

Melfort Daycare Co-operative



March 2024 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

February was another beautiful month filled with mild weather; up until the end that is! We've enjoyed watching everyone get outside and have fun together, it's been a great opportunity for the children to burn off their excess energy and focus on their gross motor skills. This month brings an early Easter and some exciting plans around that holiday. It also brings us that much closer to Spring and we couldn't be more thrilled about it. There have been a lot of changes around the daycare and we wanted to take an opportunity to thank all of the members of our staff for embracing the change and working hard every day to make sure all the children are having fun and learning new things!

- Kay and Jamie

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BIRTHDAYS

SITE 1

Quinn F - 9th
Arya - 13th
Evie - 18th
Avery - 20th
Nate C - 23rd
Priya - 24th
Nate F - 24th
Emma - 30th

SITE 2

Esra - 6th

SITE 3

Nixon - 9th
Mayson - 12th
Kaden - 27th

IMPORTANT DATES

March 28 - Easter Break Starts




March 29th - Closed for Good Friday

March 31st - Happy Easter!



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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 winter months
-  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

Our upstairs group has been busy this past month with Sam, Kennedy and Margaret, they've been having tea parties, building with magnets and of course playing with trucks. Dress up is also a new favorite activity and there are some children who love them so much they want to wear them all day long. February brought Valentine's Day and lots of fun crafts, sensory bins, and even a candy heart experiment - which the children loved. The mild weather has also allowed for them to get outside and enjoy the nice weather and get a little muddy, sorry mom and dad! The upstairs group has also been spending time working on fine motor skills using glue, small pieces of paper and beading with pipe cleaners. They've also been using their gross motor skills on stepping stones, balance beams, and slides. We've been learning to share and play together and having so much fun doing it!

DOWNSTAIRS

Tina and Megan have been keeping the downstairs group busy this month they have spent a lot of time outside in the mild weather. The children have enjoyed getting into all the mud in our yard and they've also enjoyed playing games of soccer together and working on their gross motor skills. They've been using their fine motor skills to trace shapes, letters and numbers they've even been learning to spell their names together. They enjoy story time, crafting, coloring and of course sensory bins that allow them to explore different materials in a hands-on way. The downstairs group has been learning the new rules of their room and working on being caring, helpful and good listeners!





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ROOM UPDATES

SITE 2

INFANT ROOM

In the infant room, Swathi and Kim have been offering a lot of sensory experiences for the children this includes water play, shredded paper, easter grass, finger painting and bringing snow inside. They've also been introducing the children to different shapes and letters through crafts, stories and songs. The infants love painting and it's a great chance to work on their fine motor skills and grasp. They've done painting with stamps and brushes and even mess-free in Ziploc bags where they have to squish the paint around. They are quite a creative group! Every day they work on our skills such as sharing, turn-taking, using cutlery, drinking from cups and more they are all growing and learning so quickly and we are just trying to soak it all in.

TRANSITION ROOM

This past month Jenn D and Bonny have been helping the children explore colors (blue, red, pink, white) and shapes (hearts, circles, squares and triangles) through crafts, stories and playing together. In March they will be focusing on the color green as St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner and with Easter not far behind, we will have even more opportunities for fun crafts and learning new shapes like ovals for eggs! The transition room is ready for Spring to arrive so they can spend more time outside enjoying the fresh air together.

TODDLER ROOM

The toddler room is a very busy group that keeps Jackie and Karen on their toes. They love to dance to music, build and explore together. They've been busy with lots of different crafts using paint, shaving cream, scissors and glue; all things that strengthen their fine motor skills. But they also love going outside running, jumping, climbing the hill and going down the slide are all great ways to burn off their energy and strengthen their gross motor muscles! We've also been exploring a lot of different sensory bins and loose parts which are great because we get to see how the children use their imagination to play with ordinary objects. To us, it might be a plunger, but to them, it's a popper that makes a funny noise when it's stuck to the ground. They are always learning something new in this busy group and having fun together.

PRESCHOOL ROOM

Last month's theme in the preschool room with Jenn P and Sera was based around emotions. The preschoolers learned all about different emotions, how to identify them, how to regulate these emotions, and how to help our friends who may be feeling sad or mad. They've created a lot of artwork together and enjoyed different sensory bins. The preschool room loves to play together; building with blocks and having elaborate tea parties. They've also spent a lot of time outside in the mild weather where they enjoy playing tag, pushing trucks around the yard or pretending to be superheroes their imaginations are endless!

SITE 3

Our School age group has a pretty short time at daycare in the mornings and afternoons but we had a week-long break this month where we got to see everyone together. They spent some time just playing, building together, and exploring the space. They also did some challenges, looked at books about space which is their current theme, and since the weather was so nice they got to spend some time outside at the parks getting away from the center for a bit. We are looking forward to summer and seeing the kids more every day!



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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to your support of the 2023 fundraisers (Cookie Crumbles, Little Caesars, Ogies Perogies, Mabels Labels, Melody Motors Father's Day Car Show, and the Winter Carnival) and donations, we were able to raise a total of \$9,784.76!

As a not-for-profit, the MDC relies on the support of its families and communities to go towards upgrading toys for the kids, building maintenance and updates, improved programming, and other operational costs.

We sincerely thank you all so much!

The 2024 fundraising calendar will be shared with you as soon as it is ready!

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.

AMAZON WISHLIST

With all the staff movement recently, we have been diligently working on updating the room wishlists.

If you would like to donate to the MDC, consider purchasing an item from the wishlist (locally or through the Amazon link) or if you have a similar item that you wish to donate please contact our executive team to arrange drop off!

