A Message from Our Teachers

Dear Families,

Thank you for all the valentines and the warm hearts day wishes. We sure had fun exploring Love and Friendship theme 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.

Our biggest event in March is Registration Night and AGM for the 2016-17 school year. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00pm at Holiday Inn, 1 Silvertip Trail, Canmore. We are so proud of 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 RCMP officers 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 Friday, March 18. No regular classes on that day. Ms. Nataliya will share her passion of Ukrainian Easter Eggs decorating with us and we also will have Green days to celebrate St. Patrick’s day.

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

Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen

Outdoor days for Ms. Nataliya’s 4 year old afternoon class

With the weather improving, we would like to increase an outdoor time for our 4 year old afternoon class. We will have an outdoor time every Thursday starting March 3 at the beginning of the class from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Have your children dressed appropriately and ready for outdoor fun (snow pants, hats, mitts, jackets for snowy days, rain gear for warmer days).
AGM & Registration Night

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn (1 Silvertip Trail, Level P, Nakiska Room)

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 have some returning members for 2016-2017, but some positions remain to be filled. The children of board members will be guaranteed their class placement! Call the office at 403-678-2538, if you are interested in volunteering, or look for the sign-up sheets in the lobby.

The second order of business is registration for the 2016-2017 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 allows.

Please bring to the meeting your child’s proof of age or birth certificate, the $45 registration fee, and your completed registration forms – PDF forms will be available soon at canmorepreschool.com. We will also have paper 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. We will provide childcare on site, for those who need it.

We are currently working on setting up online registration for the 2016-2017 school year. It will be added to our website around March 4. The online system will let you submit your registration forms and registration fee, but class placements will still be determined by the Preschool after AGM. We continue to ask all families to attend AGM on March 9, 2016, and families that attend will be placed in classes first as usual. If there are too many registrations for a class at AGM, places will be assigned by lottery. Paper registration forms will still be accepted at AGM if necessary, but we appreciate you trying the new online system if you can!

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!!!
Volunteer for the Board for the 2016-2017 school year

All the following positions will need to be filled before we accept registrations for 2016-2017 at the AGM on March 9th, 2016. Thanks!

Remember, children of Board Members are guaranteed their class placement. Plus, each position fulfills your volunteer hours for the year.

**VICE CHAIRPERSON**
- Attend monthly meetings. Usually about 1.5 hours.
  - Chair meetings if Chairperson cannot attend; this doesn’t happen often.
- Maintain the website on Wordpress. Requires a monthly update using the newsletter info.
- Act as Casino Coordinator in Casino years; next one is fall 2017.

**REGISTRAR**
- Attend monthly meetings. Usually about 1.5 hours.
- Keep track of student registrations.
  - Make class lists after AGM in March, and keep them up-to-date until September.
  - Fill in for the Administrator as primary contact for registrations during July and August.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
- Attend monthly meetings. Usually about 1.5 hours.
- Sign up 1 Room Parent per class.
- Track families’ volunteer hours.

The following are SUBCOMMITTEE POSITIONS.
- Subcommittee Positions are important annual volunteer roles for the preschool, so we treat them as board members in giving their children guaranteed class placement, but they do not need to attend every meeting.

**RAFFLE COORDINATOR**
- Organize the annual Rocky Mountain Raffle.
  - Solicit prize donations in August and September - lists of past donors to work from.
  - Print tickets in early November to be sold at the Artisans Market and by families in Nov and Dec.
  - The prize drawing is usually around December 10, after which this position wraps up.

If you have any questions, ask Lindsey in the office, 403-678-2538. Thanks!
Nordic Centre
Cross-Country Skiing
Carmen & Nataliya’s 4 year old Classes
Friday March 18th

Cross Country Skiing for 4yos on Friday, March 18th. Meet at the Nordic Centre. Parents should stay to help, but it doesn't need to be a parent for every child, so if people want to team up and have one parent bring 2 or 3 children, that's fine. We will email families with the exact time of their lesson (both lesson times will be in the morning). All children must have helmets. More info coming soon!

~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.
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Newsletter Delivery
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 stacie.longworth@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month if you have any information to add. Thank you!
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