

Melfort Daycare Co-operative

April 2023 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The first day of spring has come and gone and though we've seen some fluctuations in temperature we are hopeful warmer days are on the horizon. March was a busy month for the daycare as we continue to strive towards opening a 3rd location. We are hopeful we will have some news regarding this new adventure soon. We want to thank everyone for their patience as we work through things.

As many of you know, the Strategic Planning surveys went out in January, we are so grateful for everyone who took the time to respond to these to give us feedback to help the daycare grow and improve. Our Strategic Planning Lead, Jessica Watt, has been busy going over the results and helping us grow the daycare. We want to thank her for all of the extra work she has put in over the past few months.

We also want to thank everyone who supported our most recent fundraisers and a special thank you to Tassie Hurd, Jen Chyz and Naomi Farley for volunteering to help us sort fundraising orders as they came; in we really appreciate the help!

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BIRTHDAYS

SITE 1

Scarlett - 5th
Isaac - 6th
Gabriel - 20th
Layla - 29th

SITE 2

Christian- 2nd
Tenley - 4th
Everett - 8th
Dayn - 21st
Poppy - 21st

IMPORTANT DATES

**April 7th - CLOSED for Good
Friday**

Site 2 Preschool Room ONLY

April 6th - Inside Out Day

April 11th - Messy/Crazy Hair Day

April 20th - Hat Day

April 28th - Pajama Day



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SITE 1 NEWS

In our upstairs group, we have had a lot of fun talking about our families and the activities we do with them. The children loved looking at all of the family photos together.

Bernie made a new dish this month called Pizza Casserole and the kids loved it. Thank you to Bernie for researching new and delicious meals for us to try! At lunch time we talk about eating well and trying new foods that will help us grow. Every lunch hour the children try to eat everything on their plate and they earn a gold star on our lunch chart when they try everything. 

We want to give a big thank you to Karen for sharing her Play-Doh and puzzles with us. We loved getting to try new puzzles and make all sorts of Play-Doh creations! We also want to say thank you to our downstairs friend Kaden for sharing some of his old puzzles with us, Janelle Kleibor for donating some new toys to the children and to Jacey Bailey for donating some craft supplies. The children have enjoyed something new to play with and creating some amazing crafts! 

Our next project for our upstairs group is Spring and Easter, we are looking for decorations, pots, potting soil and seeds. Anything and everything will be greatly appreciated! 

In our downstairs group, the children have been really eager to help Bernie unload groceries when they arrive on Mondays and we think they are great helpers! We had a lot of birthdays to celebrate this month and a lot of children excitedly shared their stories about the types of celebrations they had at home and with friends. 

We are continuing to work on recycling our paper and cardboard trying to do our part to help the environment. Last month we made "all about me" scrapbooks with our kindergarten group and they really enjoyed putting the books together and sharing their favourite photos and stories with us. We've also created a lovely stained glass mural on one of our walls downstairs. 

- Margaret, Jenn, Eddie, Eli, and Payton
(Our Morning and Afternoon Staff)

SITE 1 NEWS

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We tried an experiment with planting bean and pea seeds in jars but instead of dirt we used paper and the kids were very excited to see their plants thriving! We also made pots of gold, shamrocks, rainbows, cute little jar dolls, and a slide for our Barbies and Hot Wheels cars. 

We've enjoyed sensory play with Play-Doh and a purple popcorn sensory bin, worked on fine motor skills with Perler Beads, built with Lego and magnets and worked on puzzles together. We have been trying to spend as much time outside as the weather permits but everyone is anxious for Spring!

-Karen and Kaylea

HELLO
SPRING

SITE 2 NEWS

In the infant room, we have had more opportunities to go outside the last few weeks and we've been loving the fresh air. We've been working on using more words and practicing our manners. We love dancing, song time (especially songs with actions) and reading stories together. We have been lucky enough to play some music with new and old instruments including a cool floor piano that was donated to us by our friends Everett S and Aubrey S. For the month of April we are looking forward to working on Easter and spring crafts, playing in sensory bins, and working on learning colours, simple shapes and 1-1 counting with blocks. - Tina & Chris 

This month the transition room has been busy doing Easter Crafts. We've been practicing our fine motor skills by beading and cutting. We've been practicing our Gross motor skills outside as well; our favourite way to do this is by climbing the snow hills outside. The fish in our room also had babies this month and the children have loved watching them grow! We've been using a lot of water colour paints in our crafts and always enjoy watching how they all turn out! - Sam & Jenn 



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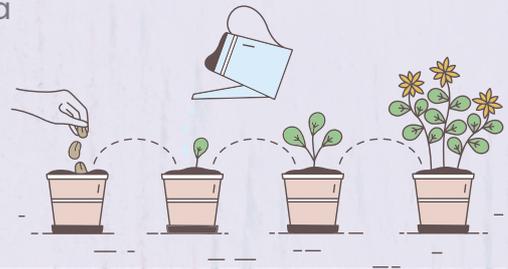
SITE 2 NEWS CONTINUED

In the toddler room, we have been doing lots of reading together and singing our favorite songs. Our theme for the month of March was the Ocean and we created lots of different ocean creatures in our crafts such as starfish, pufferfish and jellyfish. We even made some anchors. We've been exploring a lot of new sensory bins that include scooping and pouring with cake mix, sorting gems and coins in our St. Patrick's day bucket, as well as an Oreo crumb 'dirt' bucket that has trucks, rocks, gems and scoops. We have also been going outside as often as the weather permits and playing lots on the muddy hill as the snow begins to melt. We've been sliding down like penguins on our bellies and we have mastered getting our outside clothes on and off all by ourselves! - Kennedy and Megan



SITE 2 NEWS CONTINUED

As we move into April the preschool room will be learning about growing plants and the weather. We are still continuing to learn all about sharing and friendship. With the weather warming up, we will be able to go outside more often and get some fresh air. As Easter approaches we will be doing some Easter crafts as well. There are lots of fun days planned for the preschool room this month, check out the important dates if you want your child to participate! - Bonny and Alyssa



REMINDERS

-  We try to go outside daily; please make sure your children have weather-appropriate outdoor clothing so we can get outside as often as we can.
-  As the snow melts the play yards at both sites get very wet and muddy please be sure to have lots of extra clothes at the daycare in case your children get messy
-  There's been a lot of viruses around so please keep your children home if they are feeling unwell. If you have any questions about our current sick policy it is located on our website!
-  Please contact the center via Hi mama if your child will not be at daycare.

SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to two of our staff members who have recently finished their ECE classes!



Jenn has now completed her Level 2!



Chris has now completed his Level 1!

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported our March fundraisers! Our Little Caesars fundraiser brought in \$822 and our Cookie Crumbles fundraiser raised \$595.

