



# Melfort Daycare Co-operative

## February 2023 Newsletter

### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We had a lovely January filled with such mild weather that it almost makes us wonder what February will bring!

We are excited to share that we are allowing valentines to be shared at the daycare again this year. We can't wait to see the different crafts and activities the staff create with the children!



We are still currently working on getting things finalized for Site 3 and once we have more news to share, we will send the info out via HiMama. If you have questions we will try to answer them the best we can. We really appreciate everyone's patience regarding this new adventure as well as the waitlist for childcare spaces.

We hope you all have a wonderful month ahead!


### CONNECT WITH US!

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(CELL PHONE IS ON FROM 6:30AM - 6:30PM, M-F)

### BIRTHDAYS

#### SITE 1

Hadlee - 3rd  
Ella - 4th  
Eli - 5th  
Ellara - 11th  
Grady - 28th

#### SITE 2

Noah - 1st  
Alice - 4th

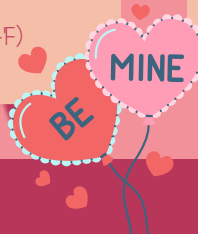


### IMPORTANT DATES

**February 14** - Valentine's Day

(optional to participate in exchange)

**February 20** - Daycare Closed for Family Day

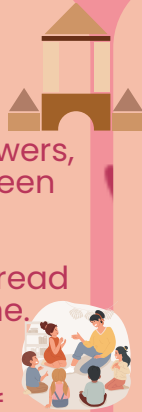




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## SITE 1 NEWS

Our upstairs group has really been enjoying creating different types of buildings together. Whether it's tall towers, long trains, or big buildings; they've been working together to accomplish their construction goals. They've also been enjoying daily circle time where they read a story together and then play a game. Some games that they have played include guessing a mystery item and determining the missing item; both of which are sharpening their cognitive skills! They have also been working on all sorts of crafts with different types of paint and ways to paint. Sometimes painting with brushes and sometimes with an object like a cookie cutter. They are a very creative bunch!



Our downstairs group has become a bunch of curious scientists, conducting different experiments like 'what happens when we pour vinegar on an egg and leave it?' The children learned the egg becomes transparent over time and thought it was pretty neat. With the beautiful weather, they've been getting outside and enjoying making snow creations. They are always a busy and active bunch.



## SITE 2 NEWS

Our infant room has been very busy this month with lots of different activities. They've been exploring their gross motor skills by climbing, crawling, and dancing together. They've also been working on their fine motor skills by stacking blocks and colouring pictures. They've explored the snow, both inside and outside, and have discovered what it's like to pop bubbles. They've been very busy learning and playing with Chris and Tina.



The transition room is always a busy group but Sam and Jenn are great at keeping the kids entertained even on days when they don't want to sit still for very long. They've spent lots of time outside enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having, they've enjoyed ...

## SITE 2 NEWS CONTINUED

sensory play with water bins and water toys, and they've worked on their fine motor skills with painting, crumbling papers, and sprinkling glitter onto their art. Sam and Jenn have also worked very hard on decorating the hallway at Site 2 and making it a beautiful place for us to come into every day.



The toddler room has been busy working on their gross motor skills. They spend lots of time outside climbing, running, jumping, and sliding. They also really enjoy scooter play using their feet and hands to scoot around the room together; it's one of Megan's favourite activities as well! The toddler room has been making lots of different crafts together and anyone who knows this room, knows they don't mind getting a little messy when creating! Megan and Kennedy have done a great job creating with this group and have also worked hard on decorating their room to make it a fun place to learn and play.







The preschool group has been learning about playing cooperatively and quite often you can see them all engaged in whatever game or activity they choose to do. Just the other day they had a pretend picnic together! This is helping them develop their imaginative skills and cooperative play. The preschool room also really enjoys playing with Play-Doh, which is great for fine motor development as well as offering some sensory play! Bonny and Roquelle work very hard to help our preschoolers share and learn together. They've also been teaching the preschoolers independence by having them get themselves dressed for outside play. Sadly we have said goodbye to Roquelle now as she has moved on to her next adventure, but in her place, you will see a new face, Alyssa! We hope everyone will make her feel welcome!



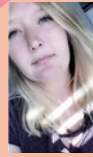


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## REMINDERS

-  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.

## SHOUT OUT!



### Transition Room: Sam and Jenn



It's great seeing how each room incorporates new themes throughout the year and I especially loved seeing the transition room's newest theme: Inside Out. The art is fantastic and any excuse to help my 'emotional' toddler talk about/work through his feelings is a huge win! Great job ladies!

- MDC Parent



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

## BOARD NEWS

Please keep your eyes out for the Strategic Planning Survey. This survey helps guide our Strategic Plan for the year. Your input matters!

**Are you interested in contributing to the Melfort Daycare Co-op in a more meaningful way? Getting involved on the board or on a committee is a way to find joy, passion, and friendships while enhancing the lives of others!**

Board time commitment includes 1 meeting per month (third Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 pm), ongoing participation in our board email and WhatsApp discussions when necessary, and doing other small tasks between meetings as needed. No experience is necessary as we have a friendly and supportive group that will assist you, and board training will be provided.

You don't have to join the Board to sit on one of the committees and still guide the operations of the MDC! Committee time commitment will vary depending on your level of engagement with the committee(s).

### Vacant Board of Director Roles:

**Vice-Chairperson-** Responsible for planning and presiding at board meetings in the absence of the chairperson. Assists the chairperson with their responsibility and assumes other duties of the chairperson in their absence.

**Officers-** Responsible for assisting the Board of Director Lead positions (i.e. Strategic Planning, Communication, Fundraising/ Sponsorship) with various tasks as needed.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Improving the overall daycare experience and guiding the day-to-day operations.

**Policy Planning Committee:** Ensures the daycare has policies and procedures in place to guide the operations of the daycare sites in a legal and ethical manner.

**Fundraising/ Sponsorship Committee:** Oversees and directs fundraising activities.

You can inquire about joining the Board, a committee, coming to the next meeting, or even just contact the Board by emailing [melfortdaycareboard@gmail.com](mailto:melfortdaycareboard@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!