



WINGS

Fall 2023

DOVE TALES



Child & Youth Update

It's that time of year again, where the leaves start changing colour and the school aged children & teens who live at WINGS and Home Next Door start attending their support programs! During the month of September at WINGS and HND we encourage the families and children to get back into a routine of attending groups, outdoor/indoor activities, and teen outings. Along with incorporating cultural awareness in honour of truth & reconciliation in our kids and teen programs.



WINGS and HND were granted a wonderful opportunity for staff members and all families from both buildings to attend an amazing performance of traditional dancing from an aboriginal youth in the community! What an amazing performance it was to witness; many of the children at WINGS and HND expressed interest in learning more about aboriginal culture, as well as an openness to sharing their own backgrounds.

The kids & teens at WINGS and HND are also looking forward to our Halloween decorations and the amazing events to come in the Christmas season. We would like thank our wonderful donors for all their generosity and the love shown to us. We are grateful to belong to such an amazing community and appreciate all the compassion, commitment, and support we receive.

~Joyce & Brie
WINGS & HND Youth Workers



We are honoured to have received a special visit from 10 yr old Lylah, who taught our families about fancy dance, traditional, and jingle dance.





Childcare at WINGS

What an amazing summer we have had! The children at WINGS were busy in many SUN-sational indoor and outdoor play adventures along with various entertaining family days. The summer began with our annual Summer Kick-Off BBQ, families participated in Freeze dance, musical chairs, Hopscotch, Face Paint, ball target games, water play - all kinds of fun activities, followed by sharing a picnic lunch together. The other highlights of celebration were Art & Sundae day, hotdog & snow cone day, and tie dye family day.



Throughout summer children were engaged in growing sunflowers, tomatoes, and cucumbers. Every day children had incredible fun spending time gardening. They loved getting dirty with soils and watering the plants was their most favourite part. They observed the process of plant growth, flowering to fruits, even realizing when the fruits are ready to harvest.



Now that summer has ended, we are looking forward to Autumn and all the joy and learning that this season brings. Throughout September we are exploring a variety of stories, arts and customs that originate from the Indigenous peoples. Children were participating in making and playing traditional drum, creating simple versions of the medicine wheel, listening and dancing with traditional Cree music. At WINGS Childcare we are always committed to providing a welcoming, loving, and safe place for all the children.

We are very grateful for all of you who continuously support WINGS. Your thoughtful contribution helps us to provide the opportunities to plan and implement all the programs and services. You make such a difference in the lives of these little ones at childcare. We are so thankful for your generous hearts.

~Papya Rahman
Childcare Coordinator



Our women's group had a special guest, Shirley, come by to teach everyone how to make lovely jewelry - and provided all the tools and supplies!



Rocky Forest Daycare Update

Rocky Forest Daycare had a fun and busy summer! We had 10 children in our OSC program and 14 in the daycare.



This Summer we saw the completion of our playground by Blue Imp. We are very grateful to the donors who sponsored the 1st phase of this project - phase 2 will include our movement piece, the Apollo.

We used our big muscles to release our energy and increased our body awareness, control, strength, agility, and large motor coordination all the time exhilarating physical release. Our program water park day created the dizzy play and silliness which is a way of creating disorder and order withing playful experiences.

Our annual butterfly release teaches children the pleasure of nature, noticing the changes and wonder of the chrysalis, raising questions about changes, connections, and causes, and undertaking firsthand investigations of nature.



Mighty citizens in our community, we had a lemonade stand which created engagement which gives value and respect for who they are and what they bring to their community. Through collaborative decision-making and marketing, they raised funds for a special treat later in the year. Participating in the WINGS tie-dye day gave the children the opportunity to be creative artists with an air of mystery on what designs were created! We were also fortunate to have Brian the Magician create a sense of wonder and awe with his magic tricks, which left the children squealing in delight.

Through all this, the mothers are invited to join in with their children and the Educators. We have learned in brain development the importance of building relationships and that the simplest pleasures in life can create core memories. This development in a child's brain supports positive change, regardless of background and life circumstances. They have the chance, along with their mothers, to lead happier, healthier lives.

~Brenda Kotylak
Director, Rocky Forest Daycare



Become a WINGS Community Elf!

Becoming a WINGS Community Elf ensures each family can receive a grocery gift card for a special meal, as well as gifts for moms and children to open on Christmas Day. **How can you help?** Donate new toys and gifts for children (newborn to 18yrs); Donate gifts for moms; Donate gift cards; Volunteer to help at Santa's Workshop (Dec.11-15, 2023) wrapping gifts and helping moms and kids shop.

Check out the Santa's Workshop tab under News & Events on our website to learn more or sign up!



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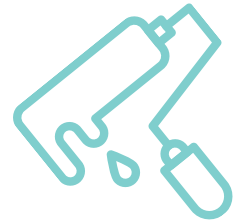


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A big thank you to Accurate for volunteering their time to paint some of our common spaces and creating garden beds for next year's use!



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- Safe, long-term housing
- Wrap around support services
- Counselling, social and youth programs
- Early learning childcare and daycare



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