

MAG Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

In the beginning of December Ms. Dianne came to MAG from our Hastings site as the Senior Room Leader. Everyone has been working hard to enhance the room to meet the needs of the children. They have done a fantastic job organizing the room, cleaning up everything, brightening the bulletin boards and still managing to find a constant supply of boxes!

We said farewell to Marszel who left the centre at the beginning of January. Enjoy your independence and have fun!

Ms. Pam also received the opportunity to work at our preschool program at Rene Delorme. Good luck and don't forget to come and visit.

We would all like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the families for their generosity at Christmas. We enjoyed all of the treats, chocolates, platters and gifts! We enjoy working with all the children and their families. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2012!

Thank you to Isabel and her family donating all the foam cut-outs to the centre. The children enjoy using them for art projects.

As you may have noticed the Senior Room couches have lost their last legs! We are currently in the process of disposing them. We are now looking for a second-hand couch that is both durable and easy to keep clean. Please let us know if you hear of anything that we could use.

Welcome back Ms. Katrina from her visit to the Philippines. Your return was highly anticipated!

Ms. Kim will be travelling home to Guyana in the middle of February and will return in March. Have a safe and fun trip.

Ms Dayna will be away the week of February 20 to 25 for reading week.

Also, Ms. Camie will be on holidays from February 24 to March 5.

Upcoming Events

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| January 24 | Early Dismissal @ 2:30PM |
| January 31 | In-Service Day - Centre OPEN |
| February 3 | In-Service – Centre OPEN |
| February 20 | Louis Riel Day – Centre CLOSED |
| February 28 | Early Dismissal @ 2:30PM |

Birthdays

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| January 8 | Chloe |
| January 10 | Rachel |
| January 13 | Caileigh |
| January 13 | Abbe |
| January 30 | Ava |
| February 1 | Nathan L. |
| February 6 | J'aime |
| February 11 | William |
| February 23 | Ms. Camie |

Kinder News

We have had a lot of fun over the past couple of months at circle learning about bugs, insects and Christmas. In the New Year the children chose to learn about 'Manners.' So far we have gone through the basic "please" and "thank you", we used basic sign language, learned why it is important to be respectful/listen, discussed different emotions and feelings and learned about table etiquette while having an iced tea party.

During colder weather when it is too cold to go outside the children have kept up their movement by doing different aerobics, playing indoor gross motor games, having dance parties, playing hide and seek and spending time on our bouncer. They had a lot of fun but it is also nice to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and run!

Ms. Camie

Junior News

Christmas has come and gone and now it is back to the school routine. During the break the juniors kept busy by going to Victor Mager playground, enjoying a pizza lunch, participating in a fashion show and having three dance parties! The children had a blast! We would like to send a thank you out to Abigail for sharing her art book with us and for providing us with different science experiments. The children really enjoyed the coloured milk experiment.

The children just can't get enough of magic so our curriculum has turned into learning about magic and what it involves. So far they have made homemade pixie dust, broom stick pencils, learned simple magic tricks and are about to make fairy houses. They have been very enthusiastic at activity time in the afternoons!

Ms Camie, Ms Dayna, Ms. Kendra and Ms. Katrina

Senior News

December went by very quickly and we welcomed 2012 with a lot of new changes in the senior room by completely redecorating and re-arranging it. January has kept us busy with activities, observing the children and using their ideas and interests for an enhanced program.

We had our first talent show in December. Children arrived in their favourite sports jerseys (A lot of Jets gear!), showed off their dance moves on the floor and the girls entertained us by singing their favourite songs. Ms. Dianne enthusiastically showed the children and staff the New Zealand Haka and the Hula dance.

This month the children are focused on creative representation such as making models out of loose parts/clay, painting and role playing. We are continuing our "I love to read" theme. It is great to see the interest the children have shown with this challenge. The bulletin board is filling up fast with posts of the books that the children have completed. The children have also continued their interest with listening to music, busting a move and exploring their singing voices. The children love creative arts, science experiments and interacting with one another through social play. Keep an eye out for displays of the children's work/creations on the bulletin boards. February we will focus on language and literacy. We will talk about personally/meaningful experiences, describe, write and act out role plays.

Our hands on, play based, child-centered curriculum is achieved through an emergent curriculum. With this approach we observe the children's play, ideas, and interests.

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Using that as a base, we expand the children's opportunities to engage in activities and explore concepts. We continually observe and ask open-ended questions. This allows us to program the curriculum with activities that are fun and educational.

Ms. Dianne, Ms. Marian, Ms. Kim and Ms. Pam

A Note from Ms. Dianne

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Bonnie, Marni, Camie, staff, children and parents of MAG for my smooth transition to the MAG site in December of 2011. December was a busy month for me, getting to know the children in the senior room and building relationships with them. It didn't take long to establish a good working relationship with the staff and children of MAG. The children in the senior room are creative, talented and intelligent.

The staff and children in the senior room have reviewed the behaviour expectations, safety procedures, and routines in the centre. I am looking forward to having a year filled with learning, exploration, and fun.

Ms. Dianne

Artist of the Month

