Merry Christmas and a Happy 2015 to all our preschool families!

We wish you all a marvelous holiday season and hope you will be back full of energy and ready to learn again in the New Year!

January is the time when many families look into programs for the following year. If your child is moving on to a 4 yr old program, we encourage you to take a closer look at how our programs grow with your child. Please consider the information below to learn how our programs evolve and build on your child’s previous experience with us. We also invite you to see our 4 yr old program in action! Please contact the office to arrange a visit during January or February or to talk with our teachers. We would love to tell you more!

Our theme in January will be the “Ocean”. We will learn many finger plays and songs, read interesting books and learn about ocean life. We will conclude the theme with Beach Day for our 3-year old students and Hawaiian Day for our 4 year old students. Please dress for the beach and bring a beach towel and a tropical snack. During Hawaiian Day our preschoolers will have a chance to taste a delicious pineapple. Let us know if you have any concerns about this. It’s so much fun to pretend being in tropical places in the middle of winter!

Small glass baby jars are needed for a very special craft in January!!! Your donation of the jars would be greatly appreciated.

Library visits
Our monthly visits to the Canmore library will start in January. We will take buses to the library for a lovely program with Ms. Rhonda. Student pick up on library days will be from the library (except for Ms. Nataliya’s 4-yr afternoon class which will ride the bus both ways with pick up, as usual, at the preschool). Due to safety concerns, we ask that parents arrive 10-15 minutes earlier to assist their child in selecting and checking out 2 books together. Please arrange for your child to have a library card before their first trip. This can be done at the library and there is no cost involved. For your convenience, application forms will be available in the preschool lobby closer to the library dates.

Music with Ms. Sue
Our 3 year old classes are in for an exciting treat – we will start our bi-monthly music program with Ms. Sue in January.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season from Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen
“Slippery Fish” by Charlotte Diamond will be our signature song for the month of January. Here are the lyrics for you to enjoy the song at home together with your child!

**Slippery Fish (by Charlotte Diamond)**

Slippery fish, slippery fish
Sliding through the water.
Slippery Fish, slippery fish,
GULP! GULP! GULP!
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...

Tuna fish, tuna fish,
Flashing through the water
Tuna fish, Tuna fish
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...

Humongous whale, humongous whale,
Spouting in the water.
Humongous whale, humongous whale,
GULP! GULP! GULP! BURP!! *(PARDON ME!)*

~THANK YOU!!~

Thank you to Ms. Jill from Canmore Dance Corps for her dance presentation.
Thank you to our volunteer Santas, the kids enjoyed your visit very much.
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 our anonymous donor of snow pants and hoodies.
Thanks to Jill and Patrick of Bow Valley Computers for clearing the hard drive in the old computer so it could be donated to a family.
Thanks to our wonderful parents who support us through fundraising and helping in the classroom and with all our projects! This Preschool wouldn’t be the same without your great sense of community!

~FRIENDLY REMINDERS~

****Please refrain from letting your children play on the daycare children's personal bikes that are parked against the daycare side of the building. It is upsetting the children when they see out the windows.

**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.

**If you have any unwanted arts and crafts supplies, please donate them to the shoebox in the Lobby cubby.

**You can also donate any unwanted outdoor winter gear to be used for any children that forget to bring their own.
Canmore Preschool Society
Rocky Mountain Raffle Winners 2014

1st Prize  Waterton Lake Lodge - 1 night stay, Waterton Park Golf Course - 4 rounds of golf, Pizza of Waterton - $50.00 gift certificate Bronwyn Richards

2nd prize  Rivers to Peaks B & B-1 night stay/Kicking Horse- 4 Ski passes & Peaks Restaurant - $100.00 gift certificate Nancy McGinn

3rd Prize  Mystic Springs Chalets- 1 night stay/ Verde Day Spa - 60 minute couples massage/ Avalanche - Family Pack/ Georgetown Inn - $75.00 gift certificate Kelsey Schaanming

4th Prize  Buffalo Mountain Lodge - 1 night stay with breakfast/ Mt. Norquay - 4 tubing passes Maria Apilado

5th prize  Canmore Shopping Experience - 9 Gift Certificates & 4 Gifts Rylee Batycki

6th Prize  Delta Kananaskis-1 night stay with breakfast/ Boundary Ranch - 4 two hour trail rides/Stoney Nakoda Buffet - 4 gift certificates Shauna Trockstad

7th prize  Bear and Bison - 2 night stay and 2 Crystal & China Breakfasts/ Iron Goat - $50.00 gift certificate Jordanna Koppe

8th prize  Copperpoint Resort-Invermere - 2 nights (2 bedroom suite) stay/ 4 rounds of golf/ Breakfast for 4 Alyssa Crerar

9th prize  Canmore Eagles- 6 tickets/ Elevation Place - 5 full entry day passes/ Alpine Helicopters - 2 standby rides/ Mad Dogs & Englishmen - Family Kennel Tour/ Boston Pizza - $50.00 gift certificate Chris Farrier

10th Prize  Silver Creek Lodge - 1 night stay/ Sage Bistro - $50.00 gift certificate/ Bohdi Tree - $100.00 gift certificate Marty Weston

11th Prize  Juniper Lodge - 2 night stay/ Lake Louise -Lake Louise - 4 plus cards Heather Allison

Draw Date: Dec 12th, 2014 at the Canmore Preschool
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## OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

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| **2 hours x 2 days a week, mornings or afternoons** | **3 hours x 3 days a week (mornings)**  
**3 hours x 4 days a week (afternoons)** |
| **Positive introduction to school:**  
- build trusting relationships with other adults  
- foster self-esteem  
- encourage interactions with peers  
- establish classroom routine and expectations | **Foster positive connection with school:**  
- ALL outlined in the 3-yr old program AND  
- nurture relationships with other adults and peers  
- further improve social skills  
- build friendships  
- encourage cooperation and teamwork |
| **Circle times:**  
- storytime: books, felt stories, puppet shows  
- songs  
- finger plays  
- games  
- discussions, turn taking | **Extended circle times:**  
- ALL outlined in the 3-yr old program AND  
- calendar activities  
- introduction to letters of the week and phonics  
- making use of the Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) program  
- Empathy program – literacy circles and baby visits |
| **Learning stations:**  
- These activities change daily and may include  
  prewriting activities, painting, cutting and pasting,  
  colouring, seasonal crafts, playdough, sorting by  
  colors or shapes, building or imaginative toys,  
  games | **Learning stations:**  
- All outlined in the 3-yr old program AND  
- introduction to printing upper case letters and  
  students’ names making use of the HWT program  
- more advanced crafts, colouring, cutting and pasting  
- introduction to mathematical literacy through  
  counting, patterning, sorting |
| **Play Centers:**  
- A favourite time! Both programs have an  
  opportunity for child-directed play in one of the  
  many play centers: house center, story center,  
  building center, puzzles, sand table, water table, etc. | **Play Centers:**  
- The same play centers are offered to a small number  
  of participants each. Students are expected to track  
  their movement through the centers, thus, making  
  choices, taking turns and often trying new things. |
| **Gym activities:**  
- Daily physical activities in the gym: musical  
  activities, games, use of equipment such as bean  
  bags, ribbons, balls, hoola hoops, parachute | **Gym activities:**  
- ALL outlines in the 3-yr old program AND  
- Additional focus on fundamental movement skills  
- Body moves classes with a physical education  
  specialist |
| **Music classes:**  
- Bimonthly classes with a music specialist after  
  Christmas | **Music classes:**  
- Classes with a music specialist throughout the year |
| **Outdoor activities:**  
- Scheduled bimonthly outdoor days, sometimes  
  more when taking advantage of good weather  
- Seasonal nature walks | **Outdoor activities:**  
- ALL outlined in 3-yr old program AND  
- Additional learning with nature experiences during  
  nature walks  
- Cross country Skiing |
| **Adventures with Food:**  
- discovering new foods on color days  
- baking Mother’s day and Father’s day goodies | **Adventures with Food:**  
- All outlined in 3-yr old program AND  
- Some additional samplings on special days  
- Seasonal projects: apple sauce, baking bread,  
  Christmas cookies |
| **Library visits:**  
A school bus ride for a program designed especially for our 2 age groups – books, fingerplays, songs and other  
activities with Ms. Rhonda and the chance to take out books |  |
| **Community visitors:**  
We are so fortunate to have a variety of community members support our program through visits and presentations  
tailored to our 2 age groups: health nurses, veterinarians, fire fighters, environmental educators, a nutritionist, a  
dental hygienist, RCMP officers, local athletes...and sometimes other talented parents! |  |
CANMORE PRESCHOOL
ROOM PARENT LIST
Nataliya’s Classes 2014–2015

Nataliya’s 3 YR AM  Tanya Batycki  678-4814
Nataliya’s 4 YR AM  Marion Walsh  707-9173
Nataliya’s 4 YR PM  Diane Bures  992-7082

Carmen’s Classes 2014–2015

Carmen’s 3 YR AM  Karen West  679-8074
Carmen’s 3 YR M/W PM  Gillian Shepherd  850-8585
Carmen’s 3 YR T/Th PM  Veronica Budin  679-9410
Carmen’s 4 YR AM  Julie Paterson  688-9472

Parent of the Day
A note to parents who are finding it difficult to sign up as parent of the day. We realize that for many preschool parents it is hard to volunteer as parent of the day due to scheduling difficulties. Please contact the room parent for your child’s class for assistance with scheduling. Also, if it helps to schedule well in advance, please see Nancy to put your name down for a day in the upcoming months. Remember we are keeping the fees as low as possible with your help and your child loves having you see what they do at Preschool. The rotation is approximately once a month per child. Please see below for your room parent contact information.
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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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