



## February 2002 NEWSLETTER

### SOME INTRODUCTORY ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- We thought of letting you know that there is space open to you in this newsletter for any relevant announcement or suggestion that you would like to make. Or maybe you have some comments about the content of this newsletter. In either case, you can contact Nathalie St-Pierre at 920-8889 (w) or 669-7479. Your comments are welcome. Have your say!
- As part of the Center's training & skill development program, all daycare teachers attended a "**Team Building Workshop**" held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The workshop was presented by Dolores Dooley, an early childhood consultant with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment.
- Good news! Enrolment is on the rise again, and we are very happy to welcome eight new children among us.

### **Warm Welcomes!!!**

**Dakota Joss**, our new Baby!

**Ingrid Tissot van Patot** and **Jakob Martin-Wirta**, joining Lynne and her Terrific Twos!

**Ian Tissot van Patot** and **Olivia Martin-Wirta**, joining Kelly and the Awesome Threes!

**Sterling Ingraham** and **Brittany Napayok**, the two new additions to Debra's Fantastic Fours!

**Garrett Teed**, who joined Sol and the Fabulous Fives two weeks ago now.

### **Sad Goodbyes...**

Farewell to **Darian Black**, **Jamal Begg** and **Donovan Evans**...

# Staff Appreciation Week

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**Staff Appreciation Week** is coming up!! For this occasion, we would like to give our teachers an opportunity on February 15th to go out and have lunch together. In order to make this possible, we need *your* help.

In other words, we will need some parents to look after the children at the daycare while the teachers are out to lunch, i.e. about four parents from 12:00 until 1:00, and four more from 1:00 until 2:00 approximately.

If you're interested in showing you appreciation for our staff, please call Kathy Smith at 920-8923. Thank you in advance!!

## MEMOS

The deadline for handing in your **Scholastic Book Order** is February 18<sup>th</sup>. The orders that you place will allow us to earn free books for the Center and resource materials for the teacher. Check out the catalogue you received on January 24<sup>th</sup> for great gift ideas and learning tools for your child.

Please make sure your child has a **change of clothes** available **each and every day**. Also, it is not a bad idea to label your child's belongings.

**Fees are due no later than the 7<sup>th</sup>** of the month or your account will start accruing interest, calculated from the first of the month.

## A Million Thanks!

To **Katherine Worsley**, for doing the grocery shopping for the month February;

To **Debbie Archibald**, who accepted to speak on behalf of the daycare in an interview requested by CBC Radio. The interview was broadcast at 7:20 a.m. on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Deborah was interviewed about the challenges of being involved with a parent-run daycare in the North.

To **all the other parents** who helped out in January. Your involvement is truly appreciated.

## PLANNING FOR FEBRUARY

### The Terrific Twos

**Teacher:** Lynne Stapleton

**Theme:** Valentine's & Self-Image (Who Am I?)

**Colours:** Red, Pink & White

Crafts will include valentine necklaces, cards and decorations, a feeling's collage, shape painting, chalk dust designs. Special activities: a Tea Party, "Mirror Magic", the Family Graph.

#### Story Days:

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Alex Robb

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Ingrid T. van P./Jakob M.W.

February 20<sup>th</sup>: Kaleb Jardine

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Kori Kotylak

### The Fantastic Fours

**Teacher:** Debra McGee

**Theme:** Valentine's Day, the alphabet

We are going to start working more on learning our alphabet (printing and sounds) and counting.

#### Special Days:

February 14<sup>th</sup>: We will be making special mailboxes and cards on Valentine's Day.

**Show 'N' Tell Day** is on Tuesday.

**Computer Day** is every Tuesday and Thursday.

**Library Day** - every Thursday.

### The Awesome Threes

**Teacher:** Kilabuch Ottokie

**Themes:** Valentine's Day & Hearts  
What is Winter?

**Letters:** ABC's

Activities will include making cupids and valentines cards, learning the ABC's, going to the library.

#### Story Days:

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Brent Hancsicsak

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Lynden Maitland

February 20<sup>th</sup>: Laurence-Élie St-Pierre

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Ian T. van P./Olivia M.W.

**Show 'N' Tell** is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### The Fabulous Fives

**Teacher:** Consolacion (Sol) Chalker

**Theme:** Valentine's Day

**Math:** Add up the turtles

**Reading & Writing:** on, off, over; first, next, last; bus, car, train, bike; one to twenty; colours; pronouns; etc.

Activities will include making a Tree of Hearts and pop-up cards, recognizing directions.

**Show 'N' Tell** is still Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Computer Day** is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### The Baby Room

**Teacher:** Susie Fletcher

**Theme:** Hearts

**Colours:** Red & Pink

**Letters:** A, B, C

**Numbers:** 1, 2, 3

Crafts will include making a mobile, valentine cards, bears made of pom poms, sponge painting, free painting. Activities will include a camp day and playing with older kids.