



# K.I.D.S. Inc.

## *January Newsletter*



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Inservice Dates  
 (K.I.D.S. Inc. is  
 open)  
 January 31

Contact us

### Closures

**January 1**

**February 17**

**March 31**

**April 21**

**May 19**

### Child Care Payment Due Dates

**January 6**

**February 3**

**March 3**

**March 31**

**April 28**

**May 26**

**June 23**

## ANNIVERSARIES



On behalf of all our sites, Montrose, South Pointe, Sir William Osler and Prairie Roots we all want to wish a *Happy Anniversary* to our wonderful director, **Karen** for reaching her 35th year at K.I.D.S. Inc.

Through the years, she has mentored, led, and inspired countless educators, empowering them to provide the highest quality care for the children and families who have been a part of our K.I.D.S. Inc. family.

She has worked tirelessly to educate government officials, advocating for policies that ensure high-quality childcare is accessible to all families, making a profound and lasting impact on the community.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AT K.I.D.S. INC. MONTROSE, SOUTH POINTE, SIR WILLIAM OSLER AND PRAIRIE ROOTS

AMY M—8 YEARS!

MAGGIE Z—2 YEARS!

ANJANA P—8 YEARS!

SHAZEEN A—2 YEARS!

RUPINDER P— 8 YEARS!

LINDSAY H—2 YEARS!

KENDALL D—8 YEARS!

MARY M—2 YEARS!



Thank you families for the wonderful cards, treats, presents, donations in the K.I.D.S. Inc. name, and well wishes for the winter holidays!

## SOUTH POINTE NEWS

We are excited to welcome **Kara, Mahnoor, Mariam, and Enrique**, who joined us at the end of 2024, and we are also thrilled to introduce **Sifa, Nimasha, and Jinal**, who will be joining our team in early January. Each one brings unique skills and energy to our program, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our children and community!

A New Year always rings in the promise of new ideas and things to strive for with a fresh start. At **K.I.D.S Inc South Pointe**, we're kicking it off with Collaborations and Camaraderie! We have created Educator **Program Contracts** that set clear goals and expectations for the year ahead. These contracts help ensure that we continue to provide the best care and learning experience for all the within our program. Here's to a year of growth, teamwork, and success!

The team and program contracts in our center help set the tone for the year by ensuring that everyone is on the same page. They encourage a positive, collaborative, and supportive work environment, which ultimately benefits both the educators and the children in our care. Contracts help establish clear expectations, foster communication, and provide a foundation for professional growth and team cohesion. They are a valuable tool in maintaining high-quality care and creating a successful, organized setting.

The Educator Team Contracts are visible in each room / or on each cart as well as in the office for those that may want to view.

Happy New Year to all!

Francine Margolese  
K.I.D.S Inc. South Pointe Site Manager



*To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake  
it is necessary to stand out in the cold.*

*-Aristotle*



## SOUTH POINTE NEWS

### Infant Program News

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful families for your participation in our December infant family event. We are so thankful to all of you who took the time to join us. Your presence, involvement, and enthusiasm made the event not only enjoyable but also meaningful. By engaging with your children, connecting with other parents, and contributing to the sense of community, you helped create an atmosphere of warmth and support that made the event a huge success.

At the heart of our program is a deep commitment to building strong, trusting relationships with each child. We understand that the foundation of learning and growth begins with feeling seen, heard, and loved. Each day, we focus on creating a nurturing environment where your child feels safe and valued. Whether it's through gentle words of encouragement, comforting hugs, and being present in their moments of discovery, we strive to make sure that every child knows they are cherished.

Looking ahead to this new year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for all the new experiences, connections, and learning opportunities that await. We will continue to focus on strengthening the bonds with each child, ensuring that they always feel loved and supported as they grow and develop.

Kathia Ayala  
South Pointe Infant Program Supervisor

Where do you find  
Google in Winter?

The Winternet!

What's the best food to  
eat in January!

Brrr-itos!

## SOUTH POINTE NEWS

### South Pointe Preschool News

With Winter in full swing, it's the perfect time to encourage cooperation and prosocial skills while keeping children active. Physical activity during the winter months not only supports their physical development but also offers opportunities to practice teamwork, sharing, and problem-solving. All of our preschool children LOVE exploring the snow, and it is where we often see children taking part in **cooperative play**.

**Cooperative play** in a preschool setting is when children work together to achieve a common goal. This type of play helps children develop essential social skills like sharing, taking turns, and solving problems together. For example, one of their favorite winter activities is pulling each other on sleds. Through this, children learn to take turns—one child pulls while the other enjoys the ride, and then they switch. They practice patience, sharing, and supporting each other in a fun and meaningful way.

When building snow forts and pathways, the children engage in cooperative play by dividing up tasks like shoveling, packing snow, and adding design elements. They negotiate roles, communicate their ideas, and help each other out, all while working toward a shared goal. These moments of collaboration teach children how to solve problems together, support one another, and share responsibilities.

Even in quieter moments, like making snow angels or hopping through the snow, the children show kindness by offering help, encouraging each other, or taking turns. These small acts of empathy and support are key aspects of cooperative play, fostering an environment where children develop strong social connections and learn the value of caring for others.

Winter outdoor play provides an abundance of opportunities for cooperative play, where children strengthen friendships and develop prosocial skills, all while staying active and having fun in the snow!

Laura Alkana  
South Pointe Preschool Program Supervisor



## SOUTH POINTE NEWS

### South Pointe School Age News:

#### Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season, surrounded by family and friends. Whether it was enjoying outdoor activities, watching movies, or playing board games, we trust these moments brought you closer together.

Our School Age Program embraced the winter break with enthusiasm. With the children in our care throughout the day, we took advantage of a more relaxed pace to engage in various activities. Classic games like board games and giant connect 4 were a hit, providing fun and educational experiences.

December proved to be a bustling month. In the mornings, the school-age children had the opportunity to be active in the gym. Engaging in physical activities before school not only promotes physical activities health but also helps enhancing focus and readiness for the day ahead.

A highlight of the month was our in-service day on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Manitoba Museum. The children participated in a range of activities, watched a show at the planetarium, and explored both the Science Gallery and the museum itself. The ship exhibit and the science gallery, particularly the car race, were standout favorite. These experiences encouraged self-exploration and fostered a sense of curiosity and discovery.

As we step into the new year, think of it as a blank canvas, ready to be filled with wonderful experiences and memories. Our educators have been diligently planning exciting activities and events, and we can't wait to share these with you through our Fastoche platform.

Here's to a year filled with learning, growth and joy!

Lisa Klassen ECE III

South Pointe School Age Supervisor



## MONTROSE NEWS

We are sad to say good-bye to Jessie who's time with us was short but meaningful relationships were formed with preschool children and educators. We wish you well with your travel adventures.

We are looking forward to welcoming Sydney M and Jin Jin who have started to work in our preschool program this month.

Thank you to Nora and Theo's family and Maya C and Adam's family for purchasing Scholastic books using our code which gives us "Scholastic Bank money" to purchase new books.

Thank you to Beau and Daisy's family for donating the K'nex toys

Thank you to Desmond and Alder's Grandma for donating the pencil crayons.

Thank you to Jordi's mom for coming in to talk to the preschool children about Hanukkah and how to play the Dreidel game.

Thank you to Sammy M's family for sending us Chanukah Packs for Schools from the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.

Thank you to Devon and Adalyn's Grandma for donating the crafts and puzzles.

### Montrose Preschool News:

Thank you to families who were able to join us for our parent event last month. The children all seemed to enjoy the crafts and snacks. The family pictures taken in front of Ian's wonderful winter scene will be put in a special book for the children to enjoy.

The children have enjoyed pulling each other on the sleds outside. Besides building muscles and a great aerobic activity, it teaches children about motion and friction. Children are learning what makes the slide go fast, what slows it down, why the slide is easier to pull on the snow instead of the concrete. There are positive interactions as children trade positions to be the rider or the puller. When we take children to the Montrose hill, children learn about distance and risk taking. We always have an educator at the top to ensure the hill is clear, and one educator at the bottom to ensure children are walking up the side away from where others are sliding.

There were opportunities for the preschool children to play with the older school age children during the winter break. They played out in the yard and had a cultural dance party together. These engaging and enjoyable interactions will provide a strong foundation, helping our preschoolers smoothly transition as they move into the school-age years.

Jean Chorney ECE III

Montrose Preschool Supervisor

## MONTROSE NEWS

### Montrose School Age News:

Thank you all for sharing your time at our family events. It was an honour to connect with you, see you share in the excitement with your children, and spend time together. All families are welcome to come into our programs at any time to join us for snack, activity, and see what the children have been doing to connect with the educators and learn what the group's experiences.

Winter Break is a time where fewer children are in attendance, which leads to deeper connections, going with the flow of interests, participating in experiences that can take more time to do, exploring outside when possible (with the must-do Polar Bear Hunt). There were many opportunities for the school age and EDP groups to have experiences with the preschool children including Hockey shoot outs, movies, or exploring materials together. Winter break has always been a great way to take time to reset for the new year.

Looking forward to the adventures and opportunities that 2025 will bring in the School Age and EDP programs, building on the core values of the centre and the connections, strengthening our community inside and outside our walls.

Giovanna Rossing ECE III

Montrose School Age Supervisor





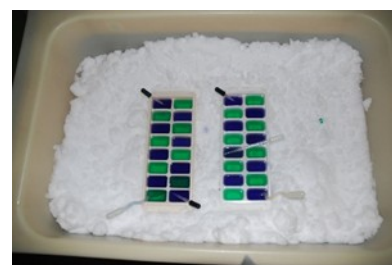
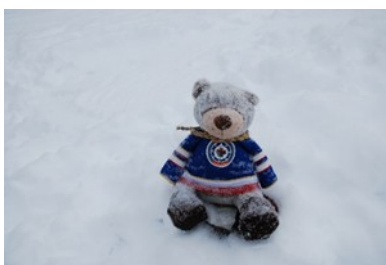
## SIR WILLIAM OSLER

### Preschool News:

After a busy month of re-establishing the newly formed Eagles and Bisons groups, the preschool educators have been focusing on developing a routine and curriculum that suits the needs and interests of children. Through the Forest and Nature lens, the Bisons and Eagles have discovered a love of natural materials, and we have encouraged this play by bringing outside in! Within our Forest and Nature programming, one element that we highlight with the children is the Seven Grandfather/Sacred Teachings of the First Nations people. While there are varieties of the teachings within different Indigenous nations, the messages are similar. Starting with the Bison, who brings us the teaching of respect, followed by Sabe, the teacher of honesty, and most recently the Bear who teaches us courage. To show respect to the Land, we begin each Forest and Nature experience with our Land Acknowledgement, created by our Anti-Bias group who is made up a dedicated team of educators who developed the language that we use to honour those people who lived on the land before us.

The beginnings of a curriculum have started in both rooms, with the Bisons exploring sensory play with a dinosaur twist and the Eagles also started on a sensory play focus which has shifted to a dramatic play curriculum about construction workers! I wonder where they go to that idea?!

We are looking forward to the opening of our new Preschool Program at Prairie Roots very soon!



*School age news on next page*

## SIR WILLIAM OSLER NEWS

### School Age News:

The school age program has taken advantage of the mild weather and have taken the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, even planning an outdoor field trip to Woodhaven Park for tobogganing over Winter Break. On the colder days, the groups have been showing off their creative talents and interests indoors, not just with music but also with literacy. A few of the groups have been engaging in character development and playmaking for role play games and theatre performances.

After finally getting our gym back, the older groups have reclaimed their space and are making great use of it! Recognizing the need for movement, especially during these cold snaps, the educators have created two spaces within one room. One side for large gross motor play and the other side for quiet activities, which has been a welcome idea for those children. Our younger groups have been busy crafting and exploring with loose parts. Loose parts are any and everything you can imagine that can be upcycled to create something new. The idea behind loose parts is that they are meant to be used over and over without any kind of fasteners or glue. It allows the children to explore open-ended play in whatever creative way they can think of as many times as they want.

Lindsay Henderson

Preschool Supervisor

Sir William Osler & Prairie Roots