

Hi Parents,

ECE week is coming up this April 25-May 1, 2021! Our dedicated staff had to miss this week last year due to the onset of the pandemic, and this year we are gearing up to celebrate their commitment to our children's well-being, and their perseverance to navigate public health restrictions that totally flipped things on their head this past year.

We are all missing being together, and staff at both sites are also missing celebrating together. Our board has focused this year on providing some ways we can celebrate together from a distance!

As part of ECE week this year, we are asking parents to contribute in a couple ways:

1. Send us a short video or picture to share what our Lord Roberts Children's Programs staff mean to you. Our board members will be compiling the items as a short video to be played during ECE week. The video will not be shared on social media, and will only be used for showing to staff as part of this event. Submit your video or photograph to [shonimadden@gmail.com](mailto:shonimadden@gmail.com) by **April 23, 2021**. Here are some ideas to inspire you:
  - Ask your children to share something they loved doing with their daycare teachers this year.
  - Ask your child to draw a picture of one of their daycare teachers.
  - Send a short video of your family saying "Happy ECE Week!"
2. We are also putting together some snack packages for staff as part of a virtual event they will be participating in, and would like to include a note that the snacks are from the parent community at the centre. We are asking parents to bring some goodies to donate by Monday, **April 26, 2021**. Please note that all items must be prepackaged and not homemade due to the pandemic. Some ideas include drinks, packaged chips or popcorn, treats!

Thank you for helping us celebrate the hard work of our staff! I know we are all missing the regular interactions but hope that we can show them how much we value their expertise, dedication, and loyalty to the children, our families, and our centre.

Thanks to Childcare Manitoba Works!

Cheers,

The Lord Roberts Children's Programs Board of Directors