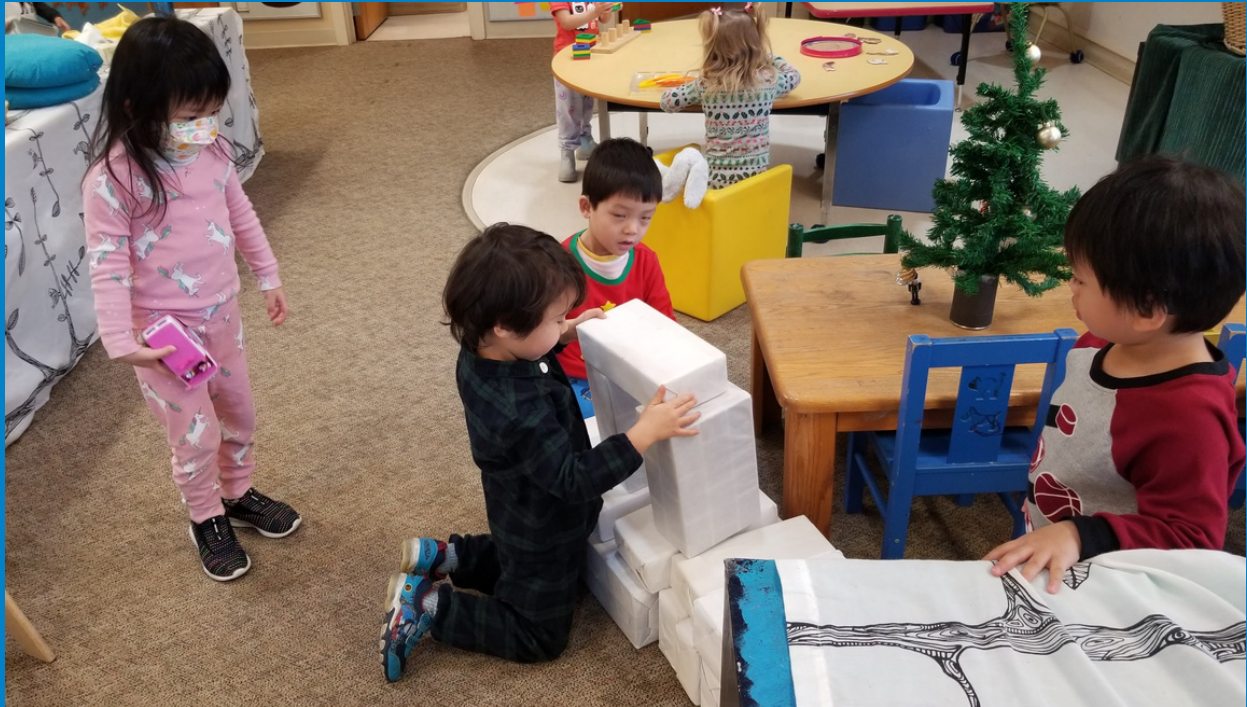


# THE VOICE



"We wish every day was PJ day!"

## Housekeeping

1. Monday, January 16th: Pro-D Day No School. Friday,
2. January 20th: Intents For 2023/2024 Due.
3. Thursday, January 26th: Spirit Day.



## A Message From our Executive Director

Dear families, friends, and staff,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely and well rested holiday season, despite the precarious weather.

Although December was a short month for the centre, it certainly kept us busy. It was also very nice to finally have families return to the centre to see the lovely holiday performances. I know the children and staff worked hard on them and were delighted to have an attentive audience.

This month the theme is all about winter! The children will be exploring such concepts as clothing and the different types of clothing that keep us warm and dry, the different types of inside and outside activities, and what winter looks like in other places around the world.

On the subject of winter, it is important to reiterate that we play outside even in inclement weather (as long as it is safe to do so). Please ensure your child is equipped with the necessary winter gear to keep them warm and dry while outside. If you are not sure what to bring, please check with your child's teacher. Mother Nature has thrown some interesting conditions at us lately so please ensure they are dressed appropriately.

This year is our 60th Anniversary! We are planning some special events, so stay tuned for more information. We would love your help with the planning, so please reach out to us and let us know if you have some time to assist. We are excited for the new year ahead!

Warmest regards,



Dawn McKenna  
Executive Director



## CHSC Holiday Celebration Highlights

On December 16th we held our Holiday Celebration. Children and staff worked hard preparing their holiday songs and got to sing them to their families, something we have not been able to do since the pandemic. It was so nice to be able to welcome families back into the centre, even though it was at reduced capacity.

After the concert, the children got to enjoy a wonderful in-person visit from Santa, which was a lovely change from the virtual visits we've had the last couple of years. Children also received a little special gift before breaking for the holiday season.

On the last day before the break staff got to enjoy a lovely lunch at Chickpea restaurant. It has been a CHSC tradition for staff to enjoy a lunch together on the last day, something we've had to pause the last couple of years, but it was nice to resume this tradition and a great way to wrap up the calendar year.

We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to return to more in-person events, and perhaps next year we can resume our Holiday Pancake Breakfast.



## Book of the Month: The Most Magnificent Thing

by by Ashley Spires

This charming book, by award-winning author and illustrator Ashley Spires, tells the tale of a little girl and her BFF, her dog. One day the little girl has a brilliant idea, she is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing. She has a very clear picture in her mind of what it will look like and what it will do, the only thing she has to do now is create it! As an avid inventor, she sets out on this task with full confidence, however, as she soon comes to realize, this task is easier said than done.

Each attempt she makes doesn't really go as planned, and her frustration and anger mount to the point where she decided to quit altogether. Following the advice of her furry friend, she takes a walk to cool off and then comes back to the project with a renewed sense of excitement. This time she gets it right!

### Key Takeaways:

There are several takeaways from this story that create excellent opportunities for discussion and exploration. Firstly, it explores character education. Her frustration is vividly captured in the illustrations and it offers a great starting point to discuss feelings of anger, frustration, and disappointment and how to deal with these emotions in a positive way. It also teaches children an often difficult lesson that many adults still struggle with, and that is "it's okay to make mistakes".

In addition to these life lessons the story has a clever way of using verbs in groups of threes which makes it both fun and functional, and creates excellent opportunities for vocabulary building. For example:

"She smoothes and wrenches and fiddles." "She twists and tweaks and fastens." These are all great action words to help energize your child's imagination and perhaps inspire them to create their own "Most Magnificent Thing!"



# Winter Following Directions Activity

by Rita Francis



The graphic features a light blue background with a white chevron pattern. A black decorative border with a scalloped edge surrounds the content. On the left is a cartoon snowman with a green scarf. In the center is a blue rectangular box with the text "Winter Following Directions" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right is a green Christmas tree with white snow. Below these elements are several sample activity cards showing various winter scenes and instructions. A small copyright notice "©Rita SLP" is in the top right corner of the graphic.

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**Winter**  
Following Directions

- Choose between instructions with **3** critical elements (details), **4** critical elements, or an open-ended page!

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## Mother Goose



Winter Term: February 2nd – March 9th, 2023  
Thursdays 10:30-11:30am

- Come learn together, sing songs, and meet other families! No instruments or props needed, we'll simply be using our voices.
- Offered to families with children from birth to 3 years old.
- There is NO cost to attend the program.
- A healthy snack will be provided after each session.
- Masks are optional, with sessions held in the gym.
- Sessions will be run by our audiologist and a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing



Location: Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of B.C.  
3575 Kaslo Street  
Vancouver, BC

For any questions or to register, please email Lauren at [ladirim@childrenshearing.ca](mailto:ladirim@childrenshearing.ca) by January 27, 2023



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## 60th Anniversary Committee

Hello CHSC Community!

This year marks the 60th anniversary of CHSC and we want to make it our best year ever!

We are putting together a committee of family, friends, staff, and alumni to help plan events and activities that will take place throughout the year!

You have ideas and we want to hear them! If interested please email our Marketing and Development Officer, Elysha Cohen, at [ecohen@childrenshearing.ca](mailto:ecohen@childrenshearing.ca).

Let's put our heads together and plan a great 60th Anniversary year!

