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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- AGM - October 29, 2014.

FROM PAT'S DESK

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. I would like to formally welcome many new families to our program who either started in the summer or over the last few weeks. We hope that the transition went smoothly for everyone. We are excited to spend another successful school year with all of your children.

September 4th, 2014 was the official date of our ten year anniversary. We opened ten years ago with approximately 22 children enrolled and two staff including myself. Oh, how we have grown over this last ten years! We now have 80 children enrolled including full and part-time spots and 20 full and part-time employees. As most of you know we are expanding our program in the spring of 2016 to the new SSCY facility on Notre Dame. This second location will accommodate 48 preschool children including 16 infants. I continue to sit on four committee boards with SSCY in preparation for this wonderful expansion.

In other news, as some of you might have guessed by now, I am expecting my third child in March! My family is very excited about this and we are enjoying all the curious questions my seven and three year old boys ask each and every night.

I am in the process of searching for a new Assistant Director. I have received various resumes to date and I hope to start interviewing in early October.

LONDON BRIDGE STUDY TOUR

On June 4-8, 2014 I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the London Bridge study tour in London Ontario. This city has a chain of child care centres called London Bridge. They have ten centres within the city and an additional four centres in the surrounding areas.

London Bridge child care centres have a world renowned reputation. Many of the previous centre Directors now travel around the world and present on a variety of topics related to the child care field. They have developed six core values that are evident within each of their centres, and determine how they operate their programs on a day-to-day basis. I had the pleasure of attending some of their presentations in the past in Winnipeg.

This was such a wonderful opportunity and I am still trying to process all of the information I received over the four day tour. Many days were spent in lectures and two of the four days were spent visiting a variety of the centres during the day, with tours also occurring in the evenings as well. I took approximately 600 photographs; some of which I shared at the last Educator's meeting. I was very inspired by their teachings, philosophies and the physical environments of each of the centres. I look forward in the days and months ahead to incorporate these wonderful ideas here at Robertson!

SCHOOL AGE NEWS

We had another successful summer program! The children were really busy creating many beautiful pieces of art. For five weeks we studied a variety of different Illustrators including Jan Brett, Barbara Reid, Eric Carle, Shel Silverstein, Pamela Zagarenski and Nancy Tillman.

Each week we began by learning about the illustrators and their passions, while studying their techniques through a variety of media outlets. The children's art created was inspired by their stories. Using different types of materials gave the children opportunities to use a variety of textures, colours and techniques and increased their love for books and storytelling. We all noticed that exploring art had a calming effect on the children, it increased their attention span, and many new wonderful relationships were formed.

We want to thank all of our families and extended family members who attended the event.

The children were so proud of their numerous accomplishments!

I also want to thank our sponsors the Winnipeg Foundation and the F.A.C.T. Parent Child Coalition for their generous donations towards these projects.



Favorite Quote of the Month:

The family is one of nature's masterpieces.

~ George Santayana ~

KINDER CORNER

Welcome to this year's Kinder program! We would like to welcome many of our new families to our program. We have been enjoying getting to know your children. Over the last month we have been discussing our families, who is in them and what's makes up a family. Please remember to bring in a family photo for your

children to enjoy during their time spent in the program. We have also been discussing our feelings and how we share our feelings with one another. Please take a look at the beautiful art your children created in the multi-purpose room.

Thank you!

Jean dela Cruz



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Dylenn, Eli, Grace, Noah, Hailey, Mackayla, Marcus, Katerina, Kasia, Saylee, Sienna, Alex, Avery, Brody, Bryce, Emily B, Jaiden, Jared, Lucas, Carter, Colleen, Delaynee, Elias, Emily S, Ethan, Jamie, Kien, Logan, Seth, Shayla, Aaron, Zach, Allegra, Carson, Richard, Jack, Jordan, Kaydence and Nicholas.

STAFF:

Prabhdeep, Carmie, and Suzanne

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Next BOD meeting is Friday, October 8th at 5:15 pm.

The AGM is on Wednesday, October 29th at 5:15 pm.

EDUCATORS NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Jocelyn! Over the last few years Jocelyn graduated from her legal assistant program and she was able to gain full time employment where she had her practicum. Jocelyn was employed with us since July 2011. We wish her much success in her new position!

Francis also graduated from his studies. His schedule will allow him to provide some substitute work for us from time to time. We are also very happy for Francis and that he was able to find employment related to his studies.

We would like to welcome Elaine to our team! She started as a substitute employee and now we can offer her two shifts per week. Please join me in welcoming her!

RECIPE

Pizza Soup

- 1 tbs vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 28 oz can tomatoes, undrained
- 8 oz pepperoni, thinly sliced
- 3 cups beef broth
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 2/3 cup dry elbow macaroni
- salt and pepper to taste
- shredded mozzarella cheese

In a large saucepan, heat oil and sauté the garlic, onions, pepper and mushrooms until tender; about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, pepperoni, beef broth, basil and macaroni. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and continue to simmer until macaroni is tender, about 40 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle cheese on top. Makes 6 servings.

ME TO WE

DURING OUR ART SHOW WE COLLECTED A SILVER COIN DONATION FOR THE DREAMROOM PROJECT FOUNDATION WHICH IS A WINNIPEG BASED, NOT FOR PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HEAL FROM TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES. VARIOUS ARTISTS ARE HIRED TO COLLABORATE WITH CHILDREN IN PAINTING MURALS, IN DESIGNING FURNITURE AND BEDDING. WE RAISED \$92.60 IN SUPPORT OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PARENT INFO

We are having our 10th Annual General Meeting on October 29th and we encourage all families to attend! More information to follow soon.

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