

K.I.D.S. Inc.

April Newsletter

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Important Dates:

Bills will go out April 9th, and are due April 16th, 2012

We are closed:

April 6th 2012 for Good Friday May 21st 2012 is Victoria Day

We are closed May 25th, 2012 for the MB Provincial Conference

Montrose In-service:

April 20th

From Karen's Desk:

We are pleased to announce our nomination for an Excellence in Leadership Award from the Human Resources Management Association of Manitoba in the category of Workplace Education and Employee Development Category! This award recognizes initiatives and programs in which an organization demonstrates success in raising the skill level of its employees through job related training and lifelong learning. The awards booklet highlighted "K.I.D.S. Inc. philosophy of working together with families to promote the health and safety of children within a program that is vibrant and fun, and follows pedagogical best practices. The long term staff work as a team with parents and guardians to make the centre a sought after, respected program. The philosophy of "We Grow People" includes working with the children within the programs, strengthening families, and promoting lifelong learning for staff. Their professional development program includes self reflection and analysis, support for learning in workshops, mentoring, courses and outreach within other organizations to develop the skills, knowledge and abilities required to contribute each day.

They are proud to have many long service employees and an engaged workforce. They have an excellent reputation for high quality early learning and child care, and over 600 children on their waiting list for entry and they are viewed as an employer of choice."

In a sector that has no Human Resources Department and lower resources for compensation, it was an honour to have been nominated for this award.

Don't miss us!

In order to ensure you receive all emails regarding your child's program, or reminders, please make sure you put our email address in your "contacts" so we don't go to your Junk Folder.



<u>Staff Anniversaries!</u>

Congratulations to: Susan—2 years Sara—2 years





TOYS FROM HOME:

SOMETIMES CHILDREN NEED A COMFORT TOY FROM HOME TO HELP WITH THE TRANSITION TO K.I.D.S. INC. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING YOUR CHILD CAN NOT LIVE WITHOUT. TOYS CAN GET LOST, BROKEN, OR PAINTED ON. WE ALSO REQUEST THAT BATTERY OPERATED TOYS BE LEFT AT HOME ESPECIALLY IF IT IS MEANT TO BE A CUDDLE TOY AT NAP TIME. TOYS MUST ALSO BE SMALL ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO FIT IN YOUR CHILD'S LOCKER.

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Preschool News:

Parents of children entering Nursery and Kindergarten in the fall: Please let staff know when you receive confirmation whether your child will go to school in the morning or afternoon in September. Please bring in a summer hat to wear every day.

School Age News:

In the past few summers, the school age children have decorated orange hats to wear for our field trips. Our supply is very low right now, and we will require more hats for the 2012 summer program. If any one has a connection to a supplier for summer hats, please contact Brenda, and she will make arrangements.

Are you looking for a charity to donate to? Kids inc. is a non-profit organization and we are registered to Canada Helps .org. It is a website that allows you to donate to a registered organization and receive a valid tax receipt in your email. You can donate online in honour or memory of a loved one, and e-cards for special occasions are available as well. There is also a message area that allows you to explain what you would like the donation to go towards if there is a particular area you wish to contribute to. Please go to www.canadahelps.org and you will be making a valuable contribution to Early Learning and Child Care. Another possibility is allcharitiescampampaign.ca Contributions can be made to K.I.D.S. Inc. by provincial employees. We are a registered charity and connected with the all charities campaign already. See your employer for more information.

Thank you to Phil Chiappetta, the Co-executive Director from Rossbrook House for coming to pick up the donated books. He thanked us for all the generosity and read us a story.

Thank you to the Gruber family for donating the boxes of Matza and the Toews family for the stickers.



And a special thank you to: Owen H., Mia, Sara N., Eilä, Carson, Abbey, Emma, and Eryn for helping out in the nap room, The little children loved having their backs rubbed and lulled to sleep by all of you helpers.



A very special Happy Belated Birthday to Mira in Preschool whose birthday was in March. Congratulations

Chiara



The Glenlea Greenhouse fundraiser from Montrose School due date is on Tuesday, April 3. If you are interested in purchasing flowers for our gardens or your own, please fill in the forms (extra ones are by our parent mailboxes) and hand them in to the Montrose School office. Thank you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hope you enjoy your special day!

Milla



Deena Luka Meadow Tara Owen P. Roen

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Brenda's Pancakes

Wet Ingredients

2 eggs separated

1 tsp. vanilla

2 Tbsp. oil

1 cup milk plus 1 tsp. vinegar to sour milk

Dry Ingredients

1 cup whole wheat flour or

half cup each white and whole wheat flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. baking powder

Method:

- 1. separate eggs and beat whites until stiff
- 2. Mi together vanilla, oil, soured milk and egg yolks
- 3. Mix the dry ingredients together and add to the wet.
- 4. Fold in beaten egg whites

Fry on hot oiled skillet—makes 12 medium pancakes