## WHISPERING HILLS DAY CARE

Winter Newsletter 2020

Casino

February 8th & 9th, 2020

Upcoming Closures Dates

Feb 17th, 2020

April 10th & 13th, 2020

May 18th, 2020

Check out our NEW MENU on our website

Annual General Meeting March 18TH 2020

### What we've been up to:











At the beginning of the month of December we were outside almost everyday, sledding on the hills or playing in the snow. We also had some festive themed activities to explore the holidays, with arts and crafts, tree decorating and sensory furl This month of January unfortunately has kept us inside most of the days due to this chilly weather. This gives us a

chance to explore the children's interests in indoor activities. Some activities we have been

able to accomplish indoors are obstacle courses, dance parties, mini stick hockey games, and soccer games. The children are enjoying the time we get to spend in the gym but we are all anxious to be outside again; yay for some warmer weather to come soon! :)



### University Day Care

Over the past few months, we have been exploring the world of animals. The children have been very intrigued by the numerous sensory activities that we have provided, based upon the worlds natural animal habitats. It has been a fascinating adventure, observing the children as they practice and learn new animal noises and movements. We have provided them with many books and photos of new and foreign animals and continue to be astonished by their Understanding and recognition of animals as well as their habitats. As we continue to learn about this subject, we will be learning about the different footprints left by animals and the different foods that they consume. We are very excited to see the children express a continuously growing fascination with the wonderful world around us and can't wait to see what new experiences these next few months will bring.

On the warmer days, we have been going outside for walks, sledding, making snow angels or simply playing on the playground. The children have been exploring the texture and temperature of the snow as they interact with it. We have observed the children as they roll, slide, crawl, run, hop and use different movements while playing in the fluffy substance. They have been fascinated by the crunching sound of their boots and continue to discover new sounds that can be made in the snow. We have watched as the children pull each other on the sleds and work together to fill the toy cars with snow. This season has brought so much wonder and happiness to our center and we are very enthusiastic about the adventures to come.

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### Kinder Care & After School Care

We just wrapped up a very busy couple of months. Christmas was in the air and the children were all very excited with all the crafting and decorating. Every year for the last three years we have made every ornament that decorates our classroom tree, and for the children it's what they look forward to the most. We wrote letters to Santa Claus and received a letter with all of our names on the nice list. We did some Christmas science

experiments including Santa's magic milk and dissolving candy canes. We were fortunate to have nice weather for the end of the year where we were still able to go out daily for walks and to explore our environment as well as play at the playground. We ended the year with our annual Christmas party and even had a visit from Santa Claus who brought the program a few new

games for the children to play.



# Our ICC Program & PUF Program

Hi I am Darlene and as an Educator at the Athabasca Multiplex Whispering Hills Day Care I understand how important it is to have tools and resources in order to give the children who attend the opportunities for early childhood development. My position at the daycare includes working with children who receive PUF, ICC support plus all the children that attend Daycare regularly. The inclusive policy that the Daycare goes by is a great benefit for all children attending the Daycare.

Our space was created for the children to go to for times when they need a quiet space to read and look at books, to talk with an educator about their emotions and we have other materials in the room that benefit and support the growth and development of, gross, fine, cognitive, problem solving, literacy healthy well being and social interactions. Working with children who have goals to work on their fine motor skills the Daycare was able to purchase materials (recommended by the Occupational Therapist and the G.R.I.T. Program) to support and develop these skills. Fine motor skills are critical for all children to develop in their early years. Educational toys and awesome games for gross motor development were also purchased. Gross motor skills for all children is as equally critical for children's' early development. I see the results and progress in the children I work with at the Daycare and the benefits from the additional toys, books, materials and resources. This couldn't be done without the funding from outside supports our ELCC Grants, PUF FUNDING & ICC FUNDING!

I am extremely grateful and happy for the Government funding to be able to offer such unique opportunities in our Daycare centre. The children that attend our Daycare have enormous opportunities to play with so many materials, resources, games, toys and books both for inside and outside play that supports and enhances their early childhood development.

## "Lend a hand Donation Program"

Help the Families of WHDCS Child Care Centre & your COMMUNITY TODAY!

Do you have any gently used clothes, toys, Blankets etc. NEW DIAPERS?

Providing a brighter future FOR ALL- stay tuned for more to come!

### Valentine's Day

For Valentine's day we are focusing on celebrating friendship and kindness.

February 14th Please wear Red or Pink this day

Parents; If you would like to hand out Valentine's Cards or small item for the children; we ask you to put them in their Friends Locker.

Please do not send sweets or treats, we have planned a special snack for the children planned that day!

### February

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| 2      | 3                              | 4       | 5  | 6  | 7<br>JOIN US FOR:<br>FLUFFY VEGAN<br>PANCAKES                 | 1        |
|        |                                |         | WINTER WALK<br>10:00am @<br>UNVISERITY<br>PLAYGROUND |  | WHISPERING HILLS<br>CASINO WEEKEND                            |          |
| 9      | 10                             | 11      | 12   | 13<br>TEACHER<br>CONVENTION<br>13 <sup>TH</sup> & 14 <sup>TH</sup> | JOIN US FOR:<br>FRENCH TOAST<br>VALENTINES DAY<br>CELABRATION | 1        |
| 16     | 17<br>CLOSED FOR FAMILY<br>DAY | 18      | 19   | 20   | 21<br>JOIN US FOR:<br>PANCAKES WITH<br>FLAX SEED              | 2:       |
| 23     | 24                             | 25      | 26   | 27   | 28<br>JOIN US FOR:<br>FRENCH TOAST                            | 29       |



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| 1      | 2                  | 3                    | 4  | 5        | 6<br>JOIN US FOR:<br>BANANA BREAD<br>PANCAKES             | 7        |
| 8      | 9                  | 10                   | 11   | 12       | 13<br>JOIN US FOR: APPLE<br>CINNAMON FRENCH<br>TOAST BAKE | 14       |
| 15     | 16                 | 17<br>WEAR GREAN DAY | 18<br>AGM @6:30pm<br>CHILD CARE & DINNER<br>WILL BE PROVIDED | 19       | 20<br>JOIN US FOR:<br>FLUFFY VEGAN<br>PANCAKES            | 21       |
| 22     | 23<br>SPRING BREAK | 24                   | 25   | 26       | 27<br>JOIN US FOR:<br>FRENCH TOAST                        | 28       |
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| 5      | 6                                 | 7       | 8         | 9<br>EGG-CELLENT<br>ADVENTURE<br>@:300pm<br>*BOTH CENTRE | 10<br>CLOSED FOR GOOD<br>FRIDAY                           | 1                                     |
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April

