



JANUARY 2002

NEWSLETTER

Joyeux Noel and a Happy New Year !!

We have decided to change the format of the newsletter a little bit to hopefully provide more information about the upcoming month for your child and to make it a little easier for the editor!!!!



Birthday Wishes

To **Miles Catholique**
who turns six on January
27th

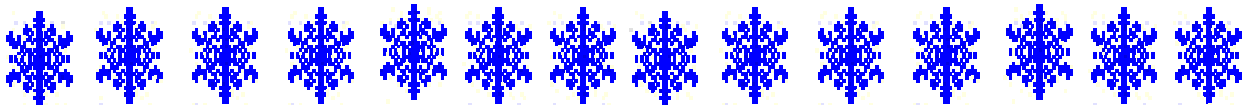
To **Lynne Stapleton** –
who won't tell us how old
she will be on **January**
7th.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Friday is "clean out your child's cubby day". Please make sure all crafts, toys, books, etc. that belong to your child are cleaned out of the cubby. This is a good opportunity to re-stock on items such as extra clothing and to make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing. Also, **please label your child's things**.

The **lost and found box is overflowing**. Please check the lost and found box for any items that belong to your child(ren). Anything left in the lost and found box by the end of the month will be taken to the Yellowknife Women's Centre.

Fees are due no later than January 7th or your account will start accruing interest, calculated from the first of the month.



Warm Welcomes

Jamal Begg who will join Serena and Donovan in the baby room.

Austin Scarf who joins his buddies from Sissons school in the five-year old group.

Ricky Moore who joins Sol and the gang in the five year old group.

Miles Catholique is coming back!! Miles will be in the five-year old group.

Sad Goodbyes

To **Bailey Vogt** who will be enjoying her time at home with mom.

To **Tristen Lockhardt** who will be enjoying one-on-one care with his new caregiver.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Kathryn Jardine - for doing the grocery shopping for the months of November, December and January;

Jodi Wilson - for organizing a field trip for the four- and five-year olds to Avens Senior Centre;

Leslie Goit and Consolacion Chalker - for organizing the Christmas Party, it was a blast;

Santa Claus - to the jolly old soul for coming to our party. You know who you are!!

PLANNING FOR JANUARY

The Terrific Twos

Teacher: Lynne Stapleton
Theme: Winter and Celebrations

The Terrific Twos are starting to get a little older and a little more mature. So, we are planning on going to the library more often, probably every other week. Activities this month will include making a snowman, fingerpainting, spongepainting and making snowpeople.

Story Days:

January 9th: Laura Ann Almond
January 16th: Story Day - Kaleb Jardine
January 23rd: Kori Kotylak
January 30th: Samara McKay

The Fantastic Fours

Teacher: Debra McGee
Theme: Winter

Planned crafts include: winter pictures, Northern Lights, shaping headbands tracing and colouring, making fluffy snowmen, making ice cream cones, snow globes, and marshmallow igloos.

Special Days:

January 29th: We will be building a quincy in the yard.

Show 'N' Tell Day is on Tuesday.

Computer Day is every Tuesday and Thursday.

Library Day - every Thursday.

The Awesome Threes

Teacher: Kilabuch Ottokie
Theme:
Numbers: 1 to 10
Letters: A to H

Story Days:

January 8th: Kristopher Allen
January 10th: Brent Hancsicsak
January 16th: Lynden Maitland
January 23rd: Laurence-Elie St. Pierre
January 24th: Kristopher Allen

Show 'N' Tell Day is still on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

The Fabulous Fives

Teacher: Consolacion (Sol) Chalker
Themes: Farm Animals
Numbers: 1 to 20
Letters: A to F
Colours: Red, Yellow, Blue and Green

Show 'N' Tell Day is still on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

From the Board of Directors

Several people on the board have been approached recently about the financial situation of Kids First in light of what has transpired at Yellowknife Daycare Association. The Board is pleased to report that Kids First is doing as well as a non-profit organization can expect to. We anticipate a small loss this year, but that was tabled in the budget that was ratified at our Annual General Meeting in May.

Although enrollment is not as high as it could be, the daycare has benefited from 3 bingos which have been held this year. We made about \$9500 on these bingos. That being said, bingo money must be spent on what we say we are going to spend it on. This year, we have had to buy a new dishwasher, a new stove, and generally replace many items.

Some critical points:

- We currently have no outstanding debts;
- We are diligently pursuing collection of fees for children that are currently enrolled in the daycare. This is why we are constantly chasing parents, possibly you, to pay fees on time. We are a non-profit organization and this means every dollar of income (i.e., fees) is immediately spent on wages, groceries, and rent. We have no cushion or contingency funds; and,
- Outstanding fees for children no longer at the Centre have all been sent to a collection agency;

If you wish to see an interim financial statement for Kids First, please contact Deb Archibald (Vice President – Finances).

We are STILL looking for volunteers for the following:

Board of Directors – the positions of **Vice President** and **Registrar** are currently vacant;

Groceries – looking for a person to do the grocery shopping for the months of March and April;

Maintenance – looking for a person to do odd jobs around the daycare (e.g., install toilet paper roll holder, fix a door, etc.). This would take no more than 1 to 2 hours per month.