A Message from the Teachers

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Here is to a healthy and happy 2014 to all our preschoolers and their families!

In January, we look forward to settling back into our preschool routine. Beyond our usual monthly special events, we look forward to some new beginnings. Our 3-yr old classes will be starting music with Ms. Sue twice a month - sing on! All classes are eagerly looking forward to our monthly library visits, complete with bus ride and library story time with Ms. Rhonda. Pick up on library days will be from the library (except for Ms. Nataliya’s 4pm class which will have both drop off and pick up at the preschool). Due to safety concerns, we ask that parents arrive to pick up their children early enough to help select books and check them out together. Children will need to have a library card for their trips to the library if you do not already have a family card. There is no cost involved and forms are available in the preschool lobby. Please watch for further details closer to the library dates.

We look forward to a presentation about animals in winter this month. While enjoying our wintery outdoor days, we will also set out on an underwater adventure and learn about all kinds of ocean creatures and their habitats. We will wrap up our ocean theme with Beach day (for 3 year olds) and Hawaiian day (for 4 year olds). Please dress for the beach! Bring a towel, a tropical snack and any other essential beach stuff that your preschooler might need.

I have any concerns about this please let us know. We would greatly appreciate donations of small glass baby food jars for a very special craft in January.

Slippery Fish (by Charlotte Diamond)

| Slippery fish, slippery fish | Humongous whale, humongous whale, |
| Tuna fish, tuna fish, | Spouting in the water; |
| Flashing through the water | Humongous whale, humongous whale, |
| Tuna fish, Tuna fish | GULP! GULP! GULP! |
| GULP! GULP! GULP! | BURP! PARDON ME! |
| OH, NO! It's been eaten by an... |

Octopus, Octopus, |
Squiggling through the water |
Octopus, Octopus, |
GULP! GULP! GULP! |
OH, NO! It's been eaten by a...

Great white shark, great white shark, |
Lurking in the water |
Great white shark, great white shark |
GULP! GULP! GULP! |
OH, NO! It's been eaten by a...

I'm a Little Fishy |
(tune of I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little fishy, I can swim. |
Here is my tail, and here is my fin. |
When I want to have fun with my friends, |
I wiggle my tail and I jump right in! |

Enjoy! |
Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen
Canmore Preschool Society
Rocky Mountain Raffle 2013

WINNERS!!!

1st Prize  Silver Creek Lodge - 1 night/ Stewart Creek 4 green fees/ Box of Rocky Mountain Soap - John Patrinos

2nd Prize  Rimrock Resort Hotel - 1 night with breakfast for 2/ 4 Sunshine Village Ski passes & Box of Rocky Mountain Soap - Marilyn Motty

3rd Prize  Chateau Lake Louise - 1 night Lakeview Room/ 2 Lake Louise ski plus cards & Box Rocky Mountain Soap - Camryn Downer

4th Prize  Holiday Inn - weekend stay/ Alpine Helicopters - Tour for 2/ Murrieta’s - $100 gift card - Mary Lee Barry

5th Prize  Mystic Springs - 1 night/ Snowy Owl Sled Dog - tour for 2/ Starbucks’ Gift Basket/ Copperlane Hair Studio - Moroccan Oil Travel Kit - Rick Manastersky

6th Prize  Georgetown Inn - 1 night with breakfast/ Cornerstone Theatre - 2 passes/ One Wellness Spa Pedicure/ Embody Pilates/ Elli’s Hair West - Gift Basket - Rob Millar

7th Prize  Delta Calgary South-1 night/Calgary Hitman-4 tickets/ CrossIron Mills -$100.00 gift card/ Heritage Park -4 passes - Kelly Chappelle

8th Prize  Banff Boutique Inn - 1 night /Discover Banff Tours -Johnston Canyon Night Ice Walk/ Brewster Travel Canada -Banff Gondola 2 Tickets/ & Box of Rocky Mountain Soap - Tiffany Marquardt

9th Prize  Emerald Sports snowshoes/ Canmore Nordic Centre -4 ski passes/ Mountain Exposure -2 Icebreaker T-shirts & Toques/ & Box of Rocky Mountain Soap - Chris Blandford

10th Prize  Stonewaters-Reindeer Baby Blanket, Reindeer Coat & Throw Blanket/ The Brick - 2 Pillows & $50.00 gift card - Michelle Bachmann

11th Prize  Resorts of the Canadian Rockies - Nakiska -2 Ski passes/ Good Earth Café Gift Basket/ Switching Gear $40.00 gift card/ Box of Rocky Mountain Soap - Denise Marquise

12th Prize  Canmore Eagles -4 tickets/ Sports Experts -$50.00 gift card/ Boston Pizza -$50.00 gift card/ Elevation Place -5 Family passes - Mark Foreman

We would like to say a HUGE Thank-You to all of our Generous Sponsors that made this year’s raffle a big success!!!!

Discover Banff Tours  Copperlane Hair Studio  Safeway
The Little Tinker Shop  Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours  Stewart Creek Golf Club
Switching Gear  Embody Pilates  Sports Experts
Cross Iron Mills  The Brick  Canadian Tire
One Wellness Spa  Canmore Eagles  Lake Louise Ski Area
Parks Canada  Heritage Park  Sunshine Village
Emerald Sports  Calaway Park  Canmore Nordic Centre
Truffle Pigs Bistro & Lodge  Rimrock Resort Hotel  Alpine Helicopters
Wilson Mountain Sports  Yoga Lounge  Norquay Ski
Banff Boutique Inn  Delta Calgary South  Silver Creek Lodge
Holiday Inn  Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise  Mystic Springs Chalets
Ascent Physio  All Bottoms Covered  Georgetown Inn
Elevation Place  Calgary Hitmen  Elli’s Hair West
Grizzly Paw  Cornerstone Dinner Theatre  Mountain Exposure
Stonewaters  Rocky Mountain Soap Company  Starbucks
Boston Pizza  Murrieta’s Bar & Grill  Brewster Travel Canada
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies  Good Earth Café & Bakery  Avalanche Video
Sobeys  HiJinx Toy Shop
Preschool parents sold **ALL** 4,000 Raffle tickets in 2013, up from the 3,800 tickets sold in 2012. Thank you to everyone who contributed to help make this happen.

**Our top three sellers were:**

- **Melanie Wood** - 27 Books
- **Blair Miller** - 13 Books
- **Sonya Murdock** - 9 Books

By working together as a parent community we have raised over $9,000.00!!! Thank you **Blair Miller, Cora Lee Kjemhus and Melanie Wood** for a wonderful job!!!

The Artisan Market raised over $20,000.00!!! Just an amazing job by all and we cannot thank you enough for all your hard work!! Thanks again **Maria Gonzalez, Karen Antrobus, Paul Marinelli and Katherine Roblin**

Thank you to Dominique Patrinos, our health nurse, for visiting all our classrooms to talk about washing hands and using tissues to keep germs away!!

**Thanks to Vicki Perkins from the Environmental Education Program Kananaskis Country for her upcoming talk on how animals live in winter and about the wildlife in the Bow Valley!!**

*Please remember to check the Lost & Found to ensure your child does not have any missing items.*** You can also donate any unwanted outdoor winter gear to be used for any children that forget to bring their own.

Thanks to **Kris Hielema and Michelle Bachmann** for providing and making Christmas ornaments for 2 classes with the 4 year old afternoon class and for their Christmas fruit display for our nutrition program.

Thanks to Rhonda Sato who met with the children to read stories and sing songs. Rhonda will be delivering the library program when we start going to the library in January.

Thanks to **Axton Dziecielski and Mom Ashley** for donating a fire fighter’s dress up suit. Now we can have a team of fire fighters!

Thanks to all who donated food items to the Christmas Spirit Campaign!

**Thank you to Ms. Jill (Snowflake) from Rhythm of the Heart. The children loved to dance along with her and imagined they were reindeer pulling Santa’s sleigh.**

Thank you ahead to our volunteer Santas for spending time with the children. They will be so happy and excited to have such great company to welcome in the Holiday season!
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