

Melfort Daycare Co-operative



May 2023 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

With one last spring snow storm, hopefully winter is officially behind us. We are looking forward to warmer weather and seeing lots of outdoor play at both sites. We aren't overly fond of the muddy puddles in the play yards but the kids sure love them!

Communications were sent out last month regarding our school-age program and Site 3, we are excited to get this ball rolling and hoping to be operational by May 15th. If we have to push the date back for any reason communications will be sent out via Hi-mama. Thank you for your patience as we navigate things!

May 10th is ECE appreciation day and we just want to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful staff for all that they do. From programming, to offering all of the children the best care, we appreciate all the hard work they put in every day!

- Daphne and Jamie

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BIRTHDAYS

SITE 1

Kenzi - 2nd
Braylen - 10th
Cameron - 14th
Steen - 21st
Emmett - 30th

SITE 2

Bonny - 12th
Spencer - 13th
Jackie - 28th

IMPORTANT DATES

May 10th - ECE Appreciation Day

May 14th - Mother's Day

May 22nd - CLOSED for Victoria Day

Site 2 Preschool Room ONLY

May 4th - Hat Day

May 11th - PJ Day

May 18th - Messy Hair Day

May 25th - Backwards Day



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SITE 1 NEWS

Thank goodness its spring! Or is it? We did get to play in the mud and build dams and rivers for the crocodile, hippo and elephant. Then suddenly they were covered in snow, luckily that didn't last too long!



We are in desperate need of pails, shovels and any construction vehicles you have to spare to donate would be greatly appreciated. The ladybugs are also in need of homes if you have any spare jars or pails at home we could use. We are also looking for toddler puzzles, books and toys for when our new friends transition over from site 2 when site 3 opens!



We want to thank Bernie for the delicious poppy seed muffins and the cinnamon crisps she made they were a tasty treat for afternoon snack.

-Margaret, Jenn D, Chris, Eddie and Eli
(Upstairs Staff)

We are enjoying being able to go outside whenever we want now that spring is here! Easter Monday was a fun 'muck' day; there was water everywhere and after a long winter, the chance to splish and splash was irresistible. We built trenches to drain our yard, for sail boats and animals to enjoy, and for us to get stuck in. We listened to the birds, played hockey, and blew bubbles! Yay Spring!

We've done many crafty things in April including: Jelly fish in a jar, crystals, dot painting, stain glass pictures, easter egg caterpillars and we made a large raft out of cardboard tubes. We've been keeping an eye on our bean and pea plants and they are still thriving and even flowering now!



The children have been busy planning adventures for barbies, building magnetic structures, impressive Perler Bead creations, and forts to be proud of! The children have also been playing chess together; we had a small set that was donated and its quickly become a new favourite game. Bernie has kept our tummies full with new menu items and everyone is looking forward to trying more.

- Karen and Kaylea (Downstairs Staff)



SITE 2 NEWS

The infant room has been pretty busy this month with new friends and new faces. We have welcomed Jennifer Hopkins to our room as well as baby Nate! We think spring may finally be in full swing (or so we hope). Things are drying up and we are working in much more outside time. We love searching for and seeing the ladybugs that are already coming back out. We also love running and climbing on the play structure and going down the slide. This is all helping with our gross motor development! We are still working on our words, as well as learning about colours and shapes. We use our blocks to do this and this is helping our cognitive and fine motor skills. Our favourite time of day still seems to be song and storytime! So many fun songs & actions, we love to laugh and copy Tina! 'Biscuit Goes to School' is our new favourite book Tina brought from home. We also have lots of fun in our water play and sensory bins and enjoy some colouring too. We can't wait to finish our Mother's Day surprises! Sorry we don't get a lot of pics, we're just so busy with all our babies! - Tina and Jennifer



This month, the Transition room has been busy outside. With all of the nice weather, we've been exploring our play yard. We also like playing inside in the kitchen and our sensory bins. We've started taking our Easter crafts down to make room for new ones. Our favourite things to do this month have been singing songs, looking for ladybugs and reading different stories together! - Sam & Jenn

In the Toddler room, we've been turning our room into a circus with different crafts (popcorn, elephants, clowns, balloons, cotton candy and more!). We've introduced some new sensory bins including a farm-themed bin with popcorn kernels, a planting one with white beans, and of course our Easter bin with grass, chicks, and eggs. On days when it's too cold or wet to go outside, we've been learning how to take turns by playing Hot Potato. The toddler room loves this game! Kennedy has also taught us how to play Simon Says and we are learning our body parts while trying not to be tricked by her. When the weather is nice we've spent time outside splashing in puddles, making mud pancakes, finding ladybugs with our preschool friends and going on neighbourhood walks with our transition room friends. - Kennedy and Megan





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SITE 2 NEWS CONTINUED

In the pre-school room, we have been super busy with lots of exploring and learning about plants, growing, and ourselves. We have been planting flowers and watching them grow. We are also watching Spring roll in and learning about the season as we catch ladybugs, watch the snow melt, and splash in mud puddles. With the warm weather we are able to get outside more and are looking forwards to being able to go for walks and explore our neighborhood!



ECE APPRECIATION DAY

May 10th is ECE Appreciation Day!

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of drop off and pick up, we forget to thank our educators for all that they do in caring for our most important little people. Try to take the time this month to show your appreciation in any way you can!

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

As the weather warms up, its a good time to start thinking about sunscreen and bug spray for daycare. Please send an non-aerosol sunscreen and bugspray as soon as possible

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.

LOOKING TO GIVE BACK?

If you would like to help with the set up of Site 3, please contact Daphne at (306) 752-5565 or (306) 921-9292. There is a lot to get done before we can move kids in, so any help is greatly appreciated!

Our next fundraiser (The Melfort Show 'n Shine) will be in June, if that is something you are interested in volunteering for, contact the daycare!

There are always spots on the Board of Directors or the various committees if you want to make a more behind the scenes difference with the daycare! Check out our website for more information!