

Melfort Daycare Co-operative



May 2024 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

So far, we have had a really beautiful start to spring and it's been a joy to watch the children and staff explore outside together. They've been collecting ladybugs, digging in the sand, going for walks and even had a special rescue of a baby bunny! It's crazy to think that we are two months away from the last day of school and summer holidays. I want to thank everyone who supported our most recent fundraiser for the daycare we surpassed our goal of 1000.00! I would also like to thank everyone for the warm welcome as I stepped into my new position at the center and officially welcome Montana to the management team I look forward to all the great things she will bring to the role.

- Jamie

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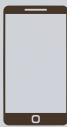
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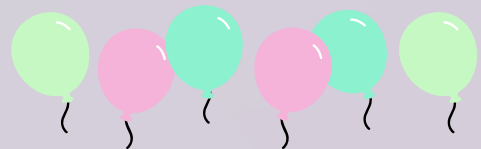


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(CELL PHONE IS ON FROM 6:30AM - 6:30PM, M-F)

BIRTHDAYS



SITE 1	SITE 2	SITE 3
Braylen - 10th	Oliver - 15th	Spencer - 13th
	Lander - 20th	Steen - 21st
	Tate - 24th	Emmett - 30th



IMPORTANT DATES

May 8th - ECE Appreciation Day!

May 12th - Mother's Day

May 20th - Victoria Day | DAYCARE CLOSED

May 27th - No School for NESD Students






Little Caesar's delivery day- TBD





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REMINDERS

-  We try to go outside daily please make sure your children bring appropriate outdoor gear so they can enjoy outdoor play in the warmer weather!
-  Please bring and label sunscreen and bug spray (non aerosol) for your children to use at daycare
-  Please ensure your children have indoor shoes and water bottles at daycare
-  Please keep your children home if they are feeling unwell to limit the amount of illness in the center
-  Please contact the center via Lillio if your child will not be at daycare

ROOM UPDATES

SITE 1

UPSTAIRS

This month the upstairs group has been busy learning about the weather! We had lots of fun making rainbows, windy with water colours, thunderstorms and our own suns. We've also had lots of fun playing with our weather themed sensory bottles and bins. We've also had lots of fun playing outside as much as possible.

Margaret, Sam, Kennedy & Aidyn

DOWNSTAIRS

Wow! Did April ever fly by! We are enjoying spending the majority of our days outside. We are even finding outside craft ideas! We've been trying our hand at different types of STEM learning. STEM lets the children play, learn, and create by blending science, technology, engineering, and math. So we're excited to find new activities to experiment with.

Tina & Megan

SITE 2

INFANT ROOM

Our infant room has been busy germinating seeds like peppers for our garden for the children to take home in late summer/early fall, exploring helping hands, learning how to comfort our crying/sad friends with gentle pats and offering toys. We have been using puppets to read books to our friends and we love it! We have been loving playing with all of our friends in one large area of the room, many of our friends are even working on standing by themselves and taking their first steps soon! We have also been working really hard on our phonic sounds like "Mama", "Ah" and "Bah".

Kim & Swathi



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ROOM UPDATES

TRANSITION ROOM

We have been loving spending more time outside and getting fresh air and physical activity. We got to see some birds, butterflies and ladybugs! We were excited to get to see the STARS ambulance, school bus and garbage truck, all in one day! In May we plan to do lots of fun outdoor activities like painting, water play, soccer, basketball, chalk colouring and so much more! As the weather is supposed to stay nice and warm it's safe to say you can take all of our winter gear home! Please make sure to bring our hats, sunscreen, bug spray, and extra clothes every day!

Bonny & Jenn D

TODDLER ROOM

April has flown by! Was it winter, spring or summer? Yes!! We needed winter gear, sunscreen, rubber boots, and umbrellas all in one week! We played in snow, mud, giant puddles, wind and sunshine. We discovered ladybugs, listened to birds, watched the clouds, and rolled in snow. We blew bubbles, made roads in the sand, played on the slides and rolled down the hill. During inside times we created green leaves for our tree, and made beautiful butterflies, giant ladybugs and fruit loop rainbows. We worked on table manners, washing hands, using forks and taking turns. We practiced with scissors and glue and worked on dressing and undressing for outside play. We played with flashlights, shadows, coloured chickpeas, made indoor dirt and mud, tried a couple of puzzles and used measuring cups and tubes to transfer beans into dishes. We also played with water, jello and many loose parts. There were many "doctor visits", "shots", "bandages" and "medical advice" from our tiny professionals. We are still hoping for a real stethoscope from someone who has one. Bring on summer!!

Jackie & Karen

PRESCHOOL ROOM

This month we focused on growth. We spent many days talking about growth within ourselves and plants. We spent time asking questions about how we can grow within our selves and found different ways to explore the answer's. The children were very interested in the growth of plants from a seed. We took beans and planted them in baggies that can be seen hanging from our room window. Some are still waiting to sprout but many can be seen already. Together we then talked about what we thought plants used for food. We all explored the topic together and found the answer. We also spent time doing crafts that were recently sent home as we took things down to get ready for painting. The children this month really started to focus on age and how even the teachers in the room had people older than them. We talked about how even adults can think about what they want to be when they're older, just as they had been doing. The children loved to talk about the future. Overall the month was full of laughing and learning about each other.

Jenn P & Sera

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*

*We
thank
you!*

*Truly
Grateful
for you.*



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ROOM UPDATES

SITE 3

As the weather warms up, we are spending most of our time outside. The school-age kids have been playing soccer, monkey in the middle, and climbing on the climbing structure in the backyard. This month, we have plans to view a movie and have a PJ day after school on a Friday. Plus, we are going to the local parks when there is no school and the weather is nice.

Christina, Eddie, Sera, & Montana

FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEER UPDATES

The 2023 fundraising dollars have been allocated on a new furnace and air conditioning at Site 1! Thank you for your continued support!

We raised over our \$1000 goal with the April Little Caesars fundraiser, keep an eye on Lillio for updates on delivery and opportunities to volunteer!

If you are interested in joining as an Officer, as an available Lead position, or sitting on a committee but not attending meetings, please head over to the Meet the Board page of our website to find out more information!

Being a member of the Board of Directors is one of the ways you can earn back your fees from the new Fundraising Policy.

May 8th is ECE Appreciation Day!

ITS TIME TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO OUR ECES! SHOW THEM WE APPRECIATE THEM TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

DONATION WISHLIST

Transition room: Old phone, keyboard, table lamp, artificial flowers, picture frames (5x7, 8x10, 4x6)

Toddler Room: REAL stethoscopes

Site 1: Old phones, keyboards, spare clothes (18 months- 5T)

