NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2016 EDITION

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KAMLOOPS

Pré-Maternelle Bonjour Preschool



Do you know we currently offer French Preschool? Our preschool program is offered three days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

The children are exposed to the French language with Madame Dianne (Deeane) who covers a variety of interesting themes and activities. Songs are learned during circle time and include a lot of fun interactions! Snack time is also a good opportunity to learn the French language using simple words to name food and utensils. The children are engaged through activities that encourage participation and make learning easy and fun!

THANK YOU!

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Daybreak, Dominos Pizza,
North Shore Knights of
Columbus, Forward Law, CIBC
Wood Gundy and many others
who contributed to our
Christmas hampers!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

November 20th National Child Day



City Councillor Arjun Singh visits with after-school kids



November 28th Santa Claus Parade



December 4th
Daybreak Rotary Annual
Youth Christmas Dinner



FEATURE PROGRAM: Get in the Game





Get in the Game is a program designed to give children the opportunity to try new

recreational activities. Fees, transportation, and equipment are some of the most common barriers to participating in various forms of recreation, however Get in the Game provides us the opportunity to overcome these barriers. Funded by Canadian Tire – Jumpstart, we have been able to take children to Sun Peaks Mountain Resort, providing them a



lesson, lift ticket, and rental equipment to learn how to snowboard or ski. Another group of

children spent time at Stake Lake learning how to cross-country ski and snowshoe. The response from the children was overwhelmingly positive after these outings. On the bus ride back, there were numerous requests for us to take them back to both Stake Lake and Sun Peaks. With encouraging feedback, and funding we receive from Get in the Game, we will be taking children to Sun Peaks once again on January 30th, and we are also in the midst of planning another trip to Stake Lake in February!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23 - 30th, 2016 Interior Savings Unplug & Play Family Literacy Week

February 8th, 2016 Family Day (Club closed)

January 22nd, February 19th & April 18th, 2016 Professional Development Days (Club open)

March 21st - April 1st, 2016 Spring Break (daycamps available!)

April 4th, 2016 Professional Development Day (Club Closed)

May 28th, 2016 Race for Kids www.raceforkids.ca /kamloops



FEATURED STAFF: Rosa Porco



Rosa has been filling bellies and lifting spirits at the Club since November 2010. Not only is she our amazing cook at John Tod Centre, feeding young children, families and staff, but she is also a very valuable member of our family. Rosa is a kind-hearted person who genuinely cares

about the people she is feeding. She often assists our ECE educators with cheery visits and baby snuggles when needed most. When co-workers were asked to describe Rosa they shared "She's a mom-like figure in the Club who is loving and caring" and "She always goes the extra mile to provide, whether it is snacks for a meeting, baking for fundraisers, treats to share or celebration lunches and meals. She's always willing and it's always yummy!" When asked, children responded by saying "Rosa is a super good cook" and "I like her!" It is clear that Rosa makes a positive impact in many people's lives not only through the nutritious food she provides but also from the love and effort she puts into her cooking and her daily interactions.