

Next Due Date for Bills:  
April 8th 2019

**Important Dates:**

**South Pointe**

**Closed:**

April 19

May 20

In-service: Centre Open

April 26th

June 14th

June 28th

**Important Dates:**

**Montrose**

**Closed:**

April 19

May 20

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April 8th

April 26th

May 6th

June 28th—early dismissal

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# K.I.D.S. Inc.

## *April Newsletter*

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**Happy Anniversary at  
South Pointe!**

**Carolina—1 year**

**Harneet—2 years**



## From Karen's Desk

Another year has come and gone and provincial government is holding our revenue the same with no increase. Our expenses such as employee cost and benefits, program and food, rent, etc., all go up but we have no new revenue to pay for them. Our board of directors is constantly reviewing our fixed and discretionary costs. We are likely to have some news for families in the coming months. This year's provincial budget had no new funding and allowed no parent fee increases. We are not like school divisions where we have a tax base and we can make up the difference of funding with the increase. We can charge a regulated maximum daily fee as well as receive an operating fund that has not increased since 2016.

It is already challenging to recruit and retain the fantastic educators we have had the pleasure of working with and this may mean that it will get harder to keep them. We will likely be unable to provide a cost of living increase or any increases to our hard working educators.

We will rely on families to continue to provide loose parts for art supplies and donations of items to support our programs. Tax deductible donations are appreciated. If you have not already done so, families can make tax deductible donations through their workplaces on payroll deductions which are sometimes matched by employers. The Province of Manitoba in collaboration with United Way can arrange deductions through their All Charities Campaign each year. These funds come directly to K.I.D.S. Inc. Thank you to all families who have arranged this. We will continue to need your support to sustain us through our next "austerity" budget effective July 1, 2019.

Karen Ohlson  
Executive Director  
K.I.D.S. Inc.

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*Respect - Relationships - Creativity - Learning - Belonging*

Sir William Osler News

## *Happy Spring!*

It sure is nice to see the grass again!

We had a great first Spring Break at Sir William Osler. Our Spring Break focused on activities surrounding Nutrition Month- March. We planned a large family-style lunch on the last Friday of the month.

On the Tuesday we discussed our menu, recipes and ingredients we would need. In the afternoon a small group of children walked to Superstore to purchase the ingredients.

Wednesday we made placemats for our lunch and a small group walked to the new playground at the Pan Am Pool. The children had a great time playing on the structure. On the walk back we were all tired!

Thursday was cooking and baking day! The children prepared homemade chicken vegetable soup in the morning, and homemade cheese biscuits in the afternoon! The children washed, peeled, chopped and measured celery, onions, carrots, parsley and pre-cooked chicken. To prepare the biscuits the children grated the cheese, measured the dry and wet ingredients and formed the dough. They also helped set the timer for cooking time.

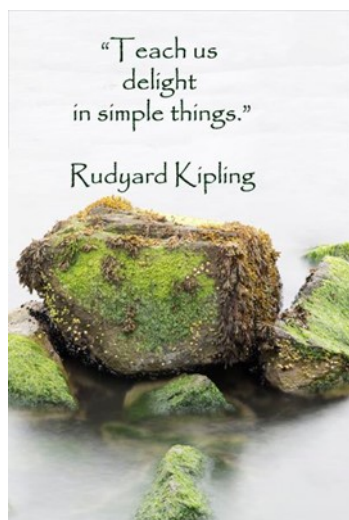
Friday the children set up the gym into a large family style dining room. The children were able to serve themselves, help each other, and all sit together to enjoy a meal!

We are hoping to see warmer weather in April. With the increased temperature comes more time playing outside. Please send extra mittens and socks with your children.

Looking ahead into the month of April I will be hosting an information night for all families of children currently enrolled in kindergarten who will be continuing to attend K.I.D.S. Inc. in the fall. The event will take place in Room 10 from 6:00-7:00pm at K.I.D.S. Inc. Sir William Osler. We will be discussing school age visits, the transition from school back to the child care centre, what to expect as a new school age child, and I will address any questions parents may have.

Robyn Liddle ECE II  
Sir William Osler Site Manager

## South Pointe News



We have recently closed the preschool/infant yard at the front of our centre indefinitely as it is unsafe for the children to use (very uneven ground). ***Be sure each day to check the bulletin board by the entrance for the space your child's room will be if they are outside.*** We are presently applying for grants and speaking with contractors to help make the yard a safe and usable space for the children.

Sensory and creative outdoor exploration is a fundamental opportunity for all children. The children will have many opportunities to explore, play in puddles, mud as well as other natural coverings in the area.

Please provide appropriate outdoor clothing and boots for these experiences.

Welcome to our newest educator Mercy.

Within the next few weeks, families of temporary space school age children will be receiving a contract to commit to the 2019-2020 school year at K.I.D.S Inc. South Pointe. Please review and return to the K.I.D.S Inc. office by the date stated in the upcoming email. We are very happy to be offering care into the 2019-2020 school year for these families.

Francine Margoless ECE II  
South Pointe Site Manager



## South Pointe News

**South Pointe Infant News**

The Infant program educators are busy researching different activities to enhance the children's need to explore and develop their gross motor skills. Each room has been bringing in a variety of climbers and objects which allow the children to use their bodies in different ways. The children have also been using push toys, balls, and tunnels! We have also been enjoying jumping, and singing action songs which get our whole bodies moving.

The Willow Room had a fun pool party on one of our many cold days. It was great to see some summer fun emerging and enormous grins on our children and educators. We can't wait to experience summer fun soon.

We were thrilled to use school gym during spring break for large muscles activities. A Little Signing Star visitor came to teach a little bit of sign language to the children, read books as well as sing some of their favourite action songs.

The warm weather is arriving, and we will be spending lots of time outdoors. So let's embrace the outdoors and dress for the exploration.

Please label all of your children's belongings (lunch containers, water bottles/cups, blankets, shoes, outdoor clothing, etc.) so items do not get misplaced.

Dipti Bhatt

Infant Supervisor

**South Pointe Preschool News**

The preschool children have been thrilled with the new change in the season and have been asking to go outside more often, along with asking to stay outside longer. The children have been thrilled to have more opportunities to grow their physical development along with increasing cardiovascular health and endurance through their active outdoor sessions. We are now able to walk to some of our community parks and playgrounds as the sidewalks are no longer snow blocked or ice covered. There the children have been challenging and building all aspects of their gross motor skill set through exploration of the materials such as swings, slides, tunnels, monkey bars, and climbers.

Did you know that playgrounds don't just offer benefits for physical development? Playgrounds offer time and space for the children to increase both their cognitive and social emotional development. For instance, climbers and swings offer opportunity to explore the need for problem solving, and spatial awareness. Due to the plethora of health benefits of being outdoors and active, the preschool program is taking advantage of the nice weather by increasing the amount of time spent outside from 45-60 minutes to 60-90 minutes both in the morning and also at the end of the day. Your child may come home with wet mittens or socks, however the learning they are receiving from being active outside is priceless.

Kate Willcox ECE II  
Preschool Supervisor

## South Pointe News

### **SOUTH POINTE SCHOOL AGE NEWS**

Our school age program has been busy this month. We are very excited that the warmer weather has come and can't wait for the fields and community parks to dry up and become usable. All of our school age rooms have been embracing physical movement. Spring is a time of renewed energy and we are providing times throughout the day for the children to move. Our school age program is often going outside in the morning. Please bring your child to their room. If there is no one in the Poplar room in the morning please go to the Tamarack room and check in with one of the educators as this likely means that a group is outside.

Spring break provided us with an exciting opportunity to use the school gym. It was quite the treat and was enjoyed by all often with more than one visit each day.

April is a month of change for our school age program. Our dear Shuai has left to further his education. Josh will be leaving mid April and we are very excited that he will be returning to work with us for the summer. This means that there will be some staffing changes within the program. The faces in the program will remain the same but you may see educators in different rooms at times.

**Lisa Klassen ECE III**

## Montrose Site News

If you are ordering plants from Glenlea Greenhouses, order before Sunday April 7th, 2019 at

<https://www.glenleagreenhouses.com/pages/catalogue>

### **Preschool News**

Thank you to families for helping reduce the amount of germs in our centre by taking your children to wash their hands when entering our child care centre. Throughout the day children are encouraged to keep up this healthy habit before eating, after going to the bathroom or blowing their nose.

As the weather gets warmer, we will be heading outdoors more often—playing with puddles, sand and dirt, so they will wash their hands when returning inside.

Our playgrounds are unpredictable and a bit treacherous lately with the thaw and freeze turning our yard into ice, puddles, and mud, depending on the time of day. There are few things more joyful in life than watching children jumping in puddles.

Jean Chorney ECE III

Preschool Supervisor



**Thank you!**

Thank you to Milla's family for the donation of books



### Looking for Donations:

- Vinyl Table cloths (better if there is no flannel backing) vinyl shower curtains are also great for drop cloths.
- pots, pans, cooking utensils, Melamine dishes all to be used in the sand box and out mud kitchen.
- perennial plants to add to our garden.
- If you are having trees taken out this spring let us know, we could use a few more tree stumps for our yard.

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING SPRING MUSICALS

Congratulations to all the grade 5 & 6 children at Montrose School who have been putting in extra hours in preparation for the school musical. Our school-age program will be shifting locations a great deal this month as cast practices, dance rehearsals, and set preparation will be in full swing. If your child is usually in the gym or MPR after school, you are most likely to find your child in the library or in room 113 during the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will be outside more now that spring has defeated winter, we will try to leave signs up to help you find us.

## K.I.D.S. INC. (MONTROSE) JOINING FORCES WITH ST. PETERS

Over the Spring Break, the Montrose school-age children hosted a hotdog sale. The children decided to donate their proceeds to a music project that St. Peter's is doing. The goal of the project is to bring musical resources into the community of Cross Lake in Northern Manitoba. The school-age children recognize how important their music program is to them and felt that if they could assist another group of children to have similar experiences, they should do that. They raised \$261.50 and the money will be presented by the school-age children on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to St. Peter's at the Good Neighbour Dinner that St. Peter's hosts for K.I.D.S. Inc. (Montrose) families.

Brenda Still ECE III

School Age Supervisor