Dear Families,

Thank you for all the Valentines and the warm Hearts Day wishes. We sure had fun exploring Love and Friendship themes this month. We learned that components to being a good friend are the development of skills such as cooperation, sharing, giving and accepting compliments and apologies. We all became a bit more loving, caring and friendlier this month.

We are very happy to take part in the Town of Canmore Kids’ Art Exhibition. Our talented 4 year old preschoolers’ artwork will be displayed at Three Sisters Gallery (2nd floor Elevation Place) until March 11, 2015. Look for Ms. Nataliya’s morning class group project “Snowman” and also individual clay and other media master pieces from Ms. Carmen’s 4 year old morning class and Ms. Nataliya’s 4 year old afternoon class. We had lots of fun creating artwork for this exhibition.

Our biggest event in March is Registration Night and AGM for the 2015-16 school year. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00pm at Mountain Lady Greenhouse, 60 Lincoln Park, Canmore. We are so proud of the many achievements we accomplished with your children this year and we hope you will continue to learn and grow with us next year.

In addition to our monthly music classes with Ms. Sue, body movement classes with Ms. Cathy and library visits with Ms. Rhonda, we look forward to the RCMP visits to teach us about safety and their role in the community. Our 4 year old classes will have a fun day of Cross-Country Skiing on Monday, March 16. No regular classes on that day for our 4 year olds (Ms. Carmen’s 3 year old pm class will run as usual). Ms. Nataliya will share her passion of Ukrainian Easter Eggs decorating with us. We also will have Green days to celebrate St. Patrick’s day and Pajama days on the last days before the Spring break.

May the luck of the Irish be with you all this wonderful month of March!

Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen
Join the Board for 2015-2016

We are still seeking 2 new board members for the 2015-2016 school year. Please let us know if you can help out. 403-678-2538. Thanks!

NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR
• Attend monthly meetings throughout the school year. Usually about 1.5 hours, third week of each month.
• Create each monthly edition of the newsletter for parents.
  o Nancy is the prime source for info and photos to include, and for editing before it’s sent out. The Children’s Events Coordinator provides the calendar of classroom activities.
  o Can use the program of your choice – Word, Publisher, Pages…

ARTISAN MARKET COORDINATOR ASSISTANT
• Attendance only required at monthly meetings when the Market is on the agenda (Sept-Dec).
• This position assists Christine Prescott the Market Coordinator with organizing the event in November. Busy season is September to November.

CANMORE PRESCHOOL AGM & REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wednesday, March 4th, 2015
7:00pm
Mountain Lady Greenhouse - 60 Lincoln Park, Canmore
(The Greenhouse is located behind NAPA Autoparts & the Ford Dealership off of Highway 1-A.)

Please attend to enroll your child for 2015-2016. The meeting should last about an hour & it is recommended to attend without children if possible to focus on business and wrap up the meeting as soon as possible. We will have childcare on site for anyone who needs it.

For all of the information about the AGM including what to bring and PDF’s of the registration forms, please visit our website at CanmorePreschool.com

Thanks! We look forward to seeing you there!
### OUR PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

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<td>• making use of the Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) program</td>
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<td>prewriting activities, painting, cutting and pasting,</td>
<td>• introduction to printing upper case letters and</td>
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<td>colouring, seasonal crafts, playdough, sorting by</td>
<td>students’ names making use of the HWT program</td>
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<td>colors or shapes, building or imaginative toys, games</td>
<td>• more advanced crafts, colouring, cutting and pasting</td>
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<td>• A favourite time! Both programs have an</td>
<td>• The same play centers are offered to a small number</td>
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<td>opportunity for child-directed play in one of the</td>
<td>of participants each. Students are expected to track</td>
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<td>many play centers: house center, story center,</td>
<td>their movement through the centers, thus, making</td>
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<td>building center, puzzles, sand table, water table, etc.</td>
<td>choices, taking turns and often trying new things.</td>
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<td><strong>Gym activities:</strong></td>
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<td>• Daily physical activities in the gym: musical</td>
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<td>activities, games, use of equipment such as bean</td>
<td>• Additional focus on fundamental movement skills</td>
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<td>bags, ribbons, balls, hula hoops, parachute</td>
<td>• Body moves classes with a physical education</td>
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<td>• Bimonthly classes with a music specialist after</td>
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<td>• Scheduled bimonthly outdoor days, sometimes</td>
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<td>more when taking advantage of good weather</td>
<td>• Additional learning with nature experiences during</td>
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<td>• discovering new foods on color days</td>
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<td>• baking Mother’s day and Father’s day goodies</td>
<td>• Some additional samplings on special days</td>
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<td>• Seasonal projects: apple sauce, baking bread,</td>
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<td>A school bus ride for a program designed especially for our 2 age groups – books, fingerplays, songs and other</td>
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<td>activities with Ms. Rhonda and the chance to take out books</td>
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<td><strong>Community visitors:</strong></td>
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<td>We are so fortunate to have a variety of community members support our program through visits and presentations</td>
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<td>tailored to our 2 age groups: health nurses, veterinarians, fire fighters, environmental educators, a nutritionist, a</td>
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<td>dental hygienist, RCMP officers, local athletes...and sometimes other talented parents!</td>
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Nordic Centre Cross-Country Skiing
Carmen & Nataliya’s 4 YEAR OLD CLASSES

DATE:
Mon, March 16th

MEETING PLACE:
Trail Sports - beside the Bill Warren Training Facility

LESSON TIMES:
Carmen’s 4 Morning Class: 9:30-10:30 am (arrive-9:00)
Nataliya’s 4 Morning Class: 11:00-12:00 am (arrive-10:30)
Nataliya’s 4 Afternoon Class: 1:00-2:00 pm (arrive- 12:30)

Please take note:
• No regular classes for 4-year-olds on this day.
• Children must wear a helmet for this activity!
• Please arrive at Trail Sports 30 minutes before lesson
• Parents must attend with their children (to be there if needed).
• Please do not bring siblings. (Please let Nancy know if this is a problem).

Thank you!

Please have permission slips, boot sizes and $7 in to Nancy by Monday, March 9th at the latest.

March 16th will be a normal day for Ms. Carmen’s afternoon 3yo class.
~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.

~THANK YOU!!~

John and Belinda Spears at Le Chocolatier for supplying all the delicious chocolate and for your generous support of the Preschool. Thanks to all the parents who bought and sold chocolate and especially to Melanie Wood who volunteered to take on this project for us! Melanie is reporting a profit of over $800.00 for the preschool programs! Thank you!!

Thanks to Mandy Grant for helping Nancy with her great accounting skills!

Thanks to Michelle Bachmann for donating some wonderful toys to the Preschool and books to our children for Valentine’s Day.

~FRIENDLY REMINDERS~

Preschool parents can begin registering their children on April 7th, 2015 and registration will be open to the public on April 20th, 2015

We are offering 2 camps this year-

July 6-10- The Mighty Jungle
July 13-17 - Young Scientists

-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.

Don’t forget about the Canmore Preschool Summer Camps!
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**Spring Break**

**March 16th Skiing Lesson Schedule**

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