

Edmonton Northwest Out of School Care Annual Report 2008

Children served in 2008: 36

Edmonton Northwest School Age Program is located in Inglewood Elementary School Room eleven (11). The out of school care (OOSC) serves children from kindergarten through grade six, with an enriched and Inclusive Learning Through Play program that meets the social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional needs of its children through age and developmentally-appropriate materials, equipment and activities.

This past year has proven to be full of fun, changes, and challenges. Staff and children come and go, and we consistently work together to make these transitions move as smoothly as possible. In August, Sarah Lee left the director's position and moved on to be a schoolteacher. We were very fortunate to have Sarah with us. She devoted herself to making sure the children were happy and the program's philosophy was followed. Andre Davis is now the director of the OOSC. Two new staff joined our team this past January. Ashley Smith and Chandra Smith are fulltime students in the Early Childhood Education program at CDI. Both will have their Level 3 in June 2009.

The summer was a lot of fun for both children and staff. We received a CANADA SUMMER JOBS GRANT grant, which brought our staff numbers up to five. We took in local events such as the Fringe Festival and the Street Performers Festival. We also made trips to The Kinsmen Swimming Pool, the downtown public library, Plaza Bowling Lanes, John Janzen Nature Center, The Valley Zoo, Rexall Place, Legislative Grounds, Hawrelak Park and numerous walks to the local library, splash parks and playgrounds. The children raised money themselves for summer activities by having three lemonade stands and cashing in our pop and juice containers.

We continue to keep and maintain a positive relationship with the Inglewood School. We have access to the school gym on rainy and cold days. The school has also given us a storage room, which has eliminated the storage problem in our room.

As always, life is busy at the OOSC, and we continue to support our families in our care while building relationships with the community. Every year brings about different challenges, and we are prepared to meet each one of them head on. Once again, we are looking forward to another fun filled year at the OOSC.

Andre Davis
Program Director