



Melfort Daycare Co-operative

December 2022 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Even though the first day of winter isn't technically until December 21st, I think it's still safe to say that winter (and all the snow that has come with it) is here to stay. Thankfully, the children and staff are still able to go outside and play together in the snow!

The centers have been buzzing with the excitement of the upcoming holiday season and the kids are already counting down the days until Santa comes!



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 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.

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BIRTHDAYS

SITE 1

SITE 2

Hunter H-28th

Aden- 12th

Katie- 12th

Daphne- 29th

IMPORTANT DATES

December 11 -

Melfort Daycare Winter Carnival!

Dec 26 and 27 -

Daycare closed

* MERRY *
CHRISTMAS



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SITE 1 NEWS

It has quickly gone from spooky to festive over at Site 1! Once we pulled the Christmas boxes out of the loft, the children both upstairs and downstairs couldn't wait to see what was inside and to start decorating. There's been lots of lights, bows, and Christmas teddy's put out for display!

The upstairs group has been enjoying story time daily with Margaret and then working on a craft afterwards. So far they've made reindeer and Grinches and we look forward to seeing what else they come up with!

We've also had a few new toys donated to the center and the children have loved the opportunity to play with these items.

Downstairs, the groups have been smaller but they still get just as busy! They got outside to make some art with the snow and food coloring, they tried an experiment to make their own crystals, and they've been working on some art creations of their own. They've made their own Christmas crackers, painted trees using forks, and have been enjoying a lot of play with play dough.

SITE 2 NEWS

At site 2 the infant room has been busy doing lots of creating, they've made snowmen, elves, candy canes, and reindeer all to make their room a little more festive. Painting not only helps them develop their fine motor skills, it also gives them a sensory experience when they use their fingers or toes to paint with! In the infant room, they've been working on new skills such as sitting in chairs, eating with spoons and forks and drinking milk out of cups. These are skills we work towards as the children get ready to age up and transition into the next room.



SITE 2 NEWS

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The transition room has also been working on making their room festive and wintery, with a variety of artwork. They've done squish painting with paper plates, painting with cookie cutters, and even painting winter scenes using Q-tips. These are all great ways to sharpen and practice fine motor skills. The transition room has also been working on developing the children's gross motor skills by using scooters to zoom around the room and spending time outside walking, stomping, and climbing in the snow.

The toddler room has been busy with different sensory activities, such as water play, play dough, and sensory bins filled with dirt and flowers for the toddlers to explore. They've been working on different types of art projects as well; practicing gluing items, cutting with scissors, and coloring with crayons. Our toddler friends have also been working very hard to get themselves ready to go out for outside play. Things like putting on winter gear may seem simple but it takes a lot of practice to get it just right. Once they get outside they've been having lots of fun running, climbing, and digging in the snow together!

In the Preschool room we've been learning all about taking turns, sharing and being helpers. Every day there is a new special helper in our room and that person gets to help hand out water bottles and other things when our friends are sitting at the table. The preschoolers love to help! We've also been learning about letters, not only in the alphabet song but we've been practicing our writing skills and even learning to write our own names! This is helping a lot with our fine motor skills and getting us ready for school because for some of us, that's a lot closer then we think! The preschool room has also been enjoying a lot of winter-themed crafts and spending time outside with their toddler friends stomping in the snow, digging, and trying to make snowmen together!



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MELFORT DAYCARE CO-OP Winter Carnival

DEC 11

3-7 PM

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ENTRY IS FREE!

SANTA
SUPPER
CARNIVAL GAMES
BOUNCY CASTLE
SLED DOG RIDES
SNACKS
CRAFTS
50/50
SILENT AUCTION
PHOTO BOOTH
AND MORE!

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WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

WWW.MELFORTDAYCARECOOPERATIVE.COM/CURRENT-FUNDRAISERS

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The Winter Carnival is our biggest fundraiser of the year and our ONLY in person fundraiser!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and to everyone who has been putting in the hours to bring this awesome event together!

**However, we still need your help!
We currently need a volunteer to clear tables from 3-5 pm and volunteers to run some of the carnival game booths.**

We really need all of our families to help pre-sell the supper tickets and promote people to come to the event in general.

We've only sold 18% of our supper tickets so far, so have a long ways to go!

Get your tickets early and we hope to see all of our families alongside the community enjoying everything that our Fundraising Committee has been working so hard to put together!

SHOUT OUT!

The Board of Directors wants to recognize all the hard work that our educators have been doing this year. We know that they have a difficult and often thankless job, but as parents of the kids they are taking care of, we want to say a huge THANK YOU! The MDC educators are superstars and superheroes, and we wouldn't want our kids in anyone else's care.

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

Daycare Provider

Although I'm not their mother,
I **care** for them each day.
I cuddle sing and read to them,
And watch them as they **play**.
I see each new accomplishment,
And help them **grow** and learn.
I understand their language,
And **listen** with concern.
They come to me for **comfort**,
And I kiss away their tears.
They **proudly** show their work to me,
I give the loudest cheers.
I am not their **mother**,
But my role is just as strong.
I **nurture** them and keep them safe,
Though maybe not for long.
I know someday the **time** may come
When we will have to part.
But I know each child I've cared for
Is forever in my **heart**.

