

• Mosaic has a new Executive! On June 27 the Board elected Briar Jamieson as the new Chair, Karla Ulloa as the new Secretary, and Deborah Olukaju as the Treasurer for another term. Mosaic welcomes the return of regular members Hong Ji, Ariana Yaftali. Lan Doan is the Past Chair of Mosaic. Congratulations to all!

• Most Mosaic child care spots are filled for September and most EAL seats are also full

• Thank you to our generous donors!

• Thank you volunteers!

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Wiggle Giggle & Munch

Standing by the doors of Knox United Church, seven excited children run to meet me – they're ready for some "Fun in the Sun"! As they race up the long staircase to the upstairs gym, the children are welcomed by the facilitators and community volunteers who join them in free play for an active start to the day.



Photos: Susan McDougall



After free play, Ujwal stays with mom in the church learning action songs and rhymes and developing movement skills through the "Wiggle, Giggle and Munch" program. Evergreen and the older children head out to Central Park for high-energy, stimulating, interactive and co-operative games.

To complement the faster-paced activities, there's a chance to slow down as we gather together in small groups to share and learn about our healthy snack. From there, the children get creative during a "make and take" craft. As the morning comes to a close with our good-bye song, I wave to those smiling faces with the expectation of seeing them again.

This summer program, "Fun in the Sun", was initiated by Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network and seeks to provide physical activity and healthy snacks in a safe, fun and supportive environment. Thanks to the generous support of the True Sport grant, and the willingness of community volunteers, this program has become a reality and has impacted the lives of many this summer!

By Shoshannah Speers, volunteer with "Fun in the Sun" and "Wiggle, Giggle and Munch" program

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<http://wpgfdn.wpgfdn-blogs.org/>

This program was funded by True Sport through the Winnipeg Foundation and by Communities 4 Families. Tremendous volunteer support from community residents and the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOM) also contributed to the success of this Mosaic initiative.

Some of the snacks for this program were donated by Prairie Ink Restaurant and Bakery.



Highlights from our 2nd Annual Picnic at Assiniboine Park—Lots of food, lots of fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Class—Monday, September 12
WELCOME BACK students, children and staff!

All Staff Meeting EAL Staff—
September 8, 9:00-12:00 at Bethel Church 465 Stafford Street

Fall Wiggle—Giggle and Munch at Knox Church and Central Park.

Thursday afternoons Sept 1, 8, 16 & 23rd
Contact Jean—jtinling@mosaicnet.ca for info

Child Care Assistant—Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education Course for Mosaic staff. Starting on Friday, September 16. Contact Anne Grewar for details and to register: 947-1401 or amgrewar@familycentre.mb.ca



Photos: Darcy Rheubottom, Yal Covers

Child Care Workers Offered Free Training From Red River CC

Mosaic child care workers are being offered a very special opportunity to take the Red River College Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education Course for free. This certificate course is being offered to Mosaic and other agencies that work in community programs.



Photo: Susan McDougall

Hats Off!

Yummy Donation!

Prairie Ink Restaurant & Bakery, located in McNally Robinson Book Store, is generously donating pastry delights to Mosaic on Mondays!

Impactful Donation!

Black Sheep Communications is donating time to work on a communications strategy for Mosaic.