

THE VOICE



Oh What Fun We Had!

Housekeeping

1. Pro-D-Day, No School: Friday, January 21st
2. Spirt Day: Wednesday, January 26th



A Message From Our Executive Director

Dear Family, Friends, and Staff,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and were able to recharge, connect with loved ones, and most importantly stay safe! Although many of us were hoping this holiday would be different from last year, COVID-19 had other plans, but we do hope you were able to carve out something special despite all this.

Earlier this week we sent out a statement regarding our procedures for potential school closures due to weather. We strongly advise that you read through that statement and if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to us. However, if we have to close the centre due to weather you will be notified by email no later than 7:00 a.m. and we will also post our closure on our Facebook and Instagram page.

As winter is upon us, it is important that children come dressed in appropriate outdoor gear (i.e. coat, mitts/gloves, hat, snow/slush pants, boots, and extra socks) as we will continue to go outside and enjoy the lovely snowy weather.

As you know this new wave of COVID is hitting hard. As our Primary class is designated special needs and childcare remains unaffected we can remain open, but it is going to take a concerted effort on all our parts to ensure we can continue to remain open and operational. Please ensure you monitor the health of your child and to keep your child home if they are presenting symptoms no matter how mild they appear. It is also important that you inform us if your child will be away as this makes planning much easier.

Lastly, it is with great pleasure that we introduce our new centre based Audiologist, Christine Chan. Christine previously worked in pediatric public health clinics and in Auditory Outreach, and her knowledge and expertise will be a great addition to CHSC. We are so excited to have her on board!

Let's make 2022 the best year ever!

Yours sincerely,



Dawn McKenna
Executive Director



From our Itinerant Program

Recently, we had an opportunity to chat with one of our amazing Itinerant students, Chad. Chad has been with our centre since he was a small child. Now he's in his final year of high school and making plans for the future. As an Itinerant student, he receives support through our tele-practice services with occasional in person sessions.

One of his earliest memories of CHSC was when he was around the age of four. He came to the centre to pick up his Spirit Day t-shirt at the front desk, followed by a session with his early interventionist Loretta. This is of course, the same fabulous Loretta Richardson who's now our incredible Director of Education.



He jokes that he “actually had the t-shirt for a while and then all of a sudden it was too small”. Throughout his time at CHSC Chad has grown both physically (as a testament to his shrinking t-shirt) and in his listening and spoken language skills and abilities, which he attributes to our amazing CHSC staff. It is evident that he has formed a special bond with his teachers over the years and he holds them all in high regard, but it's not all hard work all the time.

“I can't remember who sent it to me. I found a stuffed cat in the library and it's been a prank ever since.”

It's this comradery he shares with his teachers that means a lot to him.

From our Itinerant Program Continued

Now on the cusp of graduation Chad is thinking about his future and planning a trip to visit his sister in Kamloops. One career possibility he is thinking about is auto mechanics as he enjoys working with his hands. He attributes this passion to just growing up in a small town.

“I grew up in small town, Dad is a logger. I can use a crane ...Dad’s always building stuff. When I was five I just grabbed a hammer and nail”.

It is evident that his teachers had a profound impact on his life, especially Loretta. If he could sum up his CHSC experience in one word it would be amazing. “Everyone I worked with is amazing, they want to prepare me for the future”.

We wish Chad all the best for the future and know he will do great things!



January Themes

The two central themes this month are Winter Sports and Canadian Animals!

The BIG ideas include:

1. We wear clothes that keep us warm and dry in winter
2. There are outside and inside activities that we only do in Winter
3. Winter looks different around the world
4. There are changes that animals make to prepare for winter
5. There are animals that represent Canada
6. Animals have physical characteristics and habitats

