

# The Growing Times

### Dates & Reminders

August 7 - Centre Closed Heritage Day







Thank you to the many families who came out and participated in our 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast.

Please make sure your child has spare changes of clothes in their cubby as well as a hat for going outside. Please check the forecast so that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as it is not always consistent.

The classrooms are requesting that if you know you are going to be away to please let them know either in person or through the HiMama app.

We want to welcome Amber to the ICDC team. Amber is our new Room 1 educator.

## News from the Rooms

August 2023

### Room 1

Welcome August! We hope all our families are having as great of a summer as we are here in Room1.

Our little friends have been very busy with new interests emerging everyday. They are interested in farm animals, tractors, and construction vehicles. The children enjoyed various activities based on these interests. Some of their favourite activities were drawing with vehicles and washing cars with water. We also introduced various Stampede and animals related activities. We had so much fun like making cowboy hats, milking cows with rubber gloves filled with water, messy sensory play with pigs and farm animals toys, and so on. Since children love animals and animal sounds we will continue to introduce more fun activities to support their interests.

Children have been enjoying songs with action. Our current favourite tunes are "The Ants Go Marching", "Wheels on the Bus", "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". and also introduced new songs like "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes" and "One Little Finger". We love dance parties as well as Friday Zumbini with Ms. Pam!











### Need to label your child's supplies and clothing?

You can do so and support ICDC!

Go to www.mabelslabels.ca. Once you have chosen your items go to your cart and click on Support Fundraiser and type in Inglewood Child Development Centre.

### Room 2

July was a very busy month! The children enjoyed activities related to Stampede and farm animals. We also did activities related to summer like: the beach, camping, ice cream and water play. We focused on some new sensory play like shaving cream with glue, added sea shells and sea animals to the sand table, used spray bottles and did lots of outdoor water play. Songs we have been learning are "Do you know the ice cream man", "sleeping bunnies", and "slippery fish". We wish happy birthday and a bright future ahead to our little angels Margot and Stark.







### Room 3

July was such a warm month for us and we got into the spirit by Celebrating Canada Day and Stampede pancake breakfast. Thank you to all the parents who attended the breakfast and had a good time. The children had fun doing craft activities related to it and exploring their creativity. Our munchkins also worked on their fine motor skills through sensory play like sand, water, shaving cream, chocolate pudding and playdough. Dinosaur was the topic explored a lot as the children showed great interest in it. Many books on dinosaurs were read like; "Count-A-Saurus", "How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?" Animal songs were a great hit and their favourite song was "Baa Baa Black Sheep." With warm weather comes out the bugs and children are taking a great interest in exploring nature and looking for ants and spiders to name a few. We will support the exploration of their interests through art and provocations.







### Room 4

The children have been interested in dinosaurs, so we started exploring and researching together. A special thanks to Liam and his mom for sharing their dinosaur resources with us. We have been focusing on our hand washing skills, as recommended by public health. We want to encourage families to use the same practice at home, so it becomes routine. We use the following procedure: 1. Wet hands with clean running water. 2. Lather hands by rubbing them together with soap. 3. Scrub your hands for 20 seconds (count from 1 to 20 or sing twinkle, twinkle little star). 4. Rinse hands with clean running water.















### Room 5

August is already here, wow! We hope everyone has been enjoying their vacations and family time. This past month we explored the farm world. Creating and imagining farm and animal scenes, sharing Stampede experiences and celebrating with our families the 2nd annual pancake breakfast. Our new friends that have joined Room 5 have settled in well and are building new relationships. We have jumped into a space inquiry as a class. Our dramatic play has transformed into a space station, we have space sand with planets and astronauts in our sensory bin, and have been doing lots of unique planet art. We have talked about what we do when the sun and moon are up. These representations are up for display in our stairwell. We will have more water play days in August, as well as a tye dye day. We have said farewell to our friend Mhairi, and have welcomed our new friend from Room 4, Drake!







### August Updates from the Board



### **Board Positions**

Join us!

Is this position the position for you?!

- <u>Casino Coordinator</u>: The Casino has a huge impact on ICDC's finances. This position is important to
  ensuring our casino runs smoothly. It requires coordination of the parents, the shifts, and some
  paperwork.
- Treasurer: Justine has been amazing, but she is ready to pass along the books. If you are interested in this
  position, we would love to bring you on board right away so Justine can bring you up to speed.
- Still Interested but these are not the ones for you. Reach out, we would be happy to have you.
- Just want to hear what we are up to? Everyone is welcome to listen in/attend the meetings.



### Connecting

 Welcome to all the new families! I thought I would share with those that are new the Center, the Community, and even the Country some great local resources to connect. Or maybe there is one you have missed?

### Social Media

#### Instagram

- icdcyyc See what fun the kids are up to. Kim, our Atelier Aficionado, posts here
- Icdcmenu See what Chef Shari is cooking and what your kids are eating. Delicious.

#### Facebook

- (Official) ICDC https://www.facebook.com/Inglewoodchilddevelopment
- ICDC Parents <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/301046733832356">https://www.facebook.com/groups/301046733832356</a>
- Inglewood Neighbors https://www.facebook.com/groups/1717112888595022
- (Official) Inglewood Community News https://www.facebook.com/icanews
- Ramsay Community in Calgary <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/41590351794">https://www.facebook.com/groups/41590351794</a>
- (Official) Ramsay Community Association <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RamsayCommunityAssociation">https://www.facebook.com/RamsayCommunityAssociation</a>
- Inglewood & Ramsay Community <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/234816807708394">https://www.facebook.com/groups/234816807708394</a>
- Ramsay/Inglewood Swap & Sell https://www.facebook.com/groups/301343993322720
- Moms of Ramsay and Inglewood This is a private group. To access send me, Erin Joslin a message, I
  would be happy to help.

### In Person

We would love to support some ideas for connection outside of ICDC. Informal meet at a playground?
 Book a pool time? Mom's night out?



### **Parking**

- There have been changes requested by Building Management. The Board would like to follow up on the
  changes and will be discussing them at the next Board meeting. Understandably there is some conflict
  happening, but I think the parents also need to voice our needs and concerns for consideration so that a
  compromise can be achieved.
- Please let the board know your thoughts and feelings.



### Surveys

- Thank you all again for taking the time to submit comments, concerns, and accolades.
- The Board is currently working through the information in the surveys.

#### Committee's

In addition to the board, there are also committees. We always welcome eager volunteers who want to join a committee or take on a specific project.

- Casino
- Finance & Investment
- Marketing

- Playground
- Parent Engagement
- Other Opportunities?

Questions, Comments, Concerns? Please reach out: Erin Joslin, President erinjoslin@outlook.com

Parents are always welcome to attend monthly meetings of the Board of Directors - Join Us!