### **Acorn Family Place**

## **Monthly News**

December 2025 \*\*\*\*



As the days grow a bit darker & cooler outside, we work to keep the brightness & warmth of each day alive.

We encourage the children to slow down and notice the beauty of nature around them. We do this by focusing on our senses of touch, smell, and sight. The children can express what they see, hear, smell, and feel, helping them recognize their body sensations and then express themselves individually through art. This is a wonderful way for each child to express their unique personality. Through their artwork, we can catch glimpses of each child's special glimmers.





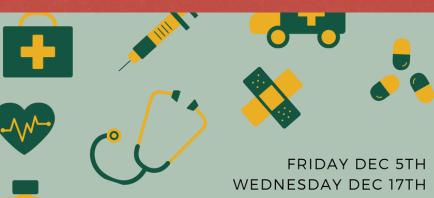
In the Playroom, we've been exploring nature through touch and feel. The children noticed the rough texture of the pinecones, but they weren't too fond of their colour. They were inspired to paint each one a different shade. Some children used their hands, while others preferred a paintbrush, honoring their unique sensory preferences.

What did we observe next?

The pinecones left prints with the excess paint on the pinecones! Of course, we had to make those prints even bigger by moving our paintbrush in a circular motion. One child exclaimed loudly, "It's sunny!" with a big, happy smile.

This child's glimmer was clear, shining through both her smile and her ability to create something from her own imagination.





WEDNESDAY DEC 17TH 1:30-3:30PM

### DROP-IN WITH NURSE JULIA

**GET HELP WITH...** 

APPLYING FOR EIA/DISABILITY
FOOD SECURITY PREGNANCY TESTS COUNSELLING
HOUSING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
FAMILY DOCTORS AND IMMUNIZATIONS
SHE CAN ALSO WEIGH BABIES 0 TO 3 MONTHS OLD

### YOU'RE INVITED!

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
FROM 1:30 TO 3:30 PM FOR A
SCREENING OF THAT CHRISTMAS, A
WARM AND FUNNY MOVIE ABOUT
THE INTERTWINED STORIES OF A
COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS.





## **HOLIDAY MOVIE:**

A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

## THAT CHRISTMAS

LET'S WATCH, EAT AND ENJOY EACHOTHER'S COMPANY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 1:30 TO 3:30PM



## CARING DADS

### What is Caring Dads?

Caring Dads is an important initiative that recognizes the interconnectedness of violence against women and children. By involving fathers in efforts to enhance the safety & well-being of their children, the program aims to address both gender-based violence and child safety simultaneously.

This holistic approach ensures that both issues are tackled together, promoting a safer and healthier environment for families.

When: Tuesdays. Starting February 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Acorn Family Place 202-222 Furby Street



For more information & intake process, please contact Jenn at: **204-558-5193** or email **parenting@acornfamilyplace.ca** 





WE'RE PAUSING DONATIONS TO THE KIDS CLOSET UNTIL THE NEW YEAR!



We'll let you know when we can accept items again! Going forward, we are asking for all future donations to be done by appointment.



To schedule your appointment, please contact Marisolle.

Call: 431-792-5117 or email welcomedesk@acornfamilyplace.ca



# Leah Gazan

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Join us Tuesday mornings from

September 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 - June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

This welcoming and informal group is for caregivers and moms who identify as female, caring for little ones aged 0-4 years, especially those with limited or no support.

Come connect, share, and grow in a supportive, confidential, and trauma-informed space. Each week, we focus on building friendships, exchanging stories and ideas, and creating a strong community together. Whether it's a planned topic or a spontaneous chat, your voice matters here.

> Let's support one another through conversation, laughter, and learning, one Tuesday at a time!



## **Creativity for** Caregivers

with Art City

Parents and Caregivers, Join us Monday mornings and start your week off with some creativity and self-care!

Mondays in the Program Room From 9:30am to 11:30AM

> September 8th, 2025 to March 30th, 2026

Snacks and Childcare are provided!

#### **Questions?**

Contact Deja at 204-979-2833 or wellnessoutreach@acornfamilyplace.ca





# #GIVING



TUESDAY

Your Support Builds Strong Families.



Donate today at:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/acorn-family-place-inc/

# COLOUR ME!









### **Programming Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Creativity For Caregivers 9:30-11:30am	2 MUFFINS AND TOTS 9:30-11:30am	CENTRE CLOSED 9AM-1 PM  Caring Dads 1:30-3:30pm	Loss & Learning 9:30-11:30am Cooking Class 1:30-3:30pm	5 Breakfast Club 9:00-11:30am Drop-in with Nurse Julia 1:30- 3:30pm
8 Creativity For Caregivers 9:30-11:30am WrapAround Bingo 1:30-3:30pm	9 MUFFINS AND TOTS 9:30-11:30am	10 CENTRE CLOSED 9AM-1 PM Caring Dads 1:30-3:30pm	11 Loss & Learning 9:30-11:30am	12 Breakfast Club 9:00-11:30am Music Circle 10:30-11:00am Holiday Movie 1:30-3:30pm
Creativity For Caregivers 9:30-11:30am WrapAround Holiday Celebration 1:30-3:30pm	MUFFINS AND TOTS 9:30-11:30am	17 CENTRE CLOSED 9AM-1 PM  Caring Dads 1:30-3:30pm Drop-in with Nurse Julia 1:30- 3:30pm	18 Food Bank 1:30-3:30pm	19  CENTRE CLOSED  FOR OUTING
Winter Solstice	23 LAST DAY BEFORE HOLIDAY BREAK!	24 CENTRE CLOSED	25 CENTRE CLOSED	CENTRE CLOSED
29 CENTRE CLOSED	30 CENTRE CLOSED	CENTRE CLOSED NEW YEARS EVE	Acorn Family Place is closed for the holidays from Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> - Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> We will reopen on January 5 <sup>th</sup> . Happy holidays and see you in 2026!	

- WrapAround programming connects parents & caregivers who are involved with CFS. Please contact Margot for info: 204-560-3153 or wraparound@acornfamilyplace.ca
- The sign-up sheet for Breakfast Club & Cooking Class will be in the Drop-In a half hour before the program starts
- Please call Joanne for info & to place your name on our Food Bank waiting list at: 204-560-3146

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