Dear Parents,

Our students are settling into our classroom routines and it’s a pleasure to get to know them better with each passing class. Most families have had a chance to get into the classroom and enjoy our students – thank you for your help to reinforce routines and expectations while in class and at home!

Be sure to check out the 4yr old students’ Matmen on the walls! In November, our Handwriting Without Tears curriculum will be progressing with focus on the letters H, I, U, and the number 3.

Having enjoyed the excitement of October with Firefighter visits, harvest activities and the thrill of Halloween, November brings new themes to look forward to. We will be exploring pet animals and animals in winter, with visits from the vet and environmental educators included!

Showing at the preschool puppet theatre this month, a fall classic, “The Ants and the Grasshopper.”

Here’s a favourite pet turtle song to sing with your preschooler at home:

I have a little Turtle.  
His name is Tiny Tim.  
I put him in the bathtub  
To see if he could swim.  
He drank up all the water.  
He ate up all the soap.  
Now he’s home,  
Sick in bed,  
With bubbles in his throat!  
Blub, Blub, Blub

Enjoy!  
Ms. Nataliya & Ms. Carmen
Where do our fundraising dollars go?

The Preschool does not receive regular funding from any organization, so we rely on our own fundraising efforts. All funds raised go towards our programs. We purchase program supplies, equipment for classrooms, outside and mini gym, children's books, resource books, snacks for our nutrition program, special events, music classes, body moves classes, bus transportation, Seeds of Empathy, Handwriting Without Tears program supplies, work shops, and certification for teachers. The list is endless! Scholastic points purchase books for our children's library, carpets, laminating machine, CD players, CD's and stories for our listening centre, and other classroom supplies.

Thank You!

Our thanks to Sparky, Lee, John, Jason, Allan and all the firefighters for visiting our classes and demonstrating safety around the kitchen stove. Thanks also for reminding us we should all have a meeting place outside our home if the smoke alarm goes off or there is a fire.

Thanks to Carmen's children, Emma, Matthias, and Anika for cleaning their rooms...and bringing toys and games they no longer use to the Preschool! Thanks also to Nataliya's children, Michael and Melanie.

Thanks to Barb Scott for donating all proceeds from the Georgetown Inn Halloween Maze to the Preschool. This was all Barb's idea, and we love it!

And last but not least, thanks to all of you for your patience while our main entrance has been closed during construction! Below: the first excited explorers released into the new playgrounds!

Rocky Mountain Raffle

Our annual Rocky Mountain Raffle is getting under way once again, and we have lots of fantastic prizes thanks to the generosity of the Bow Valley at large and the hard work of Cora Lee Kjemhus and Blair Miller in particular.

Each preschool family is asked to sell at least one book of tickets. Check the bulletin boards in the lobby to see what prizes you can win if you are the first family to sell three books of tickets or sell the most tickets!

Please return all completed tickets and money to the preschool by November 20th.

The prize draw will take place at the preschool on December 10th.

The 18th Annual Canmore Christmas Artisans’ Market

November 23 & 24
@ Canmore Collegiate High School

The Market offers the number one way to contribute your four hours of volunteer time to the preschool! Sign up sheets will be posted on the Volunteer Opportunities bulletin board in the Preschool lobby.

Whether you’re volunteering, shopping, or both, come join over 85 local artists and artisans for the Bow Valley’s premier market for handcrafted goods! Tables will be filled with glass, wood, wool, wax, paint, metalwork, and anything else our community has dreamed up. Tasty treats and drinks will be available as well. Entry costs $2 in support of the preschool. Kids enter free. See you there!

Bottle Depot

When dropping off your empties at the bottle depot, why not tell them to donate your refund to Canmore Preschool? We have a credit account established with them, so just say our name and they will add your refund to our slate. One more easy way to keep our program strong and our fees low!

Veterinarian Visit

November 18 & 19

Vets from Canmore Veterinary Hospital will visit classes to talk about pets and pet care. They will not bring any animals to class in case of allergies, but please encourage your child to bring his or her favorite stuffed animal!
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Please send any submissions to paul@banfffire.com before the 15th of each month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter. Thank you!
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