



Melfort Daycare Co-operative

January 2023 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is officially 2023 and a New Year means a lot of new and exciting things happening at the daycare. We really enjoyed the month of December and seeing all of the excitement the children had for their family celebrations. We cannot wait to hear all the stories about what they did while they were at home for the holidays! We are hoping the month of January is a little milder and the kids will have more opportunities to play outside but even when they can't get outside, our staff is very good at keeping them busy and burning off all the excess energy!

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who voted for us in the 2022 BOB awards. We were lucky enough to win the title of Best Daycare, something we would not have achieved without all of our hardworking staff who make this a great place to work every day. Also thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended our Winter Carnival it was a really fun event and great to see all the smiling faces that day!




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BIRTHDAYS

SITE 1

Eddie - 1st
Madison - 5th
Zachary - 10th
Jamie - 20th
Sydney - 31st

SITE 2

Aubrey - 2nd
Anna - 14th
Lance - 15th
Jennifer - 31st

IMPORTANT DATES

January 2nd- Daycare Closed





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SITE 1 NEWS

December was a really great month, filled with Christmas stories and lots of different winter/Christmas themed crafts and sensory bins. The upstairs group has been working hard on their cutting and gluing skills and learning that its okay for everybody's crafts to look different! We haven't been able to spend a lot of time outside but we make up for it by using our indoor space for big activities like climbing the climbing wall, practicing our jumps and somersaults, and using scooters to zoom around.

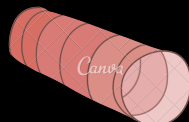


Our creative, downstairs group has been very busy as well! You can give these kids a piece of cardboard and it transforms into all sorts of things; from a car, to a shield, to a beauty counter, and everything in between. It's great to see where their imaginations take them. Our downstairs group has also been really interested in science lately. They conducted an experiment where they created their own crystals. It took a few tries, but they ended up with a really neat finished product and learned all about trial and error in the process.



SITE 2 NEWS

We had some staff changes in the infant room in December; with Tina joining Chris at the beginning of the month. The infant room has also welcomed some new friends to the group and while they took some time getting adjusted, everyone is loving having new friends to play with. We've been busy doing different types of painting with bubble wrap and cars, using our fingers and getting all sorts of sensory experiences. We've also been learning new songs and actions to go with them. In the infant room we are always moving - whether it be climbing, walking, crawling through tunnels, or out in the snow - we are keeping very busy!



SITE 2 NEWS

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The Transition room has been busy creating with Sam and Jenn. They've been enjoying painting, spreading glue and using glitter to decorate their art work. They even helped make special salt dough ornaments by adding ingredients and using their muscles to roll out their projects with a rolling pin. When it was too cold to play outside, the transition room brought some snow inside! This was a great sensory experience for the kids and so much fun too! They have also been getting lots of gross motor movement with scooters and crawling through tunnels together.



The Toddler room has also seen some staff changes; they have welcomed Kennedy into their room with Megan. Together they have been keeping the toddlers very busy with snow and dirt sensory bins and they have even been working on sorting and learning their colors. The toddlers have been working on lots of crafts together; they've used paint, bingo dabbers, and glue and have been working hard on their fine motor skills. Our toddler friends have also been learning how to get their outside clothes on by themselves and have been practicing taking turns and sharing with their friends!







The pre-school room has been working hard on their puzzle and problem solving skills. They are getting active indoors and exercising their big muscles together. They did some Christmas crafts and made gingerbread houses out of graham wafers. The pre-school room is always a busy place to be!





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REMINDERS

-  We try to go outside daily; please make sure your children have appropriate outdoor gear so they can enjoy outdoor play in the winter months.
-  Please ensure your children have indoor shoes and a water bottle 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 Hi mama if your child will not be at daycare.

SHOUT OUT!

We want to congratulate Roquelle on winning the 2022 BOB award for Best daycare worker! Sadly, Roquelle will be moving on at the end of January and we know the kids and staff will miss having her! We all wish her the best!



If you have a shout out (big or small) send it to Jen Chyz (jennifer.chyz@gmail.com) and keep an eye out for further recognition of our awesome staff.

2022 FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We reached our goal!

Through fundraisers with Frontiersmen Trading Co, Little Caesars, Cookie Crumbles, and Ogies Perogies, as well as a MDC treat booth at the Melfort Show and Shine and our biggest in person event in a while - the Winter Carnival - with the help of all of the families at the daycare and the very hard work of our volunteers, the MDC raised a total of **\$10,508.37** in 2022, exceeding our goal of \$10,000. As a non-profit organization, the Melfort Daycare Co-op relies on fundraising support to help cover our operational costs. Last year, part of our fundraising dollars went to the Working Bee (to improve the outdoor play areas at both sites), and other basic operational costs including crib sheets, a diaper garbage can, a mini fridge, and air purifiers.

The board wants to give a huge THANK YOU to Jessica Watt, who was the Fundraising Lead (among many other things) in 2022. As she will move her focus more towards Strategic Planning, Taneyl Peterson will step into the role of Fundraising Lead, and we know the position is in good hands!



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<https://www.melfortdaycarecooperative.com/fundraisers>