



# Greenfield School Age Day Care Association Family Update

December 2011

## Upcoming winter break plans and day care closure dates

The winter school break is fast approaching so GSADCA staff will be asking families if their children will be attending the sites during the break, or if they have alternate plans. We understand that holiday plans may change in the upcoming weeks; however, confirmation of enrollment is required for staff scheduling and ensuring appropriate activities are planned for each of the programs. Please advise the Site Director or Executive Director of your plans as soon as possible.



Please note that GSADCA will be closed on the following dates:  
December 26 and 27, and January 2.

The Board and staff would like to extend best wishes to our families for a wonderful time with family and friends during the winter break and health and happiness in 2012.

## Malmö site has a few open spots available

The Malmö site has a few remaining spots available in the preschool daycare and out of school care programs. If you know any families looking for child care, please encourage them to contact Reva Elmhurst, Executive Director, at 780-435-4532 or [gsad\\_ed@telus.net](mailto:gsad_ed@telus.net).



## Welcome to new Board members

The Board would like to welcome four new members: Miranda Thiessen is the Fundraising Chair, Lise Cox is the Casino Chair, and Shelley Carnahan and Heather Taschuk are Members at Large. We appreciate their participation and new ideas. An updated contact list for the Board is attached to this newsletter.

## Poinsettia and Sobey's fundraisers were a success

The Board and staff thanks all the families that participated in the poinsettia and Sobey's gift card fundraisers. Sobey's sells the gift cards to non-profit organizations at a discount and organizations such as GSADCA benefit from the profit of the cards sold. For example, if we sell \$2,000 dollars worth of gift cards Sobey's provides a 4% discount, so GSADCA will only pay them \$1,920 and will earn an \$80 dollar profit that goes directly to the day care. The more we sell the better it is for our programs. Thanks for your support!



If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact Miranda Thiessen, Fundraising Chair, at [miranda.thiessen@gmail.com](mailto:miranda.thiessen@gmail.com) or Shauna Paradis, Co-Secretary, at [shauna.paradis@gmail.com](mailto:shauna.paradis@gmail.com).



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## Thank you for donations of toys and items for GSADCA programs

The Board and staff would like to thank the families and individuals who kindly donated toys and other items to GSADCA. It is much appreciated by the children and staff!

The Board is seeking parent helpers to assist with organizing donations of craft items, materials, or equipment for GSADCA sites. It takes time to source the items and arrange to transport it to the sites, and we appreciate help with this task.



In addition to craft materials that are always needed, the items on our wish list currently include dress up clothes, hats, purses, and building toys such as Duplo. Also, if you have any of the following items and you are no longer using them, the centres would greatly appreciate them and put them to good use: toasters, blenders, and a pancake grill.

For more information please speak with the Site Director or contact Kimberly Taylor-Abdurahim, Communications Chair, at 780-432-6975 or [gsadca.board@gmail.com](mailto:gsadca.board@gmail.com).

## Staff updates

Congratulations to Amanda Moss from the Lendrum site on the birth of her baby boy! Amanda is on maternity leave now and we would like to welcome Regina to the Lendrum site. With the increase in enrollment at the Malmo site, new staff will be starting there soon.



## Please remove outdoor footwear at the school entrances

Please remember to remove your outdoor shoes when dropping off or picking up children. We are part of the school community and should be respectful of their property and set a good example for the children.

## Time to ensure your contact information is up to date

If you have not already done so please ensure your contact information is up to date and report any changes to the GSADCA main office.



## Save the date!

Our next casino dates are Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, 2012; more information will be provided in the New Year regarding volunteer requirements. Our previous casino provided the funds to purchase our new bus. As this is the major fundraiser for the day care, your volunteer assistance will be needed and much appreciated.