



Melfort Daycare Co-operative

March 2023 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The weather has been up and down so much this past month it's been hard to keep track and it's making us wish that Spring would come early.

February was a fun month filled with lots of great programming from the staff and the kids had a really great time handing out valentines and sharing treats with their friends.

We have two fundraisers happening this month and we are excited to see what will come from the month ahead.


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BIRTHDAYS

SITE 1

Nixon-9th
Mayson- 12th
Evie-13th
Asher N- 13th
Arya- 18th
Avery-20th
Priya- 24th
Kaden- 27th

SITE 2

Esra-6th
Quinn-9th
Emma- 30th
Nate-24th



IMPORTANT DATES

March 10 - Last day for Cookie Crumbles and Little Caesars orders

March 27 - Cookie Crumbles and Little Caesars pick up day

Site 2 Preschool Room ONLY

March 1st - Hat Day

March 17th - Green Day

March 21st - Backwards Day

March 31st - PJ Day



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SITE 1 NEWS

All of the children in the upstairs group are now able to recognize their names as well as the names of their friends! They know their colours and a majority of our group is counting past 20! These are all skills they work on daily with Margaret and Jenn during circle time.



The children have also really been enjoying Bernie's new recipes which include pizza casserole and baked chicken Caesar. One day at lunch they all had to guess what Bernie had made, they all finished everything in their bowl before guessing things like 'pizza soup', 'noodle soup' and 'meat soup'. They were all pleasantly surprised to find out it was called Lasagna soup.

In our downstairs group we really enjoyed the mild weather we were treated with this past month we had one week where we were able to be outside every day enjoying the backyard. We've been working on new experiments involving water and air and having fun with the trial-and-error part of things. Downstairs the children have been involved in painting and Perler bead creations. Over the school break the children had fun baking bread together, making playdough, building tents and large creations with lego, blocks, and magnets. After being in school for 100 plus days the school age children were just very excited to have some time to play together at daycare!



For the month of March both groups are working on a really fun project called "All About Me". We hope parents will send family photos or photos of their children at home either in person or by email and we are excited to see all the photos and hear the stories the children will tell us!



SITE 2 NEWS

February was a great month in the infant room, with Tina and Jennifer, we did lots of new and old sensory play, which the babies love. They enjoy getting messy! You should have seen our spaghetti play day! During some sensory play, they could even eat, which was a huge bonus.



SITE 2 NEWS

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Tina has been working hard on getting her littles to sign/speak their manners, and start using more words. We are also working on each other's names, as well as family members names. Repetition is a must! We've got some littles trying so hard to walk now, which is so exciting. So lots of gross motor play to help with that. So exciting! We also gained a new friend, welcome Miss Madisyn!



In the transition room this past month, we have introduced some new fish to our classroom. The children were very excited to meet the fish and enjoy sitting and watching them swim around their tank daily. When we make sensory bins in our room the children love to help us, some of our new sensory bins this month have included 'cookie dough', moon sand, hot chocolate & candy canes, shaving cream with water and whipped cream; but the favourite sensory bin has been the one made with Spaghetti! Another favourite activity in the Transition room has been different types of process art. They've painted with spaghetti, cars, water, paint, pudding, and even sprinkles! With the mild weather last month, we were able to get outside often, the children really enjoyed playing in the snow together.



The toddler room has a new ocean theme which is reflected on the beautiful door Megan and Kennedy created as well as the many different crafts the children have worked on including starfish, scuba divers, and sea horses. Our toddler group has also been busy exploring different sensory bins with cake mix, bubble bath, play dough, water, and tapioca pearls which they were very surprised to find are actually very slimy feeling! The toddlers enjoy building puzzles, counting and learning their ABC's, and they've also been enjoying some new toys in their kitchen center that were donated to the daycare! Megan and Kennedy have worked hard to help the toddlers gain some independence and they are all very good at getting themselves dressed for outside play which they enjoy every day as the weather allows.





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SITE 2 NEWS CONTINUED

The preschool room has been pretty busy learning about everything that flies. They've created airplanes, hot air balloons, and so much more to decorate their room with. The kids have been very excited about some new Paw Patrol toys and have loved exploring the new sensory bins in the room as well. In March we are continuing to learn our left and right, colours, and shapes. So far we've been doing great learning these things! We've also been learning some new songs like The Listening Song, Time to Line Up, Days of the Week, Manners, and I Like You. We are also excited to do a leprechaun hunt this year and if we are lucky, we may find some gold at the end of a rainbow! The preschool room will also be having some fun spirit days this month for anyone who wants to take part!



REMINDERS



We try to go outside daily; please make sure your children have appropriate outdoor gear so they can enjoy outdoor play in the winter months.



Please ensure your children have indoor shoes and a water bottle 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 Hi mama if your child will not be at daycare.

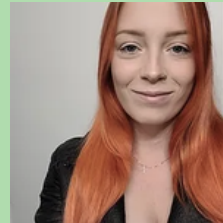
If you have a shout out (big or small) send it to Jen Chyz (jennifer.chyz@gmail.com) and keep an eye out for recognition of our awesome staff.

NEW FACES AT THE MDC

We would like to welcome two new staff members to the MDC!



Jennifer Hopkins is our new casual so you may see her at both locations!



Alyssa Leubke is our new one on one ECE and spends her days with Site 2's preschoolers!

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Our first fundraisers of 2023 have begun. You can place your orders for Cookie Crumbles and Little Caesars until March 10th. Pick-up is scheduled for March 27th. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with sorting items for pick up, if you are interested and able, please contact Daphne at melfort.daycare@sasktel.net.



Little Caesars



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Myrna Buckingham, Heather Arsenie, Jessica Watt, and Danielle Farley for donating various items to the daycare. We appreciate your generosity!

If you are interested in making a donation to the daycare, you can check out our wishlist at bit.ly/mdcwishlist or contact the Director or Assistant Director to see if an item is needed.