

# DREAMS UNLIMITED NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2011

They say that April showers bring May flowers. I'm really looking forward to some flowers. Maybe even planting a flower garden! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alysha Walsh to Dreams Unlimited. Alysha is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in the Early Childhood program at Holland College and will be at the centre until May 27<sup>th</sup>. I'm very excited to welcome Colleen Mackinnon-Snow back from her maternity leave last April. Colleen's daughter Brooklyn will be joining the infant program while her son Brayden will be joining the school age program. Also, a big welcome to Kaylie to our afterschool program and welcome to Keegan to our preschool program.

### **THEME**

We are really moving into our project on building and creating. The children's workshop is taking shape; we have been hammering and screwing, stacking and balancing. Feel free to come right in to see the photos of what your child has been doing. This month we will be staying right with the project with the exception of the week before Easter (where we will be celebrating the joys of the holiday).

### **FIELD TRIP**

To go along with our project we will be visiting Kents on Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup>, leaving here @9:45.

### **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH**

For the month of April we will be focusing on the virtues Compassion and Generosity.

### **HOP-A-TON**

To go along with our Easter theme and our virtues of the month we will be having our Hop- A- Thon for Muscular Dystrophy on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The children ages 0-4 will be having a hop dance and activities while the school children will be having hopping challenges. A pledge sheet for your child is attached to this newsletter.

### **COOKIE SALE FOR JAPAN**

I am sure you all have heard about the destruction the people of Japan are going through. My oldest child, Alysha, who attends Elm St Elementary is taught by Warren Burrell. Mr. Burrell, his wife, and children have been directly affected by this experience. Fortunately, their loved ones in Japan had survived but the grief of what has happened and what continues to exist is high. As a result, Mr. Burrell is organizing many ways to raise money that will be donated to the Red Cross Society. As a way to help in this cause Dreams Unlimited will be doing a cookie bake sale. The cost will be \$1 per cookie. You will find an order form attached to the entrance door. The children will be baking the cookies and will have your order ready on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will also accept any donations of any kind, even pennies would be great. Also, Dreams Unlimited will match dollar for dollar for what is raised. Once the money

has been gathered the children and staff will go to Elm St. Elementary to present it.

### **NEW CHILD ABUSE POLICY**

Recently all centres who are insured by the Co-operators had to reevaluate their policy on child abuse. Although this is a difficult subject Dreams Unlimited has included a detailed policy and procedures, ensuring to the best of our ability a safe and healthy environment for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns about this please don't hesitate to see me.

### **SHOW-N- TELL**

We need your help. Most children ages 0-4 are bringing several items from home on a daily basis, making it challenging for staff to gather everything for you at the end of the day. It would be wonderful if your child would wait until Friday to bring something from home. However, if your child brings something from home as a way to separate from you please know that we will let him or her have it for a few minutes at the beginning of the day and then put it away.

### **SPRING TIME CLOTHES**

MUD MUD MUD! As you know it is muddy outside. Please make sure there is extra clothes, especially mittens and socks in your child's bag. Also, your child is most likely sharing a cubby with someone else so one pair of indoor shoes, one pair of outdoor

shoes, a coat, snow pants or splash pants, and a hat and pair of mittens inside your child's coat would be great.

### **AFTERSCHOOLER MAKEOVER**

On Monday April 25 @10:00 Gemma Hunter (parent of Aidan) will be here to do a makeover session with the school girls. Gemma is the head cosmetologist at Shoppers Drug Mart. If you do not want your daughter to participate or if you know that your child will not be here on this day please let me know.

### **SUMMERTIME FUN**

We are in the process of planning our summer program for the school age group. Please let me know if you would or would not like your child to be here for the summer. This will help us in our preparations.

### **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

We have started our recipe of the week. If you have not brought in a recipe please do so ASAP so we can share your child's favourite food with everyone.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Field trip to Kents | Wed. April 13 <sup>th</sup> @9:45  |
| Good Friday         | Fri. April 22 <sup>nd</sup> CLOSED |
| Make Over           | Mon. April 25 <sup>th</sup>        |
| PD Day              | May 6 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED         |