A Message from the Teachers

What a wonderful chance to "escape" to beautiful tropical places during our "Ocean" theme in January. The children really enjoyed learning about ocean creatures and our Hawaiian and beach days were so much fun!

With the Alberta Games and Winter Olympics approaching we will celebrate winter sports with activities and games to share the excitement with our Canmore community. We will also focus on universal values of love and friendship in preparation for Valentine's Day and Family Day.

A very educational program was presented by Vicki Perkins and Megan from Kananaskis Environmental Educational program on hibernation, migration and adaptation of our wildlife in the Bow Valley.

We are also looking forward to our Nutritionist's visit to learn more about healthy foods and eating habits.

Handwriting without tears letters for our four year old classes are "D", "P", "V".

Ask your preschooler to make a heart for you saying this cute poem:

I part my hands together,
This is how I start;
I curve my fingers right around,
And I can make a Heart!

**H-E-A-R-T**
*(Sung to “Bingo”)*

There is a shape and it means love
And Heart is its name-o!
And Heart is its name-o!

Love from Ms.Nataliya and Ms.Carmen
Annual General Meeting & Registration Night

Wednesday, March 5th 7:00p.m.
@ Holiday Inn Canmore
Level P
#1 Silvertip Trail

Come and register your child for the 2014-2015 school year.
Outstanding education for children ages 3 & 4!
The first order of business for the AGM is to make sure we have a full complement of board members for the coming school year. As a cooperative, non-profit organization, the Canmore Preschool cannot operate without these volunteers. We do have returning members for 2014-2015, but some positions remain to be filled: Chair, Vice Chair, Children's Events Coordinator, Secretary, Registrar and Fund raising Coordinator.

Remember, the children of board members will be guaranteed their class placement! Call the office at 403-678-2538 if you are interested in volunteering.

The second order of business is registration for the 2014-2015 school year. If there are too many applicants for a class, all registrations submitted at the meeting will be assigned class placements on a lottery system. Parents must attend the meeting for their child to enter the lottery. All registrations submitted after Registration Night will be placed or waitlisted in the order they are submitted, as space follows.

Please bring to the meeting your child’s proof of age or birth certificate, the $45 registration fee, and your completed registration forms – the .pdf is found at www.canmorepreschool.com. We will also have forms available to fill out at the meeting, but be aware that you will need to know the names, addresses and phone numbers for at least two emergency contact people to include on the forms.

We encourage you to attend this meeting without small children in order to focus on the business at hand and because it often runs past bedtime.

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Preschool Open House

**Tuesday, February 11th, 2014 4:00-6:30p.m.**

The open house allows parents of prospective and current students to see the school, meet the teachers and ask questions of current board members. For current parents, bring your preschooler along and let them show you all the wonderful projects they have created in class!

If you are considering volunteering for the board, this is a great opportunity to talk to the current members. We will also need a few volunteers to help make cookies and put up posters. Please check the bulletin board in the school lobby for volunteer opportunities and for available board positions.

Please let your friends and neighbours know if they would like to visit the preschool to check out our programs!
~Thank You~

Thank you to Vicki Perkins and Megan-Kananaskis Environmental education program-
Animals in winter

Thanks to Anne Gilbert (nutritionist) for visiting to talk about choosing good snacks and how good food helps our bodies grow healthy and strong.

Thanks to Rocky Mountain Flatbread for donating 196.00 from their nonprofit pizza night

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**Je Chocolatier**

All orders are due back by February 6th. Chocolates can then be picked up in the preschool lobby on February 13th & 14th.

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**4-Year Old Cross Country Skiing Trip - March 5th, 2014**

Ms. Carmen’s class  4AM:  9:30AM-10:30AM  (arrive at 9:00am)
Ms. Nataliya’s class 4AM: 11:00AM-12:00 PM  (arrive at 10:30am)
Ms. Nataliya’s class 4PM: 1:00PM-2:00 PM  (arrive at 12:30pm)

There will be no regular classes on this day. Parents are asked to accompany students to the Nordic Centre for a 1 hour skiing lesson. The lesson will cost $7.00 per student, a reduced rate offered to us by Trail Sports at the Nordic Centre. This fee includes rental gear if your child does not yet have skis, though all students must pay for the class. Nancy will have a permission slip for you to sign and for you to provide your child’s shoe size so we can make sure rentals are ready to go. (Prior to March 5). On skis day please arrive 1/2 hour prior to class in order to get gear on and be ready to skis when class begins!

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**Valentines at School**

Each class will have their own Valentine’s party. Before the party all students will make special mailboxes in which to receive Valentine cards. If your child brings Valentine’s to school for their classmates, please do not write the recipients’ names on the cards, as this makes handing them our much more difficult. Instead, please just bring enough cards for all students signed with the name of the giver. Please help your child distribute the cards at the start of class, and remember not to include any foods or sweets. Happy Heart Day!
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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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