

January 2018 Newsletter



I hope everyone had a fabulous holiday season and I wish you all the best for an even better 2018! Thank you all for coming out to our Winter Potluck, we have photo booth pictures for those who were posers, ask the staff if you haven't received yours yet. It was a new format to the party this year and we would love to hear your feedback on what you thought. We would also all like to thank you very much for the wonderful gifts of chocolate, tea, alcoholic beverages, gift cards, baked goods, books and cards filled with warm wishes and compliments. It was all very much appreciated.

We all had a busy day on Friday, Dec. 22nd cleaning and reorganizing the daycare. Scottie built some new pallet structures for all the outdoor spaces. The rest of us dismantled everything, threw away or recycled what we no longer had use for and then put everything back together. A new washer and dryer were installed in the infant toddler bathroom. We had help from staff from the Family Place, the CCRR and the Board of Directors. There were multiple truck loads to the dump and the recycling center. This was much needed and long overdue. Thanks everyone!!

We have a new allergy in the infant toddler program to eggs. This is a severe allergy. For now we are asking that there be no eggs sent in lunches in the infant/toddler program. I will be sending out more information about this over the next few weeks. Please call me if you have any questions.

In this New Year we would like to ask that children's toys from home stay at home. We realize that the children want to bring in their toys to show friends or just to play with for the day. This is starting to become a problem for many reasons. Things go missing, some children don't want to share or only want to share with certain friends, things get broken, etc. We have many toys and materials for the children to use while they are at daycare. A blanket and/or

pillow for rest time is fine, as is a stuffie for resting with (preferably only one). Besides that we would like everything else to stay at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Infant Toddler News



This past year has been exciting time for the Infant Toddler Program as we have successfully moved in to a space when children can use a variety of loose parts to build on their imagination. The Infant Toddler Staff spend a lot of time observing and reflecting on how the children relate to their learning environment. Questions that the Educators brainstorm is what kind of materials are needed, the type of space and how much time do they need to meet help the children meet their learning milestones.

It's been an exciting time for the children as they enjoy sitting and interacting with stories such as Owl Babies, Zoom, Zoom, Going to the Moon, Five Green Speckled Frogs, Frog's Winter Party or Fire Truck.

Recently, many of the children are expressing an interest in using the toilet. What an amazing learning opportunity for children to show independence and practice self-help skills! It takes a lot of practice to sit, wait and know when their bodies are ready to "let go". Some other children are learning how to keep mitts on, putting on their own boots, hanging up their winter coats and finding their outdoor gear as well as how it cold their hands feel when they choose not to wear their mitts.



Older Toddlers are learning about personal space and how they move in the same space as their peers while interacting with the loose parts. This is where an Educator will role play, script the information that is needed such "I am wondering how your friend might be feeling when you touch or grab the "car" from their hands."

The Infant Toddler would like to thank you for another great year and all the best for 2018.


DONATION SUGGESTIONS:

Silicone kitchen utensils	Clothespins	Ribbon
Napkin rings	Velcro	Pestle
Glass stones	Metal bowls	Golf Tees
Funnels	Metal springs	Paint Rollers

3-5 and Multi-Age News



We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season. It was lovely to have so many families join us for our Winter Festival in early December

December has been such a busy month! You may have noticed some additions in the outside yards.....Scottie and the children worked hard to construct the pallet shelters. As the snowfall increases, they hopefully will be transformed into snowy shelters. 



We are so grateful for the donations of wooden pallets from Lordco and the wooden cable spools from Nelson Hydro. Covered with burlap, they make great indoor display and provocation tables. Outdoors, they give wonderful heavy work experiences as the children are able to roll them and climb up on them also. Take a peek on multi-age and you will see one of the pallets is part of a loose part provocation and is lit up with lights.

The 3-5 cubby room has seen a few changes - the Parent Information board is now on your left side as you enter the 3-5 program room. Spare items of clothing and footwear are underneath the table. If you are missing any items, this is always a good place to start a search.

Our Friday closure gave staff the opportunity to work on projects and do a thorough tidy and clean. Some of the work done is less obvious - many cupboards were cleared of outdated and un-used items. We were so grateful to some other staff from Kootenay Kids Family Place/CCRR who also came and helped.

As the cold weather continues, we ask that you ensure your child has adequate clothing/mittens/socks for changes that may need to occur during the day. Naming their items means that if things go astray, then their owners can be more easily found!

We always welcome donations, however, we are especially thankful for natural items, wooden/metal household items and pieces of cloth. We continue to increase our loose parts resources and welcome any donations. At this time we do not require books and are trying to keep our plastic items to a bare minimum.

Lastly, just a friendly reminder to sign your child in and out of the daycare each day. Thank you.

