

November/December Newsletter 2020
Growing Together Childcare May Court and
Tecumseh.

It's been quite the year, we all have come through it stronger than ever. We would like to take a moment to Thank everyone, Staff, Families, and Children for being patient with us as we navigated through this year. We started out by rebuilding our village, now we can make it stronger than ever.



We
wish
you a
Merry
Christmas



Wishing Everyone a Safe, Happy
and Healthy Holiday Season.
Let`s Bring in 2021

Hello GTFRC Families,

I just want to start by saying how thankful we are for each and everyone of you for being so patient and flexible in these uncertain times. We really do appreciate how understanding you have been with this whole process with covid and just know, that even with how different it has been we still want to make your child feel as comfortable as possible while in our care.

As some of you may noticed our playgrounds at have had a facelift and we couldn't be any happier with the outcome. The children love being outdoors, this makeover just makes it that much more exciting for them. With that being said, we do spend quite a bit of time outdoors, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather and bring extra mitts, as they get wet in the mornings.

We would like to leave 2020 behind and are excited for a fresh new year in 2021. We are happy to say that we are reopening our infant and pre-school rooms finally, hopefully we can return to some sort of normalcy around here I think that's what we all need.

We are closed December 24 and will reopen January 4 for a much needed holiday. Growing Together wishes all of our families health and happiness in the new year.

Ms. Robyn



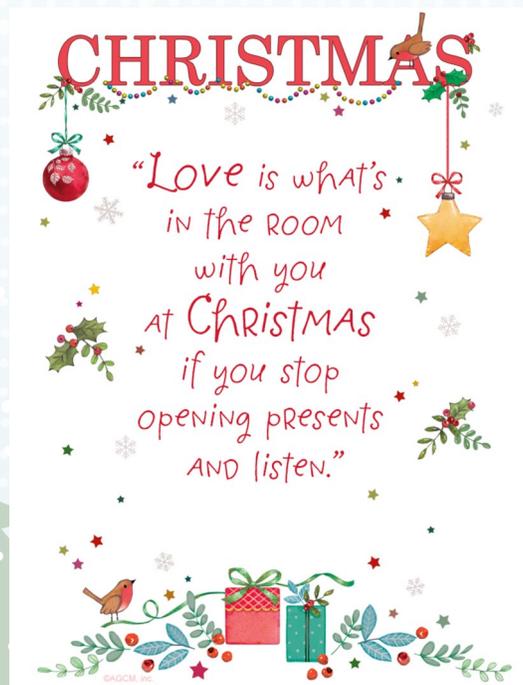
HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

Front Door Thoughts

To start off I would like to thank each and every one of you, you all made my move from the Blenheim Growing Together locations to May Court very warm and welcoming. Seeing all your faces during drop off and pick up put a smile on my face. Even though you could not see it through my mask. Please feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns you may have. I am here to provide you with any help you may need. Also a quick reminder to please continue wearing your mask and sanitizing your hands. Finally I would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season and cannot wait to hear all about your holidays from you and your little ones when we return in the new year.

Ms. Steph

RECE



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New Board Member

Hello My Name Is: David Birnie

A little About Myself: I am educated as a Computer Programmer Analyst, but really passionate about entrepreneurship and education. On a regular basis I am looking for new things to learn and teach my son. This has allowed us to enjoy many different hobbies and experiences!

A little About My Family: I have been married for 10 years, but together for 15 to my lovely wife Elizabeth. We have a wonderful son who is turning 2 in January named William Robert! Yes... technically that means he is Billy Bob Birnie but it suits his wildness.

For fun I like to: Adventure outdoors, play hockey, soccer, baseball, and basketball! Regularly we enjoy cooking and experimenting in the kitchen.

I have been on the GTFRC Board for only a couple months.

Growing Together is special to me because: It encourages exploring and learning in a healthy way!



From the Kitchen

Hello everyone my name is Chilly Willy. Baby it's Cold Outside so why not have a nice bowl of Chili. Here is the recipe.

1- 28 can of diced tomatoes

1 can tomato soup

1 can brown bean with tomato sauce

2 can kidney beans

1-1 1/2 lbs. ground beef cooked

1 onion chopped

1 stalk of celery chopped

1 green pepper chopped

1 pkg chili seasoning

or

2 1/2 tbsp chili powder

2 tbsp cumin

1 tbsp garlic powder

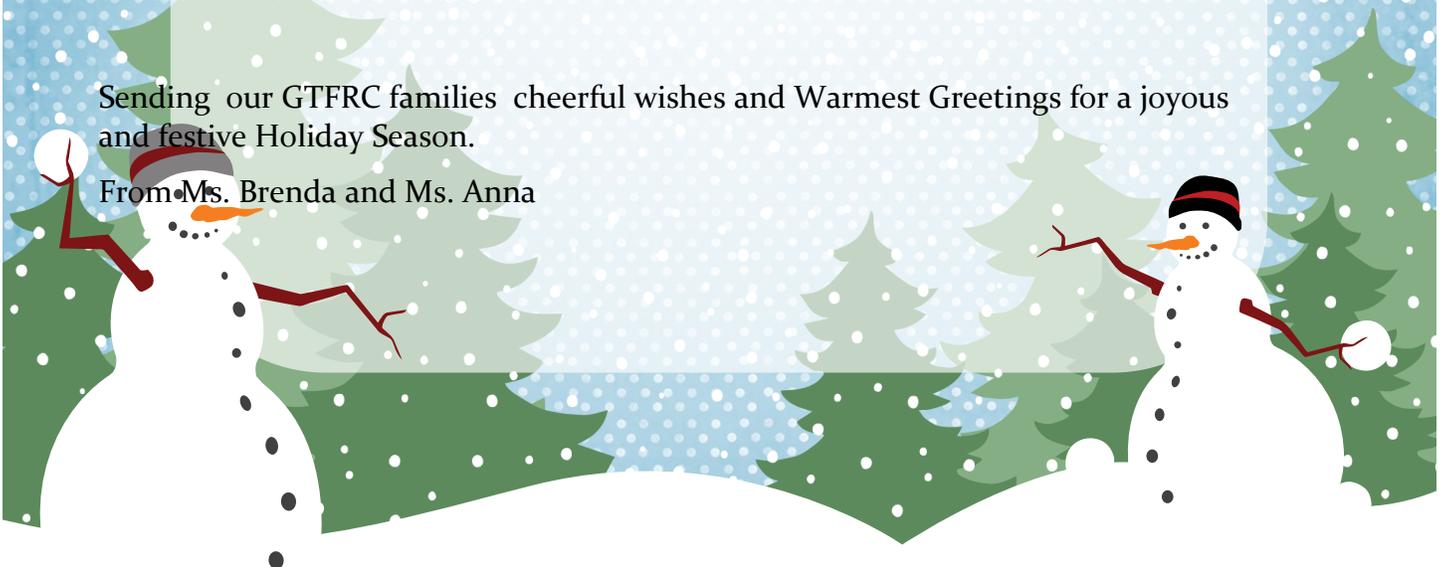
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper



Brown onion, celery, pepper. Added browned Hamburg. Add soup, beans, tomatoes and seasoning simmer. Can add additional topping. Sour cream, shred cheese and serve with toast.

Sending our GTFRC families cheerful wishes and Warmest Greetings for a joyous and festive Holiday Season.

From Ms. Brenda and Ms. Anna



Hello Toddler Families,

We have been busy preparing for Christmas this month. We have added Christmas lights and familiar items such as tinsel and ornaments to our play. The toddlers are lucky enough to have the Christmas tree displayed right outside our classroom door and it has sparked many conversations and activities. We have loved the excitement and buzz around the daycare as the holiday gets nearer. We are wishing all our families a safe and happy holidays!

The Toddler Staff

Ms. Trista (RECE), Ms. Heather (RECE), and Ms. Ashley (RECE)



Hello May Court families.

This November in the preschool room has been very interested in sensory play. The children have each been given their very own sensory bin that their educators change every week or day as needed. Some of the favorites have been water, sand and loose parts. The children love the opportunity to enjoy some quiet or social time while using their senses to explore.

Within December the children have been very excited for Christmas! We have decorated a tree for our room and love listening to holiday music. With the first snow we were very happy to be able to make a big snowman which we named Olaf. He didn't last very long but we sure had lots of fun working together and sharing ideas to make him. We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season. See you in the new year!

Ms Sam (RECE) Ms Shayla (RECE) Ms Brittany (RECE)



FDK: Tecumseh

Hello FDK families, it has been a great start to the year. The kids are still really enjoying the space that we have in the classroom; especially for the Christmas season. We are able to have a Christmas tree set up in the room that the kids were able to decorate with ornaments that they have colored. It has been a nice addition to the room.



We have been working on creating a dramatic play center in the classroom for the kids. We have been able to add a small pretend fridge and stove with some play food; the kids have been very creative making meals for one another. We have also been able to add some older-style phones and the kids think they are neat and loving making phone calls on them. There are some other items that we have added like a cradle and cell phones, which they are more familiar with. We are looking forward to expanding this area more.



The kids have been very interested in the dramatic play center and building race tracks for the cars in the room. We also have a very creative bunch so we have tried to offer different things for them to make and create with. They have been excited to see what is offered on the table each and every day. F

We have two new guests in our room, our Elves. Tinsel and Tangle have been a wonderful addition to the room as the kids get excited every day to see what our silly elves have gotten in to. They have brought a lot of Christmas decorations and cheer to our classroom.



Ms. Kayle and Ms. Amanda

School age Tecumseh

Wow!! We can't believe it's already November/December!! Where has this year gone by?? As the cold and snow is fast approaching we are all getting ready to tackle the weather. As December has arrived our Elf Noel was came into our room and has left us many surprises each day

Our new additions to the room, Air hockey table, Creative station, Art easel, Bean bag chairs. In our classroom we have a pet named Ruby. Ruby is a betta fish that the children help feed and clean the tank throughout the weeks. The children love talking to Ruby and showing her some of the things they make in the room.

Our School age children have been super busy in these past few months being them creative selves and exploring new things.

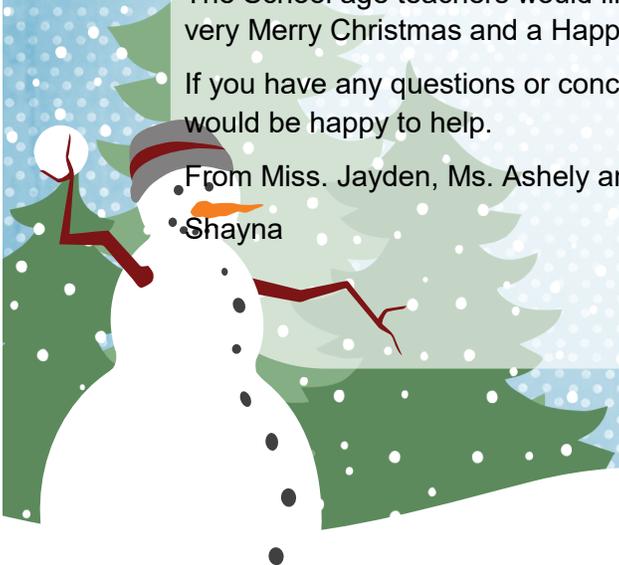
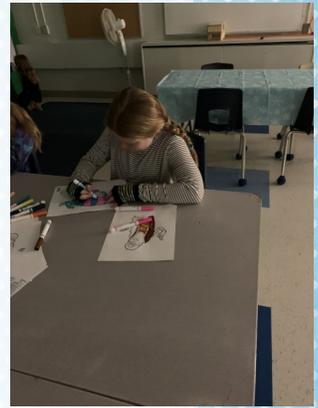
Our interests:

- Going to the tennis courts
- Playing Manhunt
- Doing Challenges (q tip guessing, among us coloring contest, drawing longest line with chalk, and seeing who can make the longest paper chain against the FDK's
- Exploring the creative area (Glitter, paint, pom poms, rulers, shimmery puffy paint)
- Playing board games
- Getting Christmas ready!!

The School age teachers would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to us on Seesaw and we would be happy to help.

From Miss. Jayden, Ms. Ashely and Miss.
•Shayna



From our Family to yours



Wishing you a

VERY MERRY

CHRISTMAS

& Happy New Year

