



Lord Roberts Children's Program Summer 2017

A Note from the Director

Welcome to summer 2017! I have high hopes that you are all reading this on our brand new website!!!! The website is still a bit under construction so bear with us as we figure it all out. A big thanks to Board members Jenara and Heather who provided expertise and guidance as we worked to have the site developed. It was much appreciated!

A big farewell to all the families who leave us at this time of year- we have been blessed to share moments in your children's lives and wish you well as they grow!

For those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting- thank-you. For those who didn't make the meeting please take a minute to acknowledge the

Board of Directors for the upcoming year- the list is included in this newsletter for your information.

As you may have heard in the news recently there has been a change to the Inclusion Support Programs and how they are funded by the province. You may have also heard that the Minister of Families reversed his original decision on this- we accept children under this program so our hope is that the reversal in the decision results in our ability as a centre to continue to be as inclusive as possible.

It is time to remind parents of the fee policy at our centre-largely due to the fact that we have a huge waitlist and parents pounding on the door to get in. Fees are to be paid in full

by the last day of the billing period. We post signs reminding you of this and we charge a \$50.00 late fee to deter tardiness. We are now at a point where if you are late with fees you may lose your spot- there is someone who will pay waiting for it! Sounds harsh- but it is a fact as we have had to ask families to leave this year due to lack of room...

Lastly, our goal is to be paperless so please watch your emails for notices and reminders, and check the website at www.lordroberts.org for policies, staff lists, schedules and calendars!

Have a super, safe summer!
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Lord Roberts Children's Program Website

We are happy to announce that our new website is up and running. Please check it out at www.lordroberts.org. Here you will find announcements regarding closures, events happening at the cen-

tre, the newsletter, calendar of events, and links to some helpful resources. We will still send emails to you regarding field trips and events that are happening at the centre, but we will no

longer be printing out calendars of field trips, newsletters, etc. All information will be on our website.



News from the Sunny Sunshine Room

We are very excited that Summer is here and hoping the weather is nice so we are able to spend as much time outdoors as possible!

Please remember that during the summer months we ask you do not bring in heat ups as we have many field trips and outdoor picnics booked (a thermos is ok)

Our new website is up and running and on it you will find our summer calendar of events that are happening. This is also hanging up at the buzzard as you enter the centre.

Field trip permission forms are hanging on the preschool door, please sign

for permission when your child is on a field trip. Only 15 children on field trips when using the daycare van so please do not add your child to field trips. Children are pre chosen for these field trips and we are trying to make it as fair as possible so all children go on the same amount.

If you would like to volunteer for a field trip please let us know, we always welcome the extra help.

Pool days will occur throughout the summer so please keep a bathing suit and towel at daycare (labeled) .

Make sure to always check your emails as we will be sending out re-

mindings of field trips and events throughout the summer!

If your child will be away on a day you have not booked off, please call or email and let us know as this helps with scheduling. Vice versa, if your child is supposed to be away please inform us of changes.

We have three summer students this year. Write ups about them are in the newsletter. Andrew and Hagar were here last year, and the children are happy to see them back. Emily is new to us this year but is fitting in great.

We hope you have a wonderful and safe summer!

Summer Students: Preschool

Hagar: This will be my second summer with Lord Roberts Children's Program. I am very happy to be back! I am currently attending the University of Saint Boniface and will soon be starting my final year of Nursery School. I'm looking forward to another great summer with the wonderful staff and children!

Andrew: I am 23 and am currently finishing my 4th and final year of my Kinesiology Undergraduate degree at

the University of Manitoba. I have been working with Lord Roberts Children's Program for several years now, and this summer will be my 2nd consecutive year working as a full time summer student. I really like the caring environment I discovered here last year and I look forward to the opportunity I have this year to learn valuable skills and expand my personal and professional philosophies .

Emily: I'm in my last year of a BA Honors at the University of Winnipeg in conjunction with the Senior Professional Program of Winnipeg Contemporary Dancers, with a double major in Environmental Science. I enjoy painting, baking, and drumming. I attended this very daycare when I was little and I am very excited to be working here.

Summer Students: School-age

Danelle: I am one of the three summer students privileged to work at Lord Roberts School-Age program this summer! As a student, I am currently attending the University of Manitoba with the intent of pursuing future education studies. When I'm not in school or working among kids, I enjoy various hobbies such as reading, writing, photography, and playing instruments. After spending my summer at Lord Roberts in 2016, I've returned this year to share many new adventures and learning experiences

with the children over the next couple of summer weeks!

Abby: I am a 3rd year student in the actuarial mathematics program at the University of Manitoba. I love playing soccer, sewing, hiking and running. During the year, I also keep busy as a girl guide leader, and in the summer I volunteer in the family area at the Winnipeg Folk Festival. I'm looking forward to a fun summer here at Lord Roberts Children's program!

Celine: I am 20 years old and I am going into my third year of university in September at Saint Boniface University. My ultimate goal is to become a French kindergarten teacher.

Hello from School Age

I don't know about anyone else but this year of school has seemed to go by rather quickly. I swear it was only yesterday that our new batch of kinder's were starting and now they are 2 months away from starting grade 1. Where did the time go? Of course that also means that our grade 6 children are leaving us or have already left. It's so hard watching children you have seen grow from toddlers to young adults leave and start the next phase of their journey. Of course you are proud to see them step out and become independent but there is this little part of us that thinks "no they can't leave!" You form bonds with each and every one of them and know that there's a big possibility you won't be seeing them again. You

hope they visit and still think about the good times they have had in your care, but you also understand that the new found freedom is very exciting and fascinating. Then there's the other side involved. With the older group of children leaving that means the younger generation will inevitably progress upwards. This is one of the exciting parts of the job. This is the moment you get to see social and emotional development take a big step forward. All the sudden these children who primarily focused on just having fun are now looking at the world with some understanding of grown up concepts. They are more aware of social dynamics and the cause and effect behind their actions and others reactions. They are inquisitive and not

shy to voice their opinions. If they see something that can be improved or question the reason behind something, they won't hesitate to ask or challenge your decision. This is why I love working with school age children because as much as they are looking to you for the answers they also make you question things yourself. They teach me just as much as I hope I teach them. I feel as if I have the most unpredictable job which may confuse some you reading this. Yes our center focuses on following a routine and in that aspect there is very little unpredictability but the activities or projects that can evolve from one conversation are anything but predictable.

News from Rainbow Room

Summer is here and we are excited for all the things we have planned in the Rainbow Room. During July and August we are spending the majority of the time outside. So please remember no heat up lunches, and lots of extra clothes. We have lots of pool days and field trips planned throughout the summer. For the field trips, there will be a sign on the Rainbow

Room door. Please sign as quickly as possible.



The Rainbow Room is a hectic place and we do not always have a chance to remind parents.

We had to say goodbye to Katie, Coen, and Angus who moved to the Sunshine Room. We want to welcome

Oscar, Arya, And Mina to the Rainbow Room to the Rainbow Room

Happy Summer !!!

Games Day/ Canada 150 Celebration

On Tuesday July 11, the preschool site will be heading over to school age to join the children in a games day/ Canada 150 celebration. Some of the school- age children will have different games set up for the children to play to win treats, along with an obstacle course, face painting, a bouncer, and a clown making balloon animals. We will also spend lunch at school age where we will be having a

hotdog BBQ, juice, fruit, and dessert.



In the afternoon, some of the school age children and the preschool children who do not nap will head to 7-11 for free slurpee day.

Anyone wishing to join us for this event or would like to volunteer you

are more than welcome to. Just let us know!!!!

