



December 2019

### Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Purdys fundraiser. We surpassed our goal of \$750. reaching \$1156.97, this will go towards room supplies for the Daycare and Out of School Care Program.



The children have been enjoying some of the gross



motor equipment that was purchased with the Little Caesars fundraiser profit as well as the loose parts that

were funded by Chinook Financial.

### Donations

A big Thank you to **Jeff Mix** for continuing to haul stuff away for us. Thank you to **Danyel Fath** for donating a cell phone to our OSC Program.

We are always accepting donations of craft supplies, loose parts, snacks and money towards any of these items.

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from the giving tree on Black Friday. We truly appreciate the kindness!



### Volunteers

Thank you to **parents** who have donated their time to help with maintenance around the daycare.

We are looking for a few community members/parents/grandparents who can help us with the regular maintenance of the daycare.

A huge thank you to our **special reader from Wheat Country Special Needs** for coming in weekly to read to the children, the children appreciate your visits!

### Upcoming Days

CLOSED- December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 01st.

We will be closing for a Professional Development Day in February or March, we will also be putting on a workshop for staff, parents and community members within the next few months, more information to follow in the next newsletter.

## Infant News



The month of December has had some unpredictable weather to say the least, but we try to enjoy the fresh outside air as much as we can. We know that exposure to clean, fresh air creates physically happier, healthier children and allows children to have a break from the indoors. When outside we like to work on our gross motor skills by kicking snow, making snow angels and catching snowflakes on our tongues!

On the odd day that we just can't go outside we get to play in our tunnel! Our favorite game to play with the tunnel is follow the leader. By playing this game we can strengthen both our gross motor skills, by crawling through the tunnel, and our social skills, by having to communicate with others and take turns.



## Toddler News



In the month of December we have had a lot of fun playing in the snow. Playing in the Snow presents new challenges and encourages problem solving. Children often find themselves climbing snow hills, and building snowmen. Being exposed to Snow is good for Children's Sensory Experiences, and the physical challenge is a good way to build and strengthen muscles.

When It's too cold to play outdoors we find other sensory activities to do indoors like finger painting, and water play. When we finger paint, we learn how colours work, and provides sensory integration. Finger painting provides stimulation for creativity and imagination, and encourages cognitive development. Hand and finger muscles are strengthened which helps with fine motor skills.



## Older Toddler(OT) News



During the month of December, the children in the OT room have been working on their gross motor skills. We have recently bought a big foam block set with the little caesars fundraiser held in October. These blocks help the kids to continue to develop their gross motor skills when they jump on and off, build tunnels, and build pathways with the blocks. These blocks also promote creative problem solving because the children can put together/organize the blocks in whichever way they please to and find different ways of accomplishing these tasks as they continue to play with the blocks.

Another activity the children enjoy doing is engaging in the water sensory table. This table is filled with warm soapy water and then filled with different toys that are safe for the water and also promote the use of their senses. The kids also learn how to communicate and work alongside one another which helps build their social development and builds on the way they see the world around them and also who is around them and how they feel in different situations.



## Preschool News



For the month of December we had some fun in the snow when the weather allowed it. We added some new gross motor equipment for the children to use while outside such as a hay bale and some crates for the children to explore with. For the days that it was too cold for us to make it outside we brought gross motor inside as we played musical chairs and a tunnel. There are a few benefits with these different activities such as helping the children resolve arguments peacefully and practice patience as they wait for their turn and they learn to deal with their frustration when they are out of the game. This is also an example **Playful Exploration and Problem Solving** as children learn to negotiate the complexities of joint undertakings as they negotiate time, space and roles, developing a sense of fair play.



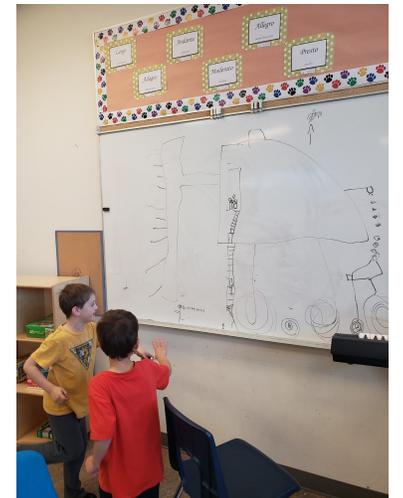
We have also been creating some winter crafts for the last couple of weeks. Recently we did some snow painting where they used pom poms, white paint and a clothespin to create snow on paper which helps the children with their **Fine Motor Development** which benefits the hand-eye

coordination as the fine motor skills improves and it also helps them perform crucial tasks like reaching, grasping, and moving objects.

## Out of School Care News

There were so many wonderful moments captured this month. The OSC group Persisted through their play taking turns, listening to each other, and negotiating. When we attempted to make slime they talked about how

much of each ingredient had to be combined to create the desired consistency, what color to make it, and negotiated taking turns to put ingredients in, and mix. They imagined worlds to play in and had the chance to create them. Some of their "world play" lead them to using loose parts to create battlefields and secret bases, while others took more of a 2D form and came up with elaborate drawing on the white boards. We also had some fun together getting festive for the holidays! We collaboratively created a beautiful christmas tree using a wide variety of art materials such as crayons, markers, glitter glue, wool, and gems. We found some sensory snow and explored that as well. We have had requests from the group to create a family photo wall. If you could **please bring in photos of your children and loved ones to help us bring their vision to life** we would appreciate it :) Wishing all of you a safe and warm Holiday.



**Funny!**

**ELF ON THE SHELF**



Credit: Fowl Language Comics.

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**December/January 2020**

**Vulcan County Family Calendar**

Regular Programs/Special Family Events  
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
23 <b>SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FCSS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION</b>	24	25 	26	27 Family Movie 2:00pm @CRC Abominable	28
30	31 Family New Year's Eve Party - 5:30pm Vulcan Arena 7:30 Fireworks	January 1 	2 Babysitting Course Register with FCSS	3 Nerf Wars 1pm CRC Family Movie 5:00pm CRC—Spider Man, Far from Home	4/5
6 Roving Gym Milo School Gym 9:30	7 Mom and Tot Play-group Champion Legion 10 am	8 Time for Rhymes Milo Library 9:30 Play Connector Vulcan Lodge Hall 10:30-12:00	9 Time for Rhymes Champion Legion 10am	10 Champion Library Reading Corner 10 am Time for Rhymes Carmangay Library 10am	11/12
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