Alexis Bruneau to our Board of Directors. Special thanks Colleen Desmarais who resigned from our Board of Directors this year. She had been a member for six years, holding a variety of positions including Chairperson and most recently Secretary. Thank you Anna Brown for taking over Colleen's role as Secretary!

A big thank you to Arlyn for her Balloon Tree gifts in celebration of this event and to Peter Schellenberg (Amy's Dad) for entertaining the children that evening with all of his magic tricks!

Looking forward to another ten wonderful years to come!



## KINDER CORNER NEWS

This fall we have been exploring children's right and hibernation.

We have taken walks around the school to see projects done by the students here at Robertson. We had many conversations about what kids are allowed to do and have. These discussions tied in to previous discussions about peace and remembrance. The children worked on several projects that are displayed around the centre. The children created their own Human Rights Museum paintings inspired by the opening of this new museum in our city.

A peace project was completed after Arlyn read the story "What does peace feel like?" by V. Radunsky. Many of the children expressed that "peace tastes like ice cream." After reading several other books about peace the children worked on a group project creating a peace dove. Each child fingerprinted their own colour onto the dove to represent they are all individuals but together they are one group who

are kind, caring and show peace.

As fall came to an end the children noticed how cold it has gotten and we have been exploring what hibernation is all about. The children have heard stories about where some animals like to take their long winter sleep, such as in a cave or den, underground in burrows or under a log. The children looked forward to a presentation from the Living Prairie Museum on November 27th at 1:45 pm.

Moe the Mouse had a successful start to the kindergarten program. Moe has been visiting the children at least twice a week during our afternoon meeting. He has also been on a few sleepovers over this past month. Moe has been enjoying these adventures with the children. The children who have taken him home have presented their pictures and stories to the Kinder/Nursery group. This has given the children opportunity to share their time with Moe at home, practice

speaking and giving them a sense of pride in themselves. Moe will finish his first round of sleepovers before the winter break begins. The second round of sleepovers will occur in the spring.

By: Jean dela Cruz

Pictures of the presentation from the Living Prairie Museum!



### Favorite Quote of the Month:

"Children have extraordinary strengths and capabilities linked with an inexhaustible need of expression and realization."

Loris Malaguzzi

## SCHOOL AGE NEWS

I was talking with the children about what their rights were. I love how children view the world around them. The girls were very serious about their opinions and a thought of home, food and a loving family was their right. The boys, on the other hand spoke more about freedom to play and to choose your own friends. We had a wonderful

discussion about all the different children in the world. I was pleased to hear some of them mention how lucky children in Canada are compared to children in other countries. They appreciated how good their lives were here. All the children seemed happy with the freedom and rights they all have.

By: Suzanne LaRocque



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BABIES!

### CHILDREN:

Jella, Morgan, Rowan,  
Alicia, Ethan M-E, Frank  
and Ryan!

### STAFF:

No one!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Next BOD meeting is  
scheduled for January 14th  
@ 5:15 pm.

Thank you to those who  
participated in selling Grey  
Cup tickets! It was a huge  
success! Thank you to  
Danielle, and Tracy for  
organizing this event!

## EDUCATORS NEWS

Due to unforeseen circumstance the successful candidate for the Assistant Director's position is again vacant. I have recently re-posted the position and am looking forward to interviewing potential candidates soon. If you know someone who might be interested please ask them to contact me or to visit the Manitoba Child Care Association website job bank. Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to our Educators who have shared their stories of Human Rights and why many of them decided to migrate here to Canada!

## RECIPE

### Zucchini Muffins

2 cups flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp baking powder  
1/3 cup oil or applesauce  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tsp vanilla  
1/2 tsp salt  
3/4 tsp cinnamon  
1/8 tsp ground ginger  
1 large egg beaten  
1 cup shredded zucchini  
1/4 tsp almond flavoring

Combine ingredients. Bake at 400  
degrees for 18 minutes.

Enjoy!

## ME TO WE

DURING THE MONTH OF  
DECEMBER WILL WE BE  
ADOPTING ANOTHER  
CHEERBOARD FAMILY! I  
WILL BE PROVIDING MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THIS  
EVENT AND HOW FAMILIES  
CAN CONTRIBUTE IN THE  
COMING WEEK.

## PARENT INFO

This a friendly reminder the  
Winter break forms were  
due back on Monday  
December 1, 2014.

Thank you.

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