

October 2013



## A Message from our Teachers

Congratulations to all our students and their families on a great start of the year. All students are gradually learning our daily schedules and settling nicely into the classroom routine. At this time of year, we spend a lot of time developing routines and expectations.

Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen have planned exciting puppet shows, which we are going to present throughout the year. One to look forward in October is "Apple Trouble" – a fun story about a hibernating hedgehog.

We have already started Handwriting Without Tears curriculum in our 4-year-old classes this September by making Mat Man and practicing writing the letter "L". We look forward learning all about letters F, E and H in October.

We look forward to exploring Harvest, Thanksgiving and Halloween themes this month.



Practice the finger play below with your little ones. We are sure it will brighten everyone's day!

## Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate. Hold up 5 fingers.  
The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late." Hold up thumb.  
The second one said, "There are witches in the air." Hold up index finger.  
The third one said, "But I don't care." Hold up middle finger.  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run." Hold up ring finger.  
The fifth one said, "Isn't Halloween fun." Hold up pinky.  
Whoosh! Went the wind, and out went the lights. Blow through hands, then clap.  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight! Roll hands behind back.



## Allergy Alerts:

Three of our current preschool students have anaphylactic food allergies. We have epipens on site, since this is a potentially life-threatening reaction. We request families in the classes listed below to avoid the specified foods, and remember all classes should be peanut and tree nut free. Thanks so much for your assistance!

Carmen's 4yo A.M. M/W/F class: DAIRY. This means no milk, yogurt, cheese, butter, nor any baked goods, crackers, or bars containing milk products. Eggs are fine. Fruits, vegetables, and dairy-free bread products are highly recommended.

Carmen's 3yo P.M. T/Th class: TREE NUTS & PEANUTS. We always ask families to avoid these, but please be extra vigilant.

Nataliya's 4yo A.M. M/W/F class: CASHEW & PISTACHIO. We always ask families to avoid these, but please be extra vigilant.

## New Playground Construction is Underway!

The contractor, Blue Imp, expects to complete construction by the end of October, at which point our students will enjoy a fabulous new play space! Please, bear with us as we facilitate the addition of this asset to our facility.

In order to allow the construction crews to work and to keep everyone safe, we will not use the front entrance to the building until the work is completed. Everyone will need to walk around to the gate at the back of the building and enter through your classroom's backdoor. We apologize for not giving notice of this sooner, but the contracting and construction timeline has evolved very rapidly in order to capitalize on federal grants received by the daycare, and in hopes of having a playground installed before winter weather could delay it until 2014.

We are all very excited to watch climbing structures, playhouses, whirligigs, and bouncy doodads sprout in the yard over the next month. We hope all the truck and tractor aficionados among us will be richly entertained.

Below are a few sample images of what you can expect. More details can be found on our website [www.canmorepreschool.com](http://www.canmorepreschool.com). We hope you share our excitement, and we thank you for your patience!



## Handicap Parking

This year we have a student in Carmen's 3-year-old afternoon class on Mondays and Wednesdays who requires a wheelchair for transportation. Please try to keep the parking stall near the sidewalk by the Cadet building free at drop off time (12:30pm). We have applied for a handicap parking stall for that area but will not hear back from the Town until October. This student will also have access through the front doors while construction is going on. The rest of us must use the rear doors.

## Volunteers



NEEDED  
IMMEDIATELY!

If you can help  
please call Nancy  
(403) 678-2538.

## Treasurer

We are seeking a volunteer to join the preschool board as Treasurer. The position requires basic accounting skills and the ability to attend monthly board meetings.

## Newsletter Coordinator

We are also seeking a volunteer to join the preschool board as our Newsletter Coordinator. This position requires attendance at monthly board meetings and the ability to produce the monthly newsletter using material from teachers, staff, the board, and past newsletters. This can be done on the program of your choice and sent to Nancy as a Word doc or PDF.

## Room Parents

Each class now has a volunteer "Room Parent" who is responsible for coordinating Parent-of-the-Day schedules, ensuring that someone is signed up each and every day. Please, make their jobs easier by signing up early and often! Remember, we cannot legally run classes without a Parent-of-the-Day.

### Miss Nataliya's Classes:

**3yo A.M.**  
Kyla Genge  
678-2112

**4yo A.M.**  
Scott Semple  
678-0507

**4yo P.M.**  
Michelle Bachmann  
815-200-2051

### Miss Carmen's Classes:

**3yo A.M.**  
Sarah Brooking  
675-0608

**3yo P.M. M/W**  
Katy Bravo  
763-9469

**3yo P.M. T/Th**  
Shannon Roach  
613-203-6717

**4yo A.M.**  
Karen West  
678-6805

## Books! Books! Books!

An order form for Scholastic Books was in the envelopes handed out on payment day, and more are available in the lobby. Every book ordered contributes funding to the preschool! Please place your order form and a cheque made out to "Scholastic" in the order box in the preschool lobby by October 9th. Checks only please! Orders arrive in about two weeks; perfect timing for Halloween!

## Snacks at School

Please send 1-2 items for a snack. A small snack is all our students need and keeps our class moving.

Please send an empty plastic cup for water. No milk, juice, or yogurt drinks please. Only water at Preschool!

Due to provincial regulations the following foods are not allowed: grapes (unless sliced lengthwise), hot dogs (unless sliced lengthwise), popcorn, nuts, seeds, pitted fruits, hard candies, gumdrops, jelly beans, caramels, toffee, chewing gum or snacks with toothpicks.

We do celebrate birthdays and special occasions at Preschool, but if you want to bring a treat to class to share, we ask that it not be a food item nor balloons (again, due to regulations). Excellent treats include stickers, pencils, bracelets, etc.

This may seem like a lot of rules, but a few fruits, vegetables, and crackers and your preschooler will have all they need. Thanks!

Mark your Calendars!

**November 23 & 24**

## The Canmore Christmas Artisans' Market

Our 18th Annual Artisans' Market, will take place November 23rd & 24th at the Canmore Collegiate High School. Artisans' tables have filled up fast, and we're expecting a great Bow Valley turn-out for the event.

This is a major fundraiser for the Preschool, and it is made possible by YOU! Please check the Volunteer Opportunities board in the preschool lobby or contact the Artisans' Market Coordinator, Maria Gonzalez 403 609-4159, to sign up for one of a wide variety of tasks on Nov. 23, 24, or 25.

This is a fun way to contribute your 4 hours of volunteer work and get your holiday shopping done with nearly a hundred local artisans under one roof!





## Fire

### Prevention Week

We look forward to welcoming Sparky the Fire Dog back into our classrooms once again. Sparky and the Canmore Firefighters will visit us on October 8th & 9th. If you think your child may be nervous of the firefighters, please join us for the visit. At the end of each visit we will all go out to see the fire truck!

The fire department is very busy visiting all local schools and were unable to schedule a time for us on Tuesday or Thursday morning, so we encourage families in our 3yo morning classes to return at 1:00pm on Tuesday the 8th to meet the firefighters!

Tue. Oct. 8 – 1:00–1:30  
Wed. Oct. 9 – 11:15–11:45 &  
1:00–1:30

## Picture Day: Wednesday, October 23rd

Ms. Carmen's Classes  
9:00am – 4yo A.M. class  
9:30am – 3yo A.M.  
10:00am – 3yo P.M. M/W  
10:30am – 3yo P.M. T/Th

Ms. Nataliya's Classes  
12:30pm – 4yo A.M.  
1:00pm – 4yo P.M.  
1:30pm – 3yo A.M.

**THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR CLASSES ON PICTURE DAY.**

Please arrive a few minutes early, so we can take the class picture right away. All students please join your class on picture day, even if you're not taking individual pictures, and even if you're starting school later in the year. It's nice to see the whole class!

There is no cost to have individual pictures taken. You will receive a package on picture day that explains the costs if you decide to order prints. A print of the class picture will cost \$7.00. We're pleased that Harvey Walsh from Olds will be taking our pictures again, as he has for many years. If you would like sibling photos, Harvey will take them at the end of the individual shots for each class. See you there!

## Halloween Party!

On October 30th & 31st, all students are encouraged to dress up in celebration of Halloween. Students are welcome to bring a special snack for themselves, however we ask that no food items be brought to class to share. Thanks!



2012/2013

# Canmore Preschool Staff & Board



## Board Members

### CHAIRPERSON

Kris Hielema  
403 678-0005  
[kris@inlinelandscaping.com](mailto:kris@inlinelandscaping.com)

### VICE CHAIRPERSON

Lindsey Madden  
403 688-4055  
[lindmadd@gmail.com](mailto:lindmadd@gmail.com)

### SECRETARY

Joda Cybulsky  
403 609-8088  
[joda7733@telus.net](mailto:joda7733@telus.net)

### TREASURER

Darla Cuell (temporary)  
403 678-2181  
[rduell@telus.net](mailto:rduell@telus.net)

### REGISTRAR

Dansya Curry  
403 888-8770  
[dansya@yahoo.ca](mailto:dansya@yahoo.ca)

### NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Marion Walsh  
403 609-3772  
[marionh.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:marionh.walsh@gmail.com)

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS COORDINATOR

Cathy Alexander  
403 609-2811  
[cdbaker@shaw.ca](mailto:cdbaker@shaw.ca)

### FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

Melanie Wood  
403 609-9992  
[alpinehaven@gmail.com](mailto:alpinehaven@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Kathleen Ridgely  
403 678-3888  
[kathleenridgely@shaw.ca](mailto:kathleenridgely@shaw.ca)

## Subcommittee Members

### SCHOLASTIC COORDINATOR

Teresa Pacheco  
587 361-4542  
[temawo14@hotmail.com](mailto:temawo14@hotmail.com)

### RAFFLE COORDINATORS

Blair Miller  
403 675-2117  
[blairmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:blairmiller@hotmail.com)

Cora Lee Kjemhus

403 609-9234  
[goose16@telusplanet.net](mailto:goose16@telusplanet.net)

### CHRISTMAS ARTISANS' MARKET COORDINATOR

Maria Gonzalez  
403 609-4159  
[Migonz43@yahoo.ca](mailto:Migonz43@yahoo.ca)

### CHRISTMAS ARTISANS' MARKET ASSISTANT

Karen Antrobus  
403 678-4915  
[kantrobus@yahoo.com](mailto:kantrobus@yahoo.com)

### CHRISTMAS ARTISANS' MARKET ASSISTANT

Katherine Roblin  
403 609-2738  
[hsofpurr@telus.net](mailto:hsofpurr@telus.net)

### CHRISTMAS ARTISANS' MARKET ASSISTANT

Paul Marinelli  
403 760-0077  
[paul@banfffire.com](mailto:paul@banfffire.com)

## Staff

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Nancy McGinn  
403 678-2538  
[info@canmorepreschool.com](mailto:info@canmorepreschool.com)

### TEACHER

Nataliya Fladager  
403 609-2080  
[nataliyaflad@gmail.com](mailto:nataliyaflad@gmail.com)

### TEACHER

Carmen Haase  
403 678-5770  
[gasser@shaw.ca](mailto:gasser@shaw.ca)

## Newsletter Delivery

The Canmore Preschool is doing its part for the environment. Kindly note that this is the only copy of the monthly newsletter that will be provided on paper. Future editions will be emailed to parents, and can be viewed on our website at [www.canmorepreschool.com](http://www.canmorepreschool.com).



606A 7th Avenue  
Canmore, Alberta T1W 2H5  
Tel: 403 678-2538  
Fax: 403 678-4361  
[info@canmorepreschool.com](mailto:info@canmorepreschool.com)  
[www.canmorepreschool.com](http://www.canmorepreschool.com)  
Check us out on Facebook!

# October 2013

Canmore Preschool Society



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p>Firefighter Visits: We were unable to schedule a visit on Tues or Thurs morning, so we ask 3yo A.M. classes to return after class at 1:00pm on Oct 8th to meet the firefighters!</p>		1	2 Music Class! 4yo A.M. 4yo P.M.	3	4	5
6	7	8 Firefighter Visits! 1:00-1:30 see above	9 Board Mtg. 7pm @ Iron Goat Fire Dept Visits! 11:15-11:45 1:00-1:30	10	11	12
13	<p>NO CLASSES Thanksgiving</p>	15	16 Music Class! 4yo A.M. 4yo P.M.	17	18	19
20	21 Colour Day: BLACK! 4yo A.M. 4yo P.M. 3yo P.M.	22 Colour Day: BLACK! 3yo A.M. 3yo P.M.	<p>NO CLASSES Picture Day See schedule</p>	24	25	26
27	28 Outdoor Day 4yo A.M. 4yo P.M. 3yo P.M.	29 Outdoor Day 3yo A.M. 3yo P.M.	30 Halloween Party! 4yo A.M. 4yo P.M. 3yo P.M.	31 Halloween Party! 3yo A.M. 3yo P.M.		