

# Greenfield School Age Day Care Association Family Update

February 2012

#### GSADCA programs almost full with only a few spots remaining at Malmo site

The GSADCA Board is pleased to announce that the preschool program is now full at the Malmo site with a waiting list, and the out-of-school care (OSC) program is almost full with only a few remaining spots. The Lendrum site continues to be full with a waiting list for all programs.

The Board and staff would like to thank the parents of children attending the Malmo site for their patience as several of the children have been transitioning from the preschool room 1 to the OSC Room 2. The Kinders have been very excited with moving to the room with the grade 1 and 2 students and all the children have been adjusting well and making new friends.



If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Site Directors (Gloria or Lindsey) or the Executive Director, Reva Elmhurst, at 780-435-4532 or gsad\_ed@telus.net.

#### Staffing update



Parents may notice some new faces at the Lendrum and Malmo sites due to increased enrollment, staff vacations and time off for personal reasons. The Board extends our sincere condolences to Regina at Lendrum and Rosine at Malmo for the loss of their family members. Cleo from Room 2 at Malmo will be going on maternity leave shortly and the Board and staff hope she enjoys the time off with her baby. Jayde from Room 3 at Malmo will be starting her education practicum shortly and we wish her all the best with student teaching; she intends to return to Malmo in April.

A warm welcome to our new staff with Caitlin at Lendrum, and Celine, Irum and Mia at Malmo; our staff will be pleased to introduce parents to our newest members in the coming weeks.

### Lendrum accreditation visit coming soon



The Lendrum day care program is undergoing reaccreditation and the organization that administers accreditation on behalf of the Government of Alberta will be coming to complete an evaluation scheduled for February 1 to 15<sup>th</sup>. Lendrum staff will be asking their parents to sign the permission forms to participate in the evaluation process. Thank you on behalf of the GSADCA Board and staff for your

assistance and participation. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with the Site Director Lindsey or the Executive Director, Reva Elmhurst.

# IMPORTANT REMINDER: Plan to pick your children up in their rooms

Please remember that it is the responsibility of parents to come to their child's room and sign their child out. Recently, parents have been increasingly requesting that their children be dressed and ready to go. It is important to remember that this is an occasional courtesy that may be extended under special circumstances, and not a standard service that is provided to parents. Please expect to come to your child's room and dress them in their winter clothes.





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# Thank you for donations for Santa's Anonymous and GSADCA programs

The OSC room at the Lendrum site held a charity fundraiser for Santa's Anonymous in December and the staff and children would like to thank all the families who donated toys and cash.

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



#### Seeking volunteer handyperson and parent helpers



GSADCA sites are in need of a volunteer handyperson to complete odd jobs that require skill with tools. An example of some tasks are: shortening legs on tables or chairs, repairing or removing shelves, installing handles and locks, etc.

The Board is also seeking parent helpers to assist with organizing donations of craft items, materials, or equipment for GSADCA sites, as it takes time to move items into the sites. 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 Directors or contact Kimberly Taylor-Abdurahim, Communications Chair, at 780-432-6975 or gsadca.board@gmail.com.

# Reminder for parents to please remove outdoor footwear at 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. Also, please ensure you supervisor your children when dropping them off or picking them up. Thank you for your assistance with keeping our sites clean and safe.



#### 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 very much appreciated.



# **Upcoming holidays**

February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

February 20 Family Day

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