

Winter 2017



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Community Connections



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Boys and Girls Club of Wetaskiwin Newsletter

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Boys and Girls Club of Wetaskiwin's newsletter. At this time of year we reflect on the tremendous support that we receive from the businesses, corporations, foundations and individuals in our community. We receive donations and valuable time from many supporters who assist us in serving children, youth and families.



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On-Line Auction

Our 11th Annual Online Fundraising Auction which ran in November was a great success due to the many donors and auction bidders. There were 640 bids received and we raised in excess

of \$7,000. Special thanks to VIA Rail Canada who has generously provided a round trip to Vancouver each year that we have had our auction.

Upcoming News and Events:

Pink Shirt Day will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017. If you did not get your pink shirt last year, we are now taking pre-orders for the 2017 community-wide bullying awareness campaign.

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Special points of interest:

- *On-Line Auction*
- *Rogers Raising the Grade Program*
- *Early Learning and Childcare Centre Playground*



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Early Learning and Childcare Centre Outdoor Space Development Project

The Child Care Centre now provides a natural, well-equipped, and inviting physical outdoor environment that sets the stage for children to have experiences that promote growth and development.

We incorporated manipulative materials like sand, dirt, gravel and water into the play space which will allow children to exert control over their play space and change their surroundings to suit their needs. Children have the opportunity to play with responsive materials that can be carried, collected, dammed, dug, scooped, floated, filled, sifted, spilled, sprinkled, and thrown. We also improved contact with living things like plants and living organisms that change with time. This contact will enhance physical, cognitive, and language development & stimulate more diverse and creative play.

We will ensure that the new space is designed to the scale of the child and is sensitive to all Alberta climates.

Our project created a quality outdoor space that provides enriched developmental opportunities and experiences for children 1-6 years of age. The outdoor environment promotes social, cooperative and independent play that includes:

- Imaginative play
- volitional play (manipulating the physical environment)
- communicative play (use of descriptive language)
- object play
- exploratory play and
- gross motor play



We would like to thank all our donors who helped make this project possible

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Rogers Raising the Grade

The Boys and Girls Club of Wetaskiwin, with the support of the *Rogers Youth Fund*, has seen our *Rogers Raising the Grade* program continue to grow. The program, delivered by the Boys and Girls Club of Canada, is designed to provide young people from 12 to 19 years with the skills, tools, and opportunities that will equip them to excel academically and secure their future success as productive, independent and contributing members of society. The interactive after-school program allows youth the opportunity to explore interests, receive homework support, connect with mentors/tutors, interact with peers, increase their digital literacy, and plan for post secondary education, all in the Rogers Raising the Grade Technology Centre. Info? 780-352-4643.

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