

OSCAR Newsletter

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Looking Ahead to Important Dates to Remember

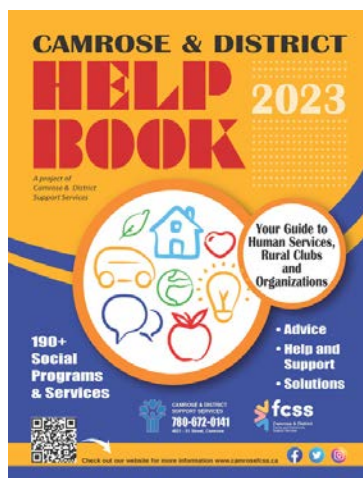


- **December 7** Early Dismissal - OSCAR starts at lunch dismissal
- **December 11** CLOSED - NO School and NO OSCAR
- **December 15** January Calendar DUE
- **December 21- 29** CLOSED - NO School and NO OSCAR
- **January 4** First Day Back to School - OSCAR Open
- **January 11** Early Dismissal - OSCAR starts at lunch dismissal
- **January 20** December Fees DUE
- **January 20** February Calendar DUE
- **January 31** CLOSED - NO School and NO OSCAR



The Help Book - A Guide to Human Services is also available online in the form of a searchable database: www.camrosefcss.ca/helpbook/

The 2023 Help Books are available at Camrose & District Family & Community Support Services Office 4821 - 51 St., Camrose AB



We share reminders, family community events and workshops on Facebook Search for: OSCAR Child Care Society



What's Happening at the Programs

CHESTER RONNING:



**Space
month
was
fantastic!**

November went so fast and the weather has been so amazing so we went outside as much as possible. We know that the snow is coming so please ensure that your children have warm clothing as we will be going outside when possible. The children enjoyed free play, soccer and chasing Mr. Kristian around the playground. We all had a nice break mid-month which the children needed.

November was space month where we learned about the solar system we are still having the discussion about whether Pluto is considered a planet or a star. We made different planets, rocket ships, space men and other space activities. We also worked on practicing kindness, learning to be kind to our OSCAR friends and others is important. The children earned bee's when they showed kindness to someone. This practice will continue for the rest of the year. We are working with the children to learn good sportsmanship skills. There have been times where conflict has arisen during a group activity which has been a great opportunity for staff to work with the children as a group to teach them the importance of kindness to others, review the rules of the game and how to win or lose the game gracefully.

The children were creative during free play and made some pretty awesome projects. They enjoy lego, building straw monuments and the beautiful magnet projects. There are definitely some creative minds here at Chester Ronning OSCAR.

As Christmas is approaching the children have been busy making Christmas Community cards. They are turning out so fabulous. The seniors are going to love the cards and appreciate the work the children put into them. The children keep asking to make the cards and are enjoying the community project.

December of course will be filled with so many fun Christmas crafts, fun group activities and hopefully some snow activities outside. We also know as much fun as this time of year can be, it can also be stressful for children and they can become tired this time of year with all the fun activities. We will be monitoring the children and planning activities, provide extra support to the children who may need it. We are looking forward to a fun December.

What's Happening at the Programs

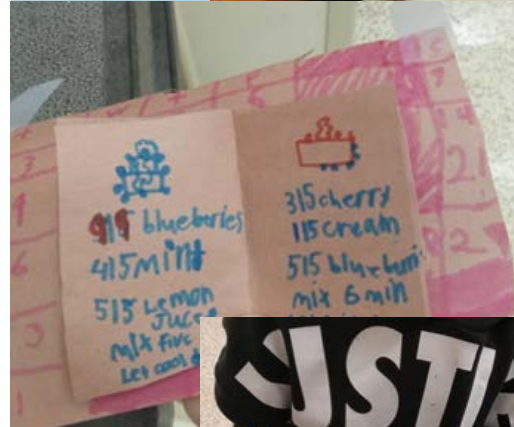
JACK STUART:

With fun memories, discoveries, and crafts at OSCAR, November has flown by. This last month has consisted of the kids being fascinated by animals and playing pretend games about them. They have practiced leadership by taking turns being the “head” of the wolf packs. We have used this opportunity to learn more about animals throughout the month. We also spent time reflecting on remembrance day by making poppy crafts.

The kids always amaze us with the fun things they build in the OSCAR room. You will see in the pictures how they work together to invent new things. They also have been loving “cooking food” and making restaurants using paper to make food for their pretend restaurants and serve each other.

Another way we exercise our creative bones is Miss. Shalayne's 3 material mystery art challenge. We give them three surprise things from the cabinet and see what they can make. Some of these surprise materials they have enjoyed exploring cardboard construction activities by making ramps and maps for the cars. You can see that in the pictures as well. In the upcoming month of December, we are excited to start celebrating the holidays with fun crafts and activities. We will also plan ways to support our community of Camrose by making cards for people in senior homes who need extra cheer during the holiday season. This is one of the kid's favorite traditions at OSCAR.

As December approaches, we plan to bundle up and play in the snow that will hopefully fall soon. We can't wait to see everyone as we make our way towards the holiday break.



learning leadership skills

What's Happening at the Programs

SPARLING:

Happy Holidays!!!

We are so excited to share with you some of the exciting activities we have been doing in Sparling OSCAR! We started the month of November growing closer as a group by doing many friendship and kindness activities and games. Friday's are extra special as we have Show and Share time, where the children can bring something special to show to their peers. The children love hearing where these treasures have come from, who gave it to them and why it's so special. Of course, Superhero week was full of high energy and enthusiasm. Learning about the five senses opens a world of exploring the importance of sight through Braille, tasting sweet and sour samples, and playing guess that sound by listening to familiar and unfamiliar sounds.

The feeling of magic is all around us as we enter the month of December. It will be a very busy one filled with excitement and anticipation of the Christmas holidays. We will be doing so many wonderful creative activities such as; making cards, special gifts for those we love and making decorations and ornaments to add some extra joy. We have brought in many Christmas books from our very own Camrose library, to not only encourage literacy but to open up our holiday imaginations.

We would like to wish everyone a Christmas filled with happiness, love, peace within and lots and lots of laughter.

Ms. Debbra, Ms. Sandra and the little Sparling OSCAR Elves



friendship and kindness

What's Happening at the Programs

ECOLE SIFTON:

Hello from Sifton,
My goodness there is no snow yet. Mind you we have taken advantage of this nice weather and have gone out as much as we can. The staff hope that everyone enjoyed their fall break as well. We started off November with literacy week and our wonderful book corner was a huge success! As some of the children have noticed we got a new to us rug which made reading more enjoyable. November also brought Remembrance Day and the children also got hear from another guest speaker. Captain Alex Boos from 3068 Royal Canadian Army Cadets came to talk about the poppy and what some of the conditions were like for the soldiers. The children also got to have some fun and learned how to army crawl from Miss. Stacie. They even got to try it with their backpacks on. As the month winds down we also had crazy week. Children got to wear their clothes backwards and have wacky hair.

December brings us to Christmas. With themes like winter wonderland, christmas craft week and christmas around the world this will keep the children busy and they will be able to bring the crafts home. We also wish to do a movie day on December 19th, the children will be watching The Polar Express and popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. We also wish to bring back the ever so popular gingerbread house making activity and hopefully there will be snow for the Children to do some snow painting.
Exciting times ahead.



**learning about
remembrance day**

Fun Things for the Family to Do Together

Gingerbread Sandwich Trees (tasteofhome.com)

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 3/4 cup molasses
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- M&M's minis
- 3/4 cup vanilla or chocolate frosting
- Green food coloring, optional



Directions

- Cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in egg and molasses. In another bowl, whisk flour, pie spice, baking soda, ginger and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Refrigerate, covered, until easy to handle, about 2 hours.
- Preheat oven to 325°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a floured 3-in. tree-shaped cookie cutter. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Gently press M&M's into half of the cookies. Bake until edges are firm, 8-10 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.
- If using vanilla frosting, tint with green food coloring if desired. Spread frosting over bottoms of plain cookies; cover with decorated cookies. Store in an airtight container.

Christmas Tree Ornament (littlebinsforlittlehands.com)

- Popsicle Sticks
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- String or Yarn
- Pompoms
- Decorate String or Ribbon
- Cardboard
- For each ornament, paint 3 Popsicle sticks with green paint and allow them to dry completely.
- Glue the green Popsicle sticks into a triangle.
- Wrap the triangle Popsicle sticks in green string or yarn. Pull it tight as you go. Secure the end with glue. TIP: For younger children you may want to tie the beginning of the yarn onto one side of the triangle.
- Paint a small square of cardboard with brown paint and glue it onto the bottom of the tree.
- Loop a bit of decorative string or ribbon and glue it onto the back of the Christmas tree.
- Glue a yellow pompom to the top of the tree and mini pompoms all over the tree.



Now it is time to hang your Christmas tree decoration!

News from the Director

Monthly Invoice

Your account is to be paid by the 20th of each month or very shortly after. Payments are done by Pre-authorized Debit (PAD), subsidy, cash, cheque or Debit at CDSS.

OSCAR Site Cell #'s

- Chester Ronning OSCAR:
780-608-0990
- Jack Stuart OSCAR:
780-608-9068
- Sparling OSCAR:
780-679-4700
- Sifton OSCAR:
780-781-5159



If you have questions or concerns regarding OSCAR in anyway, please contact me, Kandace Bonney, OSCAR Director, at 780-672-0141 or by email at director@camroseoscar.ca

Happy Birthday

Miss Kayli
December 15

Miss Melissa
December 19



OSCAR Fundraiser

Mabels Labels – This great fundraiser will remain open year round and is a great way to label school supplies, coats, shoes and all the things you don't want your kids to lose. Search for our organization, OSCAR Child Care Society on the Mabel's Labels fundraising page that can be found using the QR code below to shop their catalogue. When you place your order online, it will be shipped directly to your mailing address



Need a Coat Take a Coat

If you have gently used, clean winter wear of all sizes you no longer need you can donate these at the CDFCSS office where they will be available for free to anyone in need. If you need a coat, take one as well.

Subsidy

- Website: www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx
- Families with a joint income of up to \$90,000 that have children enrolled in a licensed school age program can qualify for subsidy.
- Check out the estimator on the website to see if your family can receive this wonderful support to cover all or part of your child care fees
- Please inform the OSCAR Director if you will be receiving subsidy
- Subsidy Phone Number 1-877-644-9992

Director News

Schedule Changes for Your Calendars

It is important that we know which children to expect at OSCAR in order to ensure their safety and prevent missing children situations. Please remember that if notice of cancellation is not received by the OSCAR Director by noon on the day before, there shall be a minimum one-hour charge per day or day rate as per family contract. If no notice is given and a child does not arrive at the program as scheduled, a \$25 no-show fee shall be charged.

All schedule changes **MUST** be made by contacting the OSCAR Director by email, with advance notice to **info@camroseoscar.ca** or calling the OSCAR office at CDFCSS 780-672-0141. If there is no answer, please leave a detailed voicemail in regards to what you are calling about.

When sending an email, or leaving a voicemail, please include the following information:

- Child's full name
- Program location
- Reason for absence (if your child is ill I need to know as it is a licensing requirement)
- Date absent
- Time of the call



If your child is scheduled to attend OSCAR and has joined an after school activity, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you notify the OSCAR Director/Office of the late arrival to the program after the sport activity.

Scheduled children need to check in with the OSCAR staff before going to the activity. Once they check in, they go directly to the activity so they are not late.

Helpful tip

- Email your child's teacher to let them know when your child has OSCAR.
- Write in your child's agenda they go to OSCAR

CDFCSS Office Hours

- Monday - Thursday open to the public 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:30 - 4:00.
- Friday - Closed to the Public (phones answered)
- On occasion the CDFCSS office is closed for a few hours as front end reception is unavailable due to meeting attendance requirements.



Community Resource

CHRISTMAS HAMPER REQUEST FORM

Form Return Deadline is Wed., Dec., 7, 2023



Please Do NOT leave this Request Form in the outside mailbox or at counter. Thank you.
The documentation below is required when submitting this form to Neighbor Aid.

- ✓ **Personal ID**
- ✓ **Proof of residence** (i.e. most current power bill, phone bill etc.)
- ✓ **Children's Birth Certificate or AB Health Care Card**
- ✓ **If you do not have all paperwork, that's ok we will figure it out together.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Ages of Children living at this address: boy ____ yrs. old girl ____ yrs. old
boy ____ yrs. old girl ____ yrs. old
boy ____ yrs. old girl ____ yrs. old



This family requires: TOYS yes or no FOOD yes or no

Comments: _____

Referred By: _____

Have you received a Christmas Cheer Hamper in the past? Yes ____ No ____

Only those living in Camrose or the County of Camrose may qualify for a Christmas Hamper.

Delivery is Saturday, December 16th beginning at 9:00 am

please be home and ready to receive your hamper

NO pickups at the Food Bank the next day or week, UNLESS previous arrangements have been made with the Program Director or Assistant PD of Neighbor Aid.

- We do NOT deliver outside of Camrose -

County of Camrose people Pickup at Camrose Fire Hall (201 Mt. Pleasant Dr.) between 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Please Remain in your cars and have your ID with you. You cannot enter the firehall this year.

Thank you and Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Community Resource



Camrose Community Pantry

- Camrose & District FCSS 4821 - 51 St. (Across from Camrose Co-op grocery store.)
- Stop in & take what you need. Stock for Community Pantry is dependent on donations received
- Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Also available @ Camrose Public Library
- 4710 - 50 Ave.
- Mon. - Fri., 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sun. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Camrose Neighbor Aid

- Community Cupboard @ Community Church - 5204 - 53 Ave., Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. 780-672-7000
- Bread & coffee on Wednesdays at Camrose Center Point Church; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 5807 - 47 Ave.

Food Bank (4524 - 54 St.); Tues., Wed., Thurs.; 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 780-679-3220

Martha's Table Soup & Sandwich from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

- Tuesdays - at Messiah Lutheran Church; 4810 - 50 St.
- Wednesday - Camrose United Church; 4829 - 50 St.

Community Spaghetti Supper - Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ Moose Hall Basement; 5001 - 52 Ave. (may take July & August off).

Community Table @ Camrose CityLights Church - 4920 - 48 St., Thursdays @ 12:00 noon. Fresh meal.

Transit Token - worth \$4.00 to subsidize the cost of participating taxi, handi-van or community bus rides. Tokens available from different social agencies. When you are paying for a ride, you give the driver the token(s) to go toward your fare & responsible for paying the remainder of the fare.

Visit the HelpBook

@www.camrosefcss.ca
for other resources.



Community Events



CAMROSE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
Part of the Camrose & Area Family Resource Network

Christmas Craft Night

A craft night for kids ages 7-13 and their parents/caregivers. Come decorate ugly Christmas sweaters, craft snowglobes and groove to festive tunes. Bring an ugly sweater and join in on the fun!

Please pre-register online at www.camrosefrc.com/programs

14 DEC 2020 | 5:30-7:00

Camrose Family Resource Centre
4823-51 street

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Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

It is natural for children to have disagreements, however this can also become more serious and turn into fighting and other forms of aggression.

If you are interested in learning some suggestions to teach your children to problem solve join the Triple P Discussion Group

Managing Fighting and Aggression
Monday December 11
7:30pm
via Zoom

Triple P
Positive Parenting Program
for every parent



LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR SUPPORT ON PARENTING?

We have many supports, services and programs that can assist you in parenting your child or teen.



For more information or to access support, please call the Camrose Family Resource Centre at 780-672-0141 to speak with one of our staff.