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# Lord Roberts Children's Program's Summer 2019

## Letter from Director

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### Executive Director's Report

Summer 2019

Welcome to summer 2019! The children are out of school and the centre is buzzing with children leaving us, children joining us and vacations happening all around! The summer promises to be fun-filled and I encourage all of you to check out our website:

[www.lordroberts.org](http://www.lordroberts.org) and take a peek at the summer calendars posted there. This is also where you will find the newsletter and any other information you might be looking for including policies, procedures, a list of our board and our staff list. You do not require a password so

feel free to explore! Summer brings changes to our centre and this year is no exception- we say farewell to many families and wish you the best as the journey continues. This summer we say **farewell to Brittany** (and Charlotte) who will be working from home in order to spend more time with her very busy family-we will miss you and thank-you for the wonderful care and learning you have provided to the Rainbow Room kiddies for the last number of years! On another note **Renee who worked in the Rainbow Room has decided not to return to Lord Roberts**- she was on a leave to have her first baby and has decided to move to a centre where she will work with wee ones even younger than our toddlers. ( there is a note from her to the parents in this newsletter)- this is a big loss to our program and after 10 years it will mean a big change in the Rainbow Room. We will keep you all informed as we sort the staffing out in the Rainbow Room but in the meantime we are happy to welcome **Cristin** who is replacing Brittany in the Rainbow Room. A big welcome to all our new families-if there is anything you need to know please stop and see me or reach me by telephone (204-453-3409) or by email: [april@lordroberts.org](mailto:april@lordroberts.org). Our centres are large and staff are super busy so there are bound to be some things that a quick call might answer-don't be shy!

The AGM was held in June and for those of you who attended a big thank-you! We are privileged to have a centre where parents actively participate and we actually hold elections to the board-here are many centres that do not have this.

Speaking of elections (nice segue, eh?) there are elections at both the Provincial and Federal levels this fall. The Manitoba Child Care Association will be continue the work started with the petition last spring with the #support26K campaign ( that is the number of signatures we collected from Manitobans) to remind government that learning does not start in kindergarten and our system needs help. Watch for documents that you can use to ask child care related questions to candidates when they show up at your door this fall and perhaps you may want to join in a possible Walk for Child Care to be held on August 20th to further support this important societal issue. (information on the website). I hope everyone has some downtime this summer because we all know how quickly it goes by. Stay sun safe!  
April



## News from Sunshine Room

Hello Families,

The Sunshine Room has had a very busy summer so far with field trip every week, water play Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and other fun filled activities. There are so many to mention it is impossible to name all of them here so don't forget to take a look at our website for the rest so you can be up to date with all of the activities and field trips that are yet to happen.

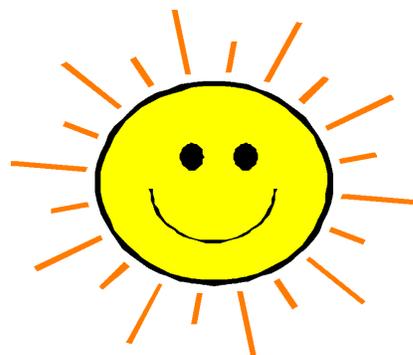
We would also like to take this time to congratulate all of our friends who have graduated from the Rainbow Room and are now headed into the Sunshine Room. Although it's only one room over the achievements and developments you have conquered are nothing short of exceptional and we at the centre have enjoyed being a part of them.

We welcome our new friends and family to the centre. Hopefully all the staff have made introductions to you and your little ones but if not, because we all know how moments can slip by, please feel free to approach any of the staff with concerns or just to say hello.

As we welcome in our newest additions and those moving forward with our centre we would also like to acknowledge our friends who have left us for our School age crew. To them we say "see you around" with the expectation that our paths will pass in the hallways of Lord Roberts as we drop off our kinders for school.

To our friends that have left the centre, we wish you all the best and hope you come back and visit soon so we can still be a part of your journey forward.

Last but not least just a few simple reminders in regards to the summer to make sure your children enjoy it to the fullest before school. Hats, water bottles, swim suits and towels will be needed daily.



## News from The Rainbow Room

Hello everyone!

Summer is in full swing and we have been loving this amazing weather! We just finished our two week outdoor day-care and it was such a success! The kids had so much fun being outside all day and have relished the freedom to really explore their environment. We have also gone on quite a few fieldtrips this summer which have been so much fun and enjoyable for both the staff and the children. We of course still have a few more this summer. One field will be to Morning Sound Farm in a few weeks. The children and the staff are looking forward to seeing the farms new arrivals and revisiting favorite activities.



New hatchlings this year at Morning Sound Farm

We also have a field trip to a splash pad planned for early August. We have been doing pool days as well and we will continue to do those throughout the summer.

Lastly as some of you may already know my last day was July 26th. I am leaving to pursue my schooling to become an Educational Assistant, which will allow me more time with my three children. I have absolutely loved my time in the Rainbow Room. I have loved watching all the children grow and learn. I have also enjoyed getting to know all the families and will miss you all. It has been an absolute joy working with all the little ones over the years and I will treasure the memories

Brittany



## Hello from School Age

Summer break!!!! Who doesn't love it. Kids get time off school, parents (hopefully) get time off work, trips to the beach, trips in general. Its definitely one of the enjoyable times of the year. We have had quite a few field trips already. We went to Tinkertown and the weather was actually nice for a change. It didn't rain and it wasn't to hot. Other days however have been slightly on the warm side and have kept us inside due to over heating concerns. Luckily on the days that weren't too terribly hot we had the option of swimming or using the sprinkler in the playground.

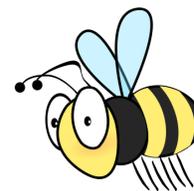
Of course we have the faithful fieldtrips like Grand prix and the farm. There has been some interesting new additions that the children probably wouldn't have thought to do on their own but turned out to be very rewarding and fun. One of the new and interesting field trips didn't involve going very far but gave the children a chance to explore the outside environment while preserving natures hardest workers, the bees.



could be used and its benefits to the bee population and the

Colleen took a group of 15 children to her garden where they were given the opportunity to create a bee habitat out of pieces of wood, bamboo and small pieces of tree segments. An information sheet was supplied that let the children know how their habitat

environment. Despite being outside for almost the whole day, which has been known to cause some argumentative conversations, everyone came back excited to share their experiences and new found knowledge about bees. Some had their habitats completed and were able to take home while others still had a little more to do on them. Thanks to Colleen who has taken time out of her personal down time all should be completed and be able to be utilized before the summer is over.



## Farewell From Renee from the Rainbow Room

It is with a heavy but excited heart that I must let you know I will not be returning to LRCP in August. I have been offered a new position as an ECE that speaks to my heart. I have learnt so much from all of you and your sweet babies' over the last 10 years. The thought of letting that go is a scary/sad one, but I must do what is right for my family. I will miss seeing your fa-

miles grown and watching your children become the little people they were destined to be. You will all have a special place in my heart. Dali and I will come visit, hopefully we will see you then.

All the best and take good care,  
Renee Chiwaula

**Saying goodbye  
to friends &  
hanging onto  
your smile..**

## Introduction to our New Staff

# HELLO

Hello my name is Elizabeth! I've been working at the pre-school centre since the end of June and will be here until summer ends. I recently graduated from highschool and came upon this opportunity to work full time. I thoroughly enjoy working with children as I volunteered here in the past and thought it would be such a great opportunity to explore early childhood education. I'm looking forward to the rest of the summer and being able to interact and enable the kids through play and activities.

Hi, my name is Céline Minsky. I'm 22 years old. I've been working at the school age site for the last 2 summers, this is my third summer here. I recently graduated from Saint-Boniface University with my Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology and a minor in French. I am currently enrolled in real estate courses. I'm hoping to obtain my real estate license by October. After that, I will be working with a lady who works for Robidoux Real Estate as an independent broker out of Saint-Boniface.

Hello my name is Mia McFeetors. I'm 19 years old and I just completed my first year of university at the U of M, where I am studying Kinesiology. In a few years I hope to be an Athletic Therapist. Even though this is my first summer here working I attended the pre-school and school age site as a child. The first couple days were a little weird but after I got the hang of it I blended right in. The summer with the kids has been a blast so far and I'm excited to work with them for the rest of the summer. I'm also looking forward to coming back for many more summers!

Hi my name is Cristin. I'm originally from Sweden but have been living in Canada for the last 17 years. I've been running the lunch program at Lord Roberts School for the last 4 years but worked there in total for 7 years. I have taken a position in the Rainbow Room and I'm really happy and excited to get to join Lord Roberts Children's Program and get to know all the families and children.

## Board of Directors

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