

The Growing Times

November 2021



A message from the Board President

Happy Halloween! You may know that ICDC is a registered charity led by a volunteer board of directors. As such, we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting, at which the Board of Directors presents the Society's audited financial statements to the membership (families), and the membership elects the board for the coming year. This year's AGM was held on October 19.

I wanted to introduce the new board and provide a bit of info about our goals for the coming year. We have a great board with a mix of ICDC board history and new faces, consisting of:

Officers:

Jeremy Stauth (President, 4th year on board. Kids: Soren in Room 4, Casper ICDC grad)

Erin Joslin (Vice President, 1st year on board. Kids: Cade in Room 5, Shae in Room 2)

Pamela Hollinger (Secretary, 3rd year on board. Kids: Gunnar in Room 5, Slade in Room 2)

Justine McDonald (Treasurer, 3rd year on board. Kids: Cash in Room 4, Austin joining Room 1 next year!)

Members-at-large:

Angie Sarnelli (2nd year on board. Kids: Sadie in Room 4, Faith in Room 1)

Caleb Delamont (1st year on board. Kids: Rosie in Room 3, Jack & Penny joining Room 1 next year!)

Caylee Dyck (2nd year on board. Kids: Lou in Room 4, future ICDC baby due to arrive in February!)

Jarrold Parks (1st year on board. Kids: Liam in Room 2, Lucas joining Room 1 next year!)

Lindsay Kaltenback (1st year on board. Kids: Stevie in Room 1)

Stephanie Yeung (2nd year on board. Kids: Logan in Room 5, Marin in Room 3)

For the upcoming year, the new Board wants to continue to focus on the health and safety of kids and staff, and on keeping ICDC's enrolment full. We will also be continuing to explore options to ensure ICDC's financial stability into the future, organizing volunteers for the charity casino, and working on the lease renewal for our space in the Alexandra Centre.

If you have any questions about the Board or any suggestions, feel free to reach out to any of the above board members, or to the ICDC Board Secretary email address: icdcboardsecretary@gmail.com. See you around the centre!

Fundraising FYI

Families are able to pay their fundraising fee in installments throughout the year rather than a lump sum in December. Please talk to Tami to arrange what works best for your family. Also, did you know that ICDC is a Registered Charity? Many companies will match charitable donations so check with your company today!

Photo Day

Our rescheduled photo day will be on **Wednesday November 10th**. Children will have individual and class photos taken. If they have siblings in the centre those will be done as well. We look forward to see everyone's style that day! Please no green clothing as they use a green screen.

Once photos are ready you will receive proofs and a due date for ordering (all done online!)



News from the Rooms

Room 5

In October the children were interested in Halloween. For the children to learn about Halloween, we explained to them when and what happens on Halloween during circle time. We also changed our bookshelves to Halloween books and displayed in the classroom Halloween decorations and introduced Halloween toys to the children. We also let them draw their own monsters and displayed them on the block corner wall. To extend their experience, we set up the painting area for free play and offered children different cutting activities. Throughout the day we had dance parties with different fun Halloween songs.

Room 1

October is a month that children can enjoy various activities related to autumn. It is also the month of enjoying Halloween, which children love so much. Room 1 children had chance to make sensory bags using autumn colors like red, orange and yellow and played with them.

Also, we had time to play with pumpkins. Children played with pumpkins using their senses. They showed big interests about the pumpkin play. We also read a book about autumn called I love fall.

There are many things that children in the infant room have not yet experienced. We will provide a variety of opportunities to children to explore the world through lots of play experiences.

Room 3

This year is certainly zooming by very quickly and the learning in our room has been amazing. In the beginning of October, children showed great interest in nature and the changes they could see. They would point and talk about fallen leaves, the colour of the leaves and the cool weather as they have had to wear their jacket and toque. We extended their interest with art experiences like sensory leaves exploration at sand table, leaf crown and fall tree with a tree branch. It's pumpkin time in October, so we talked about it and sang songs. The children's favorite song was "Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate". Halloween brought lots of fun in the air. We read books and did crafts on pumpkins, ghosts and spiders. Not only did our children have fun doing crafts but there was lot of learning going on. They learned math concepts like shape and numbers when they counted leaves, compared the different shapes of a pumpkin and leaves. They used their senses while exploring leaves, a pumpkin and nature. They developed their fine motor skills by exploring with playdough and scissors and last but not least they developed language while interacting with each other and giving responses to the story books. Toddlers are little people with big emotions that they don't always have the words for. Through the song, "I saw a pumpkin face so happy (other emotions). It's pumpkin time in October", we gave them the opportunity to explore and understand their emotions.

Kindly check our daily HiMama updates and share your thoughts with us. Please make sure the child has extra clothes in their cubby. Happy celebration!!!!!!



Room 4

We shall continue to work towards our goal of self-help skills. For example; being able to flip their own coat on, able to put on their own shoes. We have also introduced scissor skills, which are still ongoing. We are striving towards hand placement while holding the scissors. Fall has been busy for Room 4 with our art (in hallway and scrapbooks). We have had chats about the squirrels, trees, weather and leaves with everyone helping to put felt leaves on & off our tree. We also, as a group, dressed our room up for Halloween which started a chain of conversations by all.

Room 2

October was a fun filled, spooky and a very exciting month. The children enjoyed a lot of art activities regarding fall and Halloween. We also read stories having ghosts, spiders, witches and pumpkins. The month of November is also going to be an exciting month because lots of fun is on the way. We are going to remember our heroes on Remembrance Day. We will add books regarding Remembrance Day; "A poppy is to Remember" and "Poppy's Return". The children will do art experiences around this topic with poppy flowers. Shea W. celebrates his birthday this month, so we wish him a wonderful birthday and best wishes in advance. We also have 2 new big brothers in our class. Liam and Hayes both welcomed little brothers, congratulations!

