

Glenwood Newsletter



Keeping you connected to your Centre...always caring to enhance your child's world

Happy New Year!

Emergency Closures

Morrow Avenue Child Care Programs for Families makes every effort to remain open and operating as per our schedule. However, there may be emergency situations where this is not possible. Conditions that warrant closure include snowstorm/blizzard, other natural disaster or health crisis/epidemic such as influenza pandemic, etc. that may occur.

For programs located within a school MACCPF must follow the schools procedure for conditions that warrant closure (specifically, for snowstorm/blizzard). These include the ability of emergency vehicles to access the school building, accessibility of fire doors, personal safety of the children, parents and staff traveling to and from the centre, availability of transport for staff.

If the Centre is forced to close due to an emergency parents will be expected to pay for the day(s). We will broadcast via radio (CJOB/CKY) to announce our closure.

In the event of a Health crisis/epidemic we will follow instructions issued by the Regional Health Authority.

Please update staff whenever there is a change in contact information for yourself or your emergency contacts. During an emergency, if you are not able to pick your child up, please make arrangements for your emergency contact person to pick up. This is your responsibility. Late fees will apply after 5:30pm. Glenwood # (204) 982- 6697

Upcoming Events

- January 24 Early Dismissal
- January 26 In-Service – Centre OPEN
- February 3 In-Service – Centre OPEN
- February 20 Louis Riel Day – Centre CLOSED
- February 28 Early Dismissal

Billing Period January 23 – February 17
Next Billing Period February 20 – March 16

Birthdays

- February 18 Michael

Kinder News

The Kindergarten group has spent the month of January talking about the weather, snow, changes outside, activities outside and many other things associated with winter. Check out our cute winter picture scenes and see if you can spy your child. We have tried to get out as much as possible weather permitting. *Remember we still require proper winter wear every day.*

We also enjoyed many games and songs during this month. One of our favorites was the Snowkey Pokey. We discussed things that are black and white and had discussions about penguins and what it is like where they live.

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Reminders

- All payments must be made by cheque or money order
- All lunches must be cold or warmed and sent in a thermos
- Please ensure that your child wears appropriate play clothing daily. In outfitting your child, keep in mind the changeable weather, your child's comfort and the activities that the child will participate in during the day. Each child must have a complete change of clothing in their locker at all times in case of accidents or spills. If a change of clothing is unavailable, the parent may be called as the Centre does not always have spare clothes. Any clothing borrowed from the Centre should be laundered and returned promptly.
- We play outside every day, weather permitting (in winter -25°C). Children sent inappropriately dressed will not be allowed to stay: i.e. no hat in the summer, no boots in the winter.

Outdoor Play

Please review page 15 of our policy for appropriate clothing for winter outdoor play. This can be a struggle with the Senior School Age children. Some do not want to wear boots and ski pants. Our policies were developed with the idea of doing the best we can to protect your children while they are in our care. During lunch recess the children could end up with wet clothing that they would be forced to sit in all afternoon. After school they may have to sit in wet clothing until pick up. There are concerns about coughs etc as well as developing frost bite. We hope that you will encourage your child to follow this rule so that we can do our best to maintain their health and safety.

Staff Changes

Ms Emily will be joining the program at Archwood. Ms Susana will be returning to Glenwood.

Kinder News Continued

We will be moving into February with discussions about our little friend the Groundhog. We hope he will come out and we will soon have spring. We will be making some predictions; perhaps it will be too cold for him to come out so we definitely will not have an early spring. But that means more fun playing in the snow.

We have been doing a lot of sharing and helping each other. We will be moving into some discussions on friendships and love both at the centre and at home. We will be talking about families and other friends at group sports, Beavers, Sparks, swimming and other activities.

Junior News

Since we started the junior room under the supervision of Ms. Emily, we did several exciting activities in the curriculum areas of Science, Cognitive, Movement and Creative Arts. Each week the children look forward to these activities.

The children enjoyed when we did "The Things I Love". Each child participated by taking a heart paper, writing down their favorites things that they love, and then taking turns to read them and trying to guess who the author was from each heart. We also did a two-day activity where the children were designing and making a boat. They all turned out great.

In February we will look forward to finding more activities and crafts not just for fun and enjoyment but for educational learning as well.

Senior News

In January, we started a Junior/Senior room afterschool. The Senior room has been making crafts, doing MADD libs and expanding their horizons in drama. The Seniors have created a play called *Bullies at School*, with the assistance Ms Cheris. They have been practicing and are planning on presenting it to the Junior room.

In February we will be talking about Groundhog Day, working on getting a board game day together and trying musical activities. We will also talk about how we can help out others in our community.

Bullies at School

A Play by the Senior Glenwood Children

Characters

Bob: Geek
Chris: Good Guy
Joey: Bully
Mark: Good Guy
Mr. Potter: Teacher
Natalia: Good Girl
Nick: Silly Guy
Rose: Bully



It was a nice spring day just before school was going to start. Mark, Natalia, and Chris are standing by the school doors waiting for the bell to ring, when over walks Joey.

Joey: Hey guys what's up?
Mark: Get out of here dork!
Joey: You wanna Smack!
Mark: No way I'm not going to let you.
Natalia: Come on you two! Let us all get along!

Rose arrives at school and walks over to the group hearing the argument.

Rose: Hey losers! What you fighting about?
Mark: We are not losers!
Natalia: That's not nice Rose!

Just then Bob arrives at school and goes over to meet the group.

Bob: Hey guys Who Wants a WAFFEL!
(While adjusting his glasses)

Joey turns around and faces Bob.

Joey: No one!

Joey then punches Bob in the face, Bob then runs away crying.

Rose high fives Joey.

Rose: Good job man! Way to hit that geek!

Natalia goes to find the teacher.

Mr. Potter: Yes Natalia how can I help you?
Natalia: Mr. Potter Rose is teasing everyone and Joey just punched Bob in the face!
Mr. Potter: Ok I will handle it Thank you for coming to me!

Meanwhile back at the group...

Chris: You two shouldn't be so mean to Bob. Put yourself in his shoes... You should treat others how you want to be treated!

Joey realizes that he was being a bully and apologizes to Bob.

Joey: Sorry that was mean of me to hit you!
Bob: Oh well ah that's alright....my name is Bob! *(Snorts twice)*

Just then Nick arrived at school.

Nick: Hey guys let's brawl!
Rose: We are all done fighting! That's not cool!

Just then Mr. Potter walks over.

Mr. Potter: What is going on over here?
Joey: I punched Bob in the face but I realized that I was being a bully and I have said sorry to him!
Mr. Potter: Well I am glad we are all getting along now!

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The bell rings and everyone goes off to class.

The End