

# Melfort Daycare Co-operative



April 2024 Newsletter

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Well, the first day of spring has come and gone and the snow has almost completely melted. This has left quite a mess in the yards but the kids have really enjoyed getting muddy! This month we are sad to see our executive director Kay Beskorovayny step down from her position with us. Kay has been such a strong leader these past six months and has really helped our daycare grow and thrive we are very sad to see her leave but we wish her all the best in her future endeavors! As of April 5th, Jamie will step into the Executive director position permanently and we will search for a new director to fill her shoes.

- Kay and Jamie

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

## BIRTHDAYS



### SITE 1

Christian- 2nd

Gabriel- 20th

Dayn- 21st

Poppy- 21st

### SITE 2

Aven-1st

Tenley- 4th

Jack Y- 5th

Mel-6th

Everett L- 8th

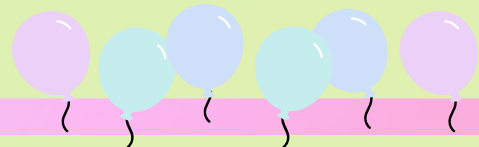
Oliver G- 27th

### SITE 3

Scarlett-5th

Isaac- 6th

Layla- 29th



## IMPORTANT DATES

We will be having a Little Ceasar's fundraiser this month we will give details once we have further information!



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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 Spring, our yards are very muddy so splash pants, rubber boots and extra clothes are appreciated!



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

The upstairs group have been having fun exploring shaving cream, oobleck, playdough and new sensory bags. They've been busy doing different animal crafts and St. Patrick's Day crafts our favorite was our no mess leprechauns. We've also slowly started our Easter crafts and we can't wait for the upcoming holiday! We've also enjoyed beading with fruit loops working on our fine motor skills and we love working on puzzles together. Upstairs we've also been exploring different animal movements and sounds and getting outside to work on our Gross motor skills!

Margaret, Sam, Kennedy & Aidyn

#### DOWNSTAIRS

March has been a fun but messy month! We have been learning how everyone is different, but how we are all special in our own ways. We have been learning about kindness and acceptance, and how to be a good person and a good friend. We really enjoy jumping into different storybooks at story time and one that we really enjoy is "Have you Filled a Bucket today?". It's really helping to encourage positive behavior and showing us how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by 'filling buckets' every day! We have been having so much fun outside, although it's been a mess (sorry Mom & Dad). We also had a visit from a sneaky little man in green! We found his footprints and some of his gold...but we never did catch him! Maybe next year?! Can't wait to see what April brings.

Tina & Megan

### SITE 2

#### INFANT ROOM

Our infant room has been busy learning to walk along furniture, exploring paint, with all of their senses. They built a birdhouse together and can't wait for nice weather to hang it out in the yard and see all the birds that come to visit. We've had some new friends in the infant room this month and some transitions happening we are excited to play and get to know our new friends and learn and grow together!

Kim & Swathi



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## ROOM UPDATES

### TRANSITION ROOM

In the transition room, we have mastered the art of using a fork/spoon, drinking with cups and table manners. We love to help Jenn & Bonny wash tables, sweep, mop and vacuum. We brought the slide from outside indoors and the kids have been loving using their gross motor skills to climb up and slide down it also encouraged them to be patient and take turns. The transition room has been practicing using scissors and sharpening their fine motor skills. We are getting really excited about the nice weather and plan to spend more time exploring outside and going for morning walks. We want to thank Margaret for donating some new toys for the children in our room to play with as well as to Karen for making some playdough for us! Our theme for April is Bugs, butterflies, and birds as well as 'April showers bring May flowers'.

Bonny & Jenn D

### TODDLER ROOM

In honour of St. Patrick's Day, our group made many fun crafts. We made pots lined with gold coins, a beautiful rainbow made with handprints, pictures of leprechauns, green puff paint drawings, mosaics and pom-pom shamrocks. We've also been exploring different sensory materials such as green finger jello, green rice, pudding and playdough. In anticipation of Easter, we also coloured chicks, rabbits, and easter eggs. Our door is as pretty as spring, with some of our artwork on it. We made bunnies that pop out of a cup, chocolate sensory trays, and shaving cream paintings, and are still working towards more Easter fun. We try to find time to go outside every day and look forward to when the play yard thaws and we can build sand castles. In April we plan to celebrate Spring by blowing bubbles and learning about birds, insects, baby animals and animals that wake up (hibernation).

Jackie & Karen

### PRESCHOOL ROOM

The preschool room spent the month exploring science! We did many experiments, some including an exploding rainbow, dancing sweet hearts and fireworks in a jar. With each experiment, we made a hypothesis and then ran our test. After the test, we discussed if our predictions were correct or not. The children have loved exploring and learning new things. To celebrate the end of their science month we watched 'Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs' and had popcorn twists. Lots of our crafts can be seen around the room.

Jenn P & Sera

### SITE 3

Our School age group is keeping busy with our gymnastics, dance, swimming, taekwondo, hockey, basketball and girl guides, they are so busy with all of their extra curriculars but we love to hear all about the things they are doing and learning and the activities. We have spent some time enjoying the nice weather and exploring the parks together on days when we are at the center all day. The school age group also got to have a St. Patrick's Day party this month and they enjoyed games such as coin toss, cereal catapults, and color sorting they really enjoyed competing against one another during these games!

Christina, Eddie, Sera, & Montana



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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our fundraising lead, Alanna, has been busy making arrangements for this year's fundraisers. There will be a chance to order Little Caesar's kits this month and we are happy to say that we will run the Ogies Perogies/Cookie Crumbles fundraiser in September again.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to the volunteers who helped prep Site 1 for painting, it's starting to look so bright and fresh in there! There will be another opportunity to earn volunteer hours by helping to clean and prep the walls at our Site 2 location soon!

We are so excited to see some much-needed updates through the use of the Preventative Maintenance and Repair Grant the MDC received.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BOARD?

The MDC Board of Directors is looking to grow!

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.

## 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)

