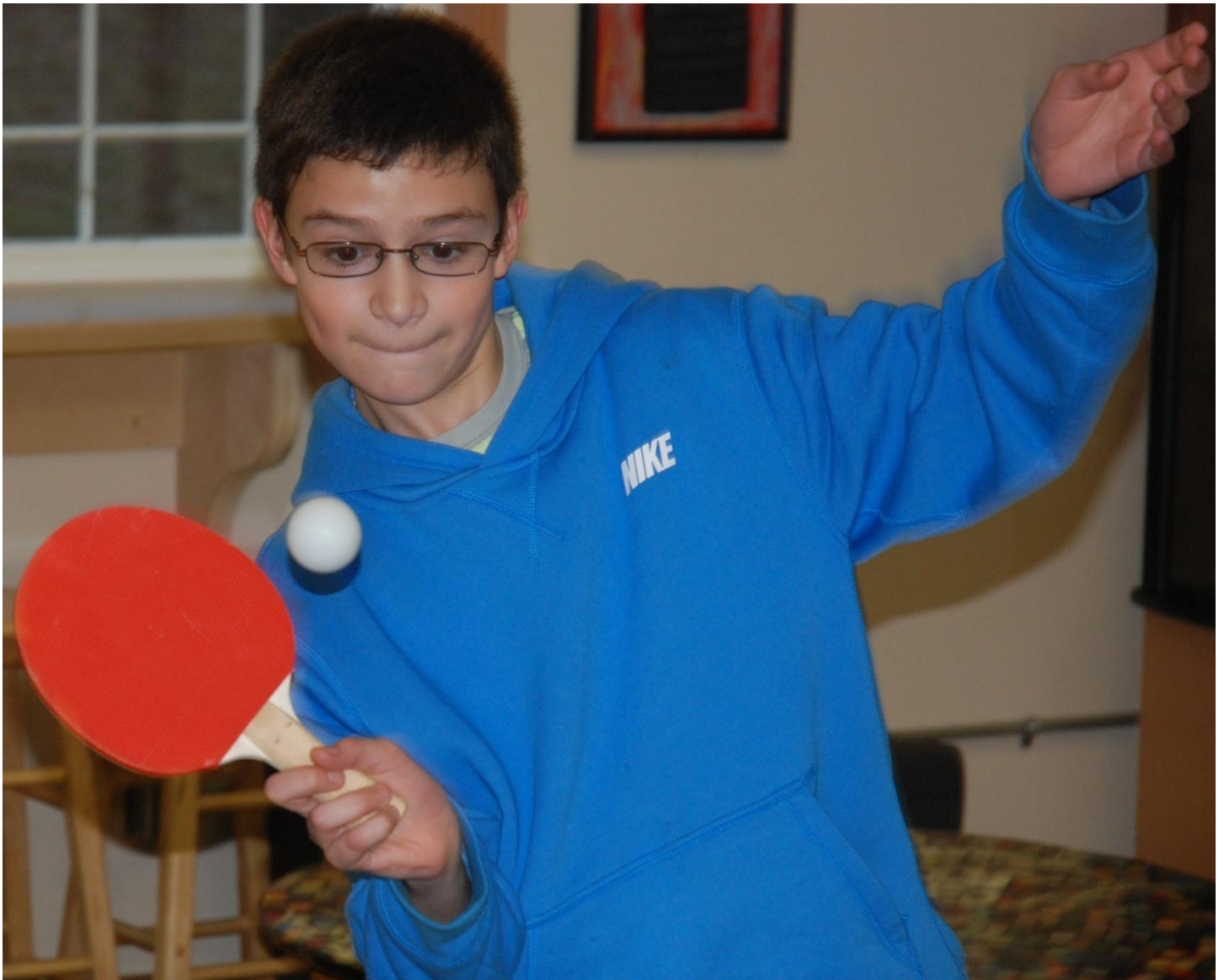


Eye spy

By **Samuel (Preschool)**

I see shells.





New ping pong table has players **hitting the ball hard**

By **Anthony L (Adventure Club)**

I like to play ping pong because I like to challenge opponents. I try to hit the ball hard so my opponent can't hit it back. If the ball is hit hard to me I back up a little bit and swing the paddle to make a strong impact. If you are learning to play it is important to hold the paddle with one finger on the black area and keep your eye on the ball. I also play ping pong with my family at the YMCA. Photo: Anthony, ping pong returns to the Adventure Club portable with new conversion top table and equipment.



Talent show action song lets audience **see undersea**

Three **Explorer Club** girls performed Octopus at our winter break talent show. The words included, "Slippery fish...eaten by an octopus...eaten by a tuna fish ...eaten by a great white shark...eaten by a humungous whale...gulp (burp) pardon me." Photo: **Alexis, Ariana, Emily** as "octopus squiggling in the water".

By **Alexis**

I would like to be a slipperty fish because it comes first in the song. I would hide in little wiggly plants. The great white shark would never find me.

By **Ariana**

If I was a humungous whale I would eat salmon. I would play whale games. I would shoot water out of the hole in my back.

By **Emily**

I would swim very fast if I was a tuna fish. I would be friends with little fish. We would play fish tag and hide-and-seek.



Shake it **loud**

By **Devesh (Explorer Club)**

I like songs from India.

I like to dance to fast music.

I can spin and roll.

I shake the maracas loud.

Bow-wow ow

By **Adora (Discovery Club)**

An ant crawled up a dog's fur and bit his paw. I gave the dog a blood test and an x-ray. He will run again in two days.



Turtle talk

By **Cindy (Preschool)**

"Hello, turtle."

The turtle said, "I am hungry. Can you feed me red and blue ants?"

"Yes. Do you want to drink water?"

The turtle said, "No. I want to swim in the water and eat the soap bubbles."





Cupcakes and cookies sold to **help the Philippines**

By **Aizlinn (Adventure Club)**

We raised \$200 for the Red Cross to help the Philippines after the typhoon hit in November 2013. We baked chocolate and vanilla cupcakes and then the next day we iced them and sold them in front of Vancity on Granville Street. We also sold cookies made by **Discovery Club**. Our bake sale was by donation. It raised \$107. Some people paid \$5 for two cupcakes or cookies. We also raised \$93 from recycling juice boxes. I was happy how the community responded. It made me feel good because I was helping people. Photo: Aizlinn, Discovery Club bakers **Jahz, Amanda, Ying Ying**.

Merry Christmas



Santa is centre stage with decorated Christmas tree

By **Ilyas (Discovery Club)**

I saw a lot of Christmas decorations on the Imagination Station stage. They were beautiful. I liked the Christmas tree the most. It was decorated by **Adventure Club** and **Safe Base** children. I was happy to meet Santa. I liked to sit on his lap. I asked him some questions and he asked me what I wanted for Christmas. He gave me a candy cane that tasted good. It was cherry. I had a very jolly Christmas. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Photo: Ilyas, Santa.

By **Patrick (Safe Base)**

The key to decorating a Christmas tree efficiently and effectively is to take the tree out, untangle the fake branches and place it on the stand. After that, you take out the lights, stretch them into a line, then wrap them around the tree's circumference several times and plug the individual segments together. Then comes the fun part of wrapping tinsel around the tree like you do with the lights. After that you start putting on unique bobbles and other interesting decorations. To wrap it up, you put a star on the top.

Happy New Year



Hip hop **pop**

By **Collen (Explorer Club)**

I like to dance fast. I liked the conga line dance at the New Year party. When I did my solo dance, the balloons on the floor started popping.

Walking the dog

A stroll at 1350 West 67th Avenue in January 2014 revealed:

Ethan K (Safe Base) and **Scott (Safe Base)** play bare-hand ping pong. There's no need for paddles when tough skin can win.

Explorer Club use instructions and teamwork to piece together two packages of new wooden train tracks that were donated to the centre. So how do you decide which direction trains should travel on a figure-8 route? Simple. You cross that bridge when you come to it.

"I'm a genius." Morning greeting from a **Preschool** child.

Adventure Club girls are learning to knit. Some sit and stitch. Some walk and stitch. Needless to say needles need some motion in order "to scarf".

Limber? Limbo! **Eden** be nimble, Eden be quick, Eden limbo under the blue broomstick. Photo: Eden, **Explorer Club** dance party.

