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Lord Roberts Children's Program's Summer 2018

A Note from the Director

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Welcome to Summer 2018! It looks like it is going to be a hot one if the weather lately is any indications. It also looks like a fun-filled busy summer coming up for the children and families at LRCP. We have 4 summer students working with us for the summer. Emily and Lexie at the preschool and Celine and Danelle at the SA. For the first time we have also hired a school bus driver to work in the summer- Josie- will be doing some of the driving for field trips we go on. We will be having some staff changes at the preschool. Renee will be having her first baby sometime over the summer and we wish her well as her life moves in this new excit-

ing time!

The summer will be hectic with major renovations going on at both sites. The lunchroom is being done at the SA so please ask staff if you have any questions and watch for signs of any space changes as this work happens. The preschool is having the floor replaced thanks to a very generous grant from **The Winnipeg Foundation**. We will be closing the preschool on Friday, August 3rd so that the company doing the work has time to get the bulk of the work done. Parents please plan for this!

We sadly say farewell to the many children and families leaving us and we eagerly

greet the new folks coming in. Have a wonderful summer and please watch our website for any changes to our calendars that may occur- we are really trying to be paperless as much as possible!

Lastly, in this newsletter you will find a list of the Board of Directors- we welcome new members during our AGM and their names are here for your information. If you require phone information for these folks please ask me and I will provide it for you. Also if you would like anything special to be a part of our quarterly newsletter please let me know- we really do want you to read it!

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This Years Carnival

Its been two years since our last carnival and the children have been anxiously awaiting for its return. For those of you who don't already know our

carnival is completely organized, planned and presented by our school age children who have also decided to selflessly donate half their proceeds to the children's hospital. Parents and friends are more then welcome to join

in on this fun filled day.

Carnival date: August 30th

Rain date: August 31st

News from Sunshine Room

School is finished for the summer! Some of our older children who don't live in this neighbourhood will be leaving us and attending different schools. They will truly be missed. The staff have planned exciting field trips for your children to attend. Some may require a donation. We will also be having our annual mud day. Please ensure your children have extra clothes and shoes here. It will be a fun filled day. Also for the summer please ensure your

children are not bringing heat up lunches for the summer as we go on a lot of impromptu picnics. We would also like to welcome the new children joining the Sunshine room. We look forward to being a part of your growth and development and sharing new and exciting adventures with you. Last but not least from all the staff we hope all of our children and families enjoy their summer holidays during these warm months.



Preschool Summer Students

Emily Will: I graduated this spring from U of W with my BA(Honors), I am continuing my education this fall in the Masters Preparation Program of Architecture at the University of Manitoba. I enjoy being active! I've swam competitively with the Winnipeg Synchro Club, trained extensively in the intensive and professional programs of the RWB and Winnipeg Contemporary Dancers. I also work part-time as a swim teacher (CPR and emergency first-aid certified) at the Winnipeg Winter Club through the H2O Acad-

emy. I am qualified to teach the RAD ballet syllabus and am looking forward to giving creative movement classes to the children this summer. I am also an entrepreneur and own my own registered baking business specializing in custom decorated cookies for corporate and private events.

I am creative, compassionate, and energetic! I am committed to be a positive influence; to support, encourage and actively engage your children. I attended this very daycare when I was little and am so pleased to

have the opportunity to work here for the second summer in a row.

Lexie Howika: Hi my name is Lexie and I am newly graduated from high school I am 18 years old and will be attending Canadian Mennonite University in September. I have a big family who has worked at Lord Roberts throughout the years including my sister Natasha who currently works here. I am super excited to begin this job and get to know all the amazing kids and staff at the daycare this summer.

School Age Summer Students

Danelle: Hi to all! My name is Danelle and I am one of the two summer students privileged to work at Lord Roberts School-Age program this summer! I am currently attending university and pursuing a degree in English Honours with the intent of future education studies. When I am not studying or working among kids

(whether that be at the centre, teaching piano, or with my church), I enjoy reading, writing, photography, and cycling during my free time. After spending two summers at Lord Roberts since 2016, I have returned this year to share many new adventures and learning experiences with the children over the next couple of sum-

mer weeks!

Celine: Hi my name is Celine Minsky. I am 21 years old and I will be going into my fourth year of University to become a French kindergarten teacher. I live in Oakbank, Manitoba with my fiancé and my dog Bud. This is my second year at the school age site and I absolutely love it!

Hello from School Age

Ok so when I last wrote I mentioned how I was trying to find ways to motivate the children into fundraising. They set their goal incredibly high this year but I am pleased to say (half way through fundraising) that so far they have raised close to \$500. A group of our older children came up with some themed baskets that went over really well. Of course there was the always reliable bake sale as well. All and all this year of fundraising with the children went very well during the school year. I don't know about any of you but I feel like these

last few months have gone by very quickly. Summer break is fast approaching and you can see the level of energy building and building in the children. Teachers have informed the children of what class they will be in next year which is always a fun moment to watch. They hurry back and forth between friends asking which class they are in and sometimes it's a wide eyed moment when they realize they are in the same classroom and sometimes it's a disappointing moment when they realize they are in separate classrooms. That's when we

as staff take a moment to reassure them that it's not the end of the world and they will still see their friends at recess. It also helps to have the older children tell them about how they were in different classes as some of their friends but how it worked out to be a good thing because they made new friends they may not have met otherwise. I personally love those moments when you see the older generation stepping in to help the younger generation, especially when it's not recommended or asked of them. Its proof that one action can cause a ripple effect that can influence other people in a very positive way. True it's not an immediate chain reaction but in some ways I think that's better. To see it happen later on really shows you how that moment resonated deep enough to be able to resurface at the perfect time. Think I can say those moments are some of my favourite.



News from The Rainbow Room

Happy summer everyone! We are so excited for the warmer weather and how much time we can spend outside. We are planning our pool days every Wednesday during the summer but we will also have sporadic pool days so please have a swim diaper, towel and bathing suit at daycare. We have a few field trips planned this summer including the splash pad and St. Vital park. Please look out for more information coming soon. With the warm weather we like to do

picnic so please remember no heat up lunches until September. This month we are saying goodbye to Zoe as she moves to the Sunshine Room, we are also welcoming Noble to the Rainbow Room. Lastly Renée is leaving on maternity leave in early August. We are all going to miss her very much but could not be more excited for her and her family!



Introduction to our New Staff Member

Hi there I'm Tonee Gel Andriano. You can call me "Tonee". I'm a wife and a mother of a 3 year old amazing boy. We moved her from the Philippines last February and we love it here.

I have a bachelors degree in Communication Arts and a diploma in Early Childhood Care

and Education. I had most of my experiences from caring and guiding children in Singapore for more than 6 years. I always love being with children. They give me peace when its chaotic, they make me laugh when I'm worried and make me feel like I have done 100 burpees in a work shift



Are you Raising an Artist?

If there is one thing children don't lack its creativity and imagination. The games they come up with during play are always full of twist and turns and constantly evolving into something different. They can spark a new direction of interest that can be translated into almost anything they do. If they see a level of enjoyment taking place between their friends, peers or family members then that inspires them and challenges them to continue with it. Especially if it is something they have come up with on their own. That's when you see that look of achievement. That look they get that filters through their entire body. All the sudden they stand a little bit taller and their face lights up with a smile. Instead of looking everywhere or being distracted they now have a new found attentiveness for what is happening around them. You have all seen it in those moments. Whether it's scoring a goal, cleaning their room, being supportive to their siblings or creating a fun game, that look of achievement that translates into confidence about themselves makes you feel

proud that you were able to assist in that exceptional moment of growth.

Now here is something that maybe not all of you have realized or considered. Those little pieces of artwork they show you at the end of the day. Those mo-



ments have the same ability to spark those feelings mentioned earlier. Trust me I know, sometimes it doesn't look much. It could be a stick with a feather tapes around it, but to them that could be an incredible moment of creativity. I myself remember bringing home pro-

jects made during school or daycare. I would show them to my family and they would praise me for doing such a great job or say things like "wow you made that on your own?" I would answer back proudly "yep I did!" with a big smile on my face and although I don't see any of those same projects hanging around anywhere now or the next day for that matter that's not what mattered. It was that I made them proud. So you before you dismiss that stick with a feather attached to it, make sure you take the time to be amazed by it first. Ask questions about it. "Why did you choose that color of feather? Wow, how long did that take you to make?" Throw in uplifting comments such as "I never would have thought to put a feather on a stick or wow that's so cool!" Ask them how they made it. Obviously you already know they wrapped tape around it but maybe there is an interesting story behind it. Then when they come the next day with a new amazing item you can casually throw that stick feather away because what is most important to them if their showing you, is your reaction.

Board of Directors

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Scholastic News

Effective September 1st, 2018 all orders will be done and paid for online. We will still give you the order forms with a due date on them. Settling up your account is a very easy process. You may use your credit card or your debit card. When your order is complete it will be shipped to the Pre-school. I will be sending out detailed information near the end of August.

Have a wonderful summer!

Attention all Chefs

Calling all Parents!

Does your child have a favorite recipe they always ask you to make? If so we are interested. Children's taste buds are constantly evolving and fluctuating so it becomes a challenge finding something that is enjoyable to all. Sometimes it's a hit and sometimes it's a miss but you never know until you try. Being a centre with a diverse group of families as well as staff I'm sure there are some great recipes or dishes that are just waiting to be

shared. Don't hesitate to share whatever you would like. Both centres make morning and after-school snacks and the school age site also has the hot lunch program, so whatever you choose to share we will make fit in somewhere. The only exceptions to recipes of course would be those pesky food allergies such as peanuts and fish but we can usually work around those with substitutions or minor tweaks as needed. High five to the creator of sunbutter!

