



A Message from the Teachers

Thank you to all of our students and families for the Valentine's greetings. Students were so excited with their mailboxes - we hope that they all had fun looking over the contents. We sure did!

In March, we look forward to having fun with Nursery Rhymes. Feel free to dust off your nursery rhyme books at home and indulge! Beyond our usual monthly special events, we look forward to some additional winter events. In the wake of the Alberta Winter Games and the Olympics, our 4-yr olds will be set to meet up at the Nordic Centre for some cross-country skiing on March 5. All of our students can look forward to a downhill ski primer with local instructor, Kat Byles. Thanks to Snowy Owl Dogsled Tours, our 4-yr olds will also have the chance to get up close and personal with some of the hardest working dogs of the valley. Our 3-yr old classes are loving their days with Ms. Sue and our library visits (complete with bus ride!) are a favourite for all. Get ready to shift up the routine over the "spring" break - remember to wear your PJ's on the last class before the holiday!

The colour is green this month and with St. Patrick's Day around the corner, we have a fun little ditty for you to share (sung to the classic tune of "I'm a Little Teapot"):



I'm a little leprechaun,
Dressed in green,
The tiniest man that you have ever seen.
If you catch me, it is told,
I'll give you up my pot of gold!



Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen

Registration Night and Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th 7:00p.m.

@ Holiday Inn Canmore

Level P - Nakiska Room

#1 Silvertip Trail

A requirement for the AGM (and the operation of the Preschool) 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. Those positions are: Vice Chair, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator. We also have subcommittee positions- Scholastic Coordinator, Raffle Coordinator, Casino Assistant and Craft Fair Assistant needed. The Canmore Preschool is also looking for NEW playground committee members to take on Phase II (greenery).

*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*

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.

-Proxies will be allowed for people from Out-of-town parents or Nancy can register them at the AGM

-Parents who cannot attend the AGM can have someone else register for them but it cannot be another Preschool parent unless the circumstances are brought to the Board for consideration.

-Late start children will be accepted on a wait list and contacted the month before their birthday is there is room. Parents have the option of paying from September if they want to hold a spot. There is a line on the registrations that states this.

Le Chocolatier

Thank you Le Chocolatier (John & Belinda) just under \$1000 profit to the
Preschool!!

Top sellers:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dylan	Melanie Wood	\$794.00
Lilly	Jenna-Lee Abramic	\$129.00
Rydan	Kayla and Braiden Leth	\$120.00
Makarya	Kris Hielima	\$110.50
Alaina	Cathy Alexander	\$100.00

Our next fundraiser will be in partnership with Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co. for frozen pizzas. Details to follow.



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

Ms. Carmen's class 4 A.M, 9:30A.M-10:30A.M (arrive at 9:00am)

Ms. Nataliya's class 4 A.M, 11:00A.M-12:00P.M (arrive at 10:30am)

Ms. Nataliya's class 4 P.M, 1:00P.M-2:00P.M (arrive at 12:30pm)

Please meet at Trail Sports for gear and directions



LITTLE WARRIORS WORKSHOP

One in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday, and 95% of them know their perpetrator. Do you know the steps to take to protect your children? Learn how to prevent and recognize sexual abuse in this research based workshop by [Little Warriors](#). The course is eligible for CEU's. *Note that the training is for adults only.*

Location: Elevation Place (Room 209)

Date: Tuesday, March 4

Time: 6 pm - 9 pm

Register: Call Town of Canmore FCSS at 403.609.3743

Cost: \$30

Facilitator: Sandra Davis



Dear Parents of our 3 year olds,

It's the time of year for collecting information and making plans for your preschooler for next year.

Just in case you missed our Open House and the chance to learn more about what we offer in our four year old programs, we're dropping a note to be sure that you're aware of how our four year old programs grow with your child. Here are a few of the ways that our 4 year old programs build on your child's experiences with us this year and progress forward:

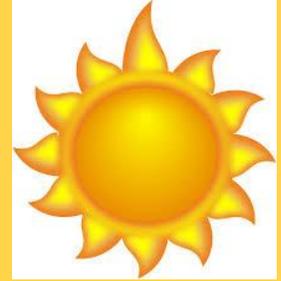
- Kindergarten Preparation
- Expanded Circle Time- calendar work/singing/letters/word recognition/ numbers /sequencing etc./seasonal themes/puppet shows
- Hand Writing without Tears (writing readiness)
- Literacy Circles
- Reading Readiness
- Early Intervention support
- Empathy Program (Mom and new baby visits)
- Music program - Sue Denton
- Body Moves program - Cathy Robinson
- Library visits (complete with bus ride!)
- Community Visitors (fire fighters, nutritionist, RCMP, veterinarians, dental hygienist, dog sleds, librarian, health nurse etc.)
- Cross Country Skiing
- Preschooler-friendly environment

It's been a privilege to get to know your 3 year olds and support them through their first preschool experience. We hope that in making a decision for next year, you consider the strengths of our program and compare them to other choices you might have. Please contact the office to arrange a visit in one of our 4 year old classes or to talk with our teachers. We'd love to tell you more!

Don't forget about the Canmore Preschool Summer Camps!

Preschool parents can begin registering their children on April 7th, 2014 and registration will be open to the public on April 21st, 2014.

- Children need to be 3 years of age on or before the first day of camp.
- Children must be potty trained.
- Camp fees must be paid in full in order to secure a spot in camp.
- Space is limited.



Please check the Canmore Preschool website for more information.

~Thank You~

Thanks to Bryon Parlo and The Pro Image Shop for creating and donating the great banner in our lobby for our `We Love Preschool Week` .

Thanks to Karen Antrobus and the Arts committee for donating a work table for the office and a bulletin brochure holder for our foyer.

Thanks to Cory Wilson and Tim Horton's for donating the coffee and Timbits for our Open House.

Thanks to Kris Hielema and Michelle Bachmann for all the extras they do to help with Nataliya's 4pm class.

Thanks to Dylan & Melanie for their donation of face mask s for the dress up centre.

Reminders!

*****Donate to the Canmore Preschool at the Bottle Depot.**

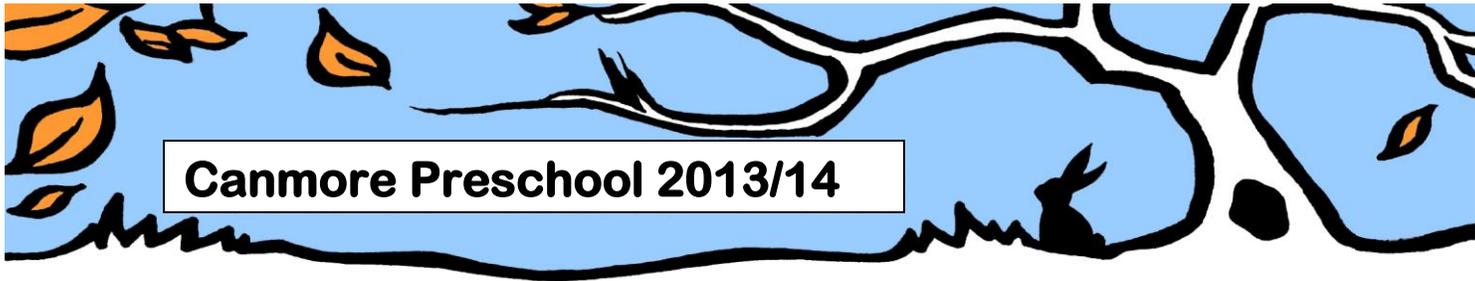
****Scholastic books help raise funds / points for teachers to purchase new books.**

***Please remember to check the volunteer board and to sign up for parent of the day.**

***Occasionally check the Lost & Found to ensure your child does not have any missing items.**

*** The Preschool is on the lookout for the old style my little ponies. If you have some you would like to donate, please let us know!**

***** You can also donate any unwanted outdoor winter gear to be used for any children that forget to bring their own.**



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The Canmore Preschool is doing its part for the environment. We try not to print our monthly newsletter. Each edition will be emailed to parents, and can be viewed on our website at www.canmorepreschool.com

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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March 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Body Moves 4AM/4PM	4 Music Class 3AM/3PM	5 X-Country Skiing 4AM/4PM Music Class 3PM AGM/ Registration 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Ski Instructor Visit 4AM/4PM/ 3PM	11 Ski Instructor Visit 3AM/3PM	12 Outdoor Day 4AM/4PM/3P M	13 Outdoor Day 3AM/3PM	14 Dog Sled Visits 4AM & 4PM Invited	15
16 	17 Library Day 4AM/4PM/ 3PM Green Day	18 Library Day 4AM/4PM Green Day	19 Music Class 4AM/4PM/3P M Pajama Day 3PM	20 Music Class 3AM/3PM Pajama Day 3AM/3PM/4 PM	21 Pajama Day 4AM	22
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March Break						
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