

MELFORT DAYCARE CO-OPERATIVE



November 2022 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTORS

Happy November! We were definitely spoiled last month with beautiful fall weather! It was great to see the children and staff getting outside daily and enjoying the crisp fall air together.

With the cooler weather upon us, we have seen more illnesses throughout the daycare and we really appreciate our families for keeping kids home when they are feeling unwell. By doing this we are limiting the number of germs that come into the center and hopefully keeping everyone a little bit healthier!



SITE 1 NEWS

At site 1 we made sure it looked extra spooky in the daycare for Halloween. Everybody worked hard making spiders, ghosts, witches and pumpkins for the occasion. They've been practicing their coloring, painting, drawing, gluing and cutting skills with all of these great crafts which have been great for building their fine motor skills.



We've also had some fun new installations including a climbing wall in our upstairs group for the kids to practice their gross motor skills and see if they can make it all the way to the top.

They've been enjoying gym time with the giant tunnel and of course still getting outside as much as the weather allows to play tag and a new favorite game; "What time is it Mr. Wolf?".



SITE 2 NEWS

The infant room has been busy working on our sharing skills and playing cooperatively. The staff have been modelling taking turns and using gentle hands with our friends this month. They've also been introducing sensory play with sensory bottles and a sensory bag that the children have enjoyed touching and shaking to see what will happen when they mix things up. Our infant room loves to hear stories and can often be found reading books, they also love building tall towers and seeing what happens when we crash them down.



The transition room has been working a lot on their fine motor skills. They've been painting with different objects (feathers, apples, cotton balls), they've been ripping tissue paper for their crafts, practicing cutting with scissors, and spreading glue on their papers as well. They've also been doing lots of different sensory activities such as water play (washing babies), shaving cream art, coloring and playing with playdough, and introducing sensory bags to their room. Transition room has also been spending lots of time enjoying the nice fall weather, they even went for a walk to the library together and enjoyed story time there with Sam and Jenn.



The toddler room has been learning their colors, ABC's, and sorting patterns all through the sensory activities that Megan and Tina have set up for them. They've also been getting creative and practicing their fine motor skills by coloring, painting, cutting and gluing. They've made some beautiful bats, some spooky pumpkins and so much more with these skills. The toddlers are also big fans of story time and song time, this usually happens before lunch and they love to sing loud and proud together.



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The pre-school room has also been busy making all sorts of spooky crafts to decorate their room with. They've made spiders, bats, pumpkins and even witches. They went for a walk with Bonny and Roquelle to collect special leaves to create a project with and they were so excited to see all of the different colors and shapes they could find. They also enjoyed crunching the leaves beneath their shoes and throwing them up in the air. In the pre-school room, they have been talking about colors, letters, days of the week, and the type of weather we are seeing outside; they are very excited to share what they think the weather will be! They are also working on taking turns, using our words to communicate with our friends and playing nicely together so we can build big towers and roads or play restaurant in the kitchen center with all of our friends!



🎉 BIRTHDAYS 🎉

Site 1:

Julia N- 6th
Nathan- 17th

Site 2:

Willow- 2nd



IMPORTANT DATES

November 11th - Daycare closed for Remembrance Day!



WISH LIST



An Amazon Wish List has been created for small and large items for anyone looking for an opportunity to give back to the daycare. The items have been requested by staff members in each room at each location. Please use your camera to scan the QR Code below to be re-directed to the wish list.



You can also access the wish list using this link: <http://bit.ly/MDCwishlist>

Once an item is purchased it automatically deletes from the list. If there are any donations (used or new) for any items on the wish list, the daycare would gladly accept that item and then we would remove it from the wish list.

We would also like to mention that the wish list was created on Amazon for convenience and ability to see all requested items in one location. With that being said, this wish list can be used as a guide if you have the ability to purchase an item (or similar item) locally for donation. We encourage everyone to support local businesses first, when possible. We are extremely grateful for any donations we may receive for either site.

Shop LOCAL

If you have any items not on the Amazon wish list that you would like to donate please contact Daphne or Jamie to inquire if they can use the items.

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars! Plans for the December **Winter Carnival Fundraiser** are underway!

When: Sunday, December 11th, 2022 3-7 PM
Where: Melfort Unit Comprehensive Collegiate
What: Dog sled rides, carnival games, Santa, supper, crafts, bouncy castle, and MORE

As this is our only in person fundraiser and the last fundraiser of the year to reach our fundraising goals, we are asking for your help!

Opportunities to volunteer include pre-planning, set up, working a carnival booth, ticket booth, cooking, take down, and lots more!

If you would like more information or to sign you or your family up to volunteer, contact Jessica at 306-717-9296.

Whether or not you can donate your time, please help us make this a success by selling tickets for dog sled rides and supper, and by liking and sharing our posts on your social media!



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BOARD NEWS

We have had some movement in positions on the board. Jessica Watt has officially taken on the role of Fundraising/Sponsorship Lead; something that she has been busy doing already, and Jen Chyz has stepped into Jessica's previous position of Communication Lead.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Naomi Farley on joining the board as an officer!

If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors in any capacity, please see the daycare's website (under the 'Meet the Board' page) for additional information.

THANK YOU!

Big thank you to Jessica Watt, Alanna Mooney, and Natalie Crowdis (with baby Archer, who supervised) who dressed for the cold and moved and packed the dirt that was donated by Armstrong Trucking for the hill at Site 2.

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REMINDERS

With the weather changing once more please be sure your children have appropriate outdoor clothing so we can continue to enjoy outside play.

Please keep your children home if they are feeling unwell and remember to contact the daycare.

LETS CHAT

Site 1: (306) 752-5565
Site 2: (306) 752-3220

Director's Cell: (306) 921-9292
(Cell phone is on from 6:30am - 6:30pm, M-F)

Email: melfort.daycare@sasktel.net



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AT HOME ACTIVITY #1 'PAINTED COFFEE FILTER POPPY CRAFT'



November is for remembrance. Create this fun poppy with all ages!

- Supplies: paper coffee filters (at least 2 per poppy), red paint (you can use a variety of shades), paint brush, black button, green button, glue, hair dryer (optional)

Step 1: Prepare your work space for painting.

Step 2: Paint your coffee filters, completely covering one side.

Step 3: Let dry, or use a hair dryer while holding your painted filter to dry it quickly.

Step 4: Crumple the dried, painted coffee filter into a tight, little ball.

Step 5: Uncrumple the filters and gently smooth out (without losing the wrinkles).

Step 6: Layer 2 or 3 coffee filters loosely together and pinch and twist the centre-back to bind them together.

Step 7: Glue a black button (or a circle of black paper) onto the front and top with a smaller green button.

Aren't they beautiful? What a lovely craft to commemorate Remembrance Day!

Activity sourced from: HappyHooligans.ca

AT HOME ACTIVITY #2 'REMEMBRANCE DAY SENSORY BIN'

Explore Remembrance Day through different senses.

Supplies: dried black beans, paper or felt poppies, red pompoms, scoops, tongs, and pails

To make the felt poppies, cut four petals from red felt, hot glue them into a flower shape and then secured a button in the middle.

Add all your supplies to a large, flat bin or tray and allow your kiddo to explore!



Activity sourced from: [@whitneymarief](https://www.instagram.com/whitneymarief) on Instagram