## January 2020 Newsletter



Happy New Year! Happy New Decade!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. So nice to see all the snow!!

Big thank you to everyone who came out for our Winter Potluck. Also many, many thanks for all the yummy treats for staff around the holidays. It was very much appreciated.

Anjali has been away visiting her family in India and should be back around the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. We have had Pascal, a new casual, helping us over the past few weeks and you will likely see more of her. We have also added Bronwen to our casual list, Bronwen used to work here many years ago and has recently returned to the area.

I would like to ask your help with something please. A pair of navy blue Columbia snow pants has gone missing from the 3-5 or multi-age program. We have searched everywhere and are pretty sure they have accidently gone home with someone else. Would you all please check around your home for these pants. They are labelled with the child's name on a sticker on the inside tag. These are good quality snow pants that the parents would really appreciate getting back while they still fit. Thank you for your help with this.

I believe that's all for now. Wishing you all the best in 2020!!!



## **Infant Toddler News**

We have had an amazing December celebrating the holidays, filled with fun baking activities, energized dance parties, singing our favourite songs and listening to our favourite stories.



One of our favourite activities out in the yard has been building snowmen. They have been of various sizes and lived in different locations around the yard. Each time one of our snowmen have melted away we go for a hunt around the yard looking for him or at the very least, his hat.



We have continued going on our adventure walks throughout the month of December. Small groups have been adventuring around the neighbourhood, up to the dinosaur park or the pickle ball courts to explore how the change of season has changed our neighbourhood.

It was wonderful to see so many families gathered for Winter Festival. Thank you to everyone for coming together and creating such a warm and welcoming community.

In the past month we have seen lots of varying weather but the overall theme has been wet. We are asking families to bring spare mittens; some mornings are very wet and mittens and gloves get soaked through and aren't dry by the afternoon. We have also begun sending home dirty or wet clothing in washable, reusable bags. We are asking families wash and return them to the centre as soon as they are able. We have also distributed a new diapering policy, if anyone has any questions feel free to talk to staff.

We are looking forward to another amazing year and we are excited to see what 2020 will bring our way ©



## 3-5 Newsletter

Well, the December festivities are almost over. We hope you all had a happy and

peaceful time surrounded by loved ones. As we look forward to a new decade we are thinking about January festivals and events....Chinese New Year and Robert Burns Day......watch this space.

It was lovely to see many families at our Winter Potluck. We would also like to thank you for the many cards, kind words and treats that have been given to us – they are all very much appreciated.

This last month has seen us out in a variety of weathers – torrential rain, frost and ice and snow. These different days enable the children to be involved in many different sensory experiences.

We continue to observe and document children's experiences to make learning visible to parents. The new BC Early Learning Framework has recently been published – this is our guide as Early Childhood Educators, to enable us to identify and create opportunities to meet learning goals.

We would like to remind parents that they are most welcome to bring photos for the 'family tree' in the story area (cubby room). This is a nice way to connect your child's family with the day care and can also be a comfort if a child ever needs some reassurance.