



May & June 2012

## Program Changes



Thank you for your patience and understanding in light of the fee increases and the change to our summer withdrawal policy. The board is a volunteer board made up of parents of children from both centers so we understand the financial impact of these increases. These decisions were made after researching the fee structures at similar centers and a complete review of our budget. As a result, the increases were made in order to remain financially viable and the changes to the summer withdrawal policy were needed to support this. There has been some discussion about why GSADCA does not provide hot lunch. In order to provide hot lunch our facilities would have to meet the standards set by public health and this is not possible at this time. As a parent of a child in the program you may attend board meetings and information from these meetings is available. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the board at [gsadca.board@gmail.com](mailto:gsadca.board@gmail.com).

## Summer Planning

All parents should have received an e-mail regarding summer attendance. These forms will assist the executive director and site directors when they are planning and staffing for the summer program. Staffing during the summer increases because children are in the center all day and to accommodate field trips, special in-house activities, and staff holidays. Please hand in a copy or e-mail your response by May 18, 2012.

## Accreditation - Share your ideas!

Part of the accreditation process is feedback from parents and children about activities they would like to add to our program. Please email the association at [gsad@telus.net](mailto:gsad@telus.net) with your suggestions for the summer program and any feedback from the spring break activities. During spring break Clay for Kids came to the centers and the children had a chance to make great clay creations. The children also went to Jackie Parker Park where they were able to enjoy the good weather and amazing climbing structures.



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## Important Dates

May 20, 2012: Summer attendance forms are due

May 21, 2012: Victoria Day –centers closed

June 2012 - End of School Celebration-date TBA

**Casino - Friday June 1 and Saturday June 2**

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered.

**We are still in need of 4 volunteers!**

1 - count room Fr night (9:45 pm - 3 am)

1 - Night shift Sat night (7pm - 2:15am)

2 - count room shifts Sat night (9:45pm - 3 am)

To volunteer, please contact our casino chair ... Lise Cox at [lisecox@telus.net](mailto:lisecox@telus.net)

## Reminders

Courtesy is contagious. Please model polite and professional communication when addressing staff. Our children see us as examples of how to respond when there are misunderstandings or other issues that arise. Also be aware that the staff wants to address your concerns in a timely manner, but their first priority is providing care for all the children at the center. You can always request a meeting or e-mail concerns to the board at [gsadca.board@gmail.com](mailto:gsadca.board@gmail.com) or the executive director at [gsad@telus.net](mailto:gsad@telus.net).

Please be aware that when parents arrive to drop off or pick up their children, they are responsible for their child. For example, parents are responsible for putting their child's lunch in the fridge if necessary, putting on and taking off their children's coats and shoes, and supervising their children if they are still playing in the center or the park.

## Summer Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are always needed and appreciated. We will definitely need parent volunteers for the summer when we travel to city of Edmonton venues to maintain the appropriate child/adult ratio. Watch for a sign-up sheet later in June.

## Thank you

Thank you to Kimberly Taylor-Abdurahim for your continued help with communications.



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