A Message from Our Teachers

Dear Preschool Families,

Throughout March, we have been having fun with traditional nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Perhaps you have noticed your child pretending to be Jack jumping over a candlestick, re-enacting Little Miss Muffet or recounting our puppet show of “The Three Little Pigs?” Revisiting old favourites is a strong building block towards literacy. As your child hears a story repeatedly, they, too, develop the ability to retell the story. It has been a pleasure to share their enthusiasm over these ageless favourites!

Though it’s a while yet to May, we want to give you the heads up about an exciting event in our preschool year. Our Mother’s Day Tea parties take place during the first week of May. The parties are roughly one hour long and take the place of regular classes. As this is a special time for you and your preschooler, we kindly ask for you to make alternative arrangements for any other siblings. Please double check the times below so that you can organize your day. If you have any questions, please check in with your child’s teacher.

Ms. Carmen’s 4AM class – Monday, May 2, 9:30-10:30, drop students off at 9:00
Ms. Carmen’s 3PM class M/W – Monday, May 2, 1:00-2:00, drop students off at 12:30
Ms. Carmen’s 3AM class – Tuesday, May 3, 9:30-10:30, drop students off at 9:00
Ms. Carmen’s 3PM class T/Th – Tuesday, May 3, 1:00-2:00, drop students off at 12:30

Ms. Nataliya’s 4AM class – Wednesday, May 4, 9:30-10:30, drop students off at 9:00
Ms. Nataliya’s 4PM class – Wednesday, May 4, 1:00-2:00, drop students off at 12:30
Ms. Nataliya’s 3AM class – Thursday, May 5, 9:30-10:30, drop students off at 9:00

It’s hard to believe that it’s that time of year already to “spring forward!” As much as we all look forward to the return of the longer days, we also recognize that it can be a challenging time for preschool bedtime routines. We wish our families a smooth transition! Our two week Spring Break is around the corner, the first day of holidays being Good Friday, March 25 and we return the week of April 11. We wish everyone a safe a restful holiday and look forward to continuing our celebration of Spring when we meet together again!

Ms. Carmen and Ms. Nataliya

Registration 2016/17 Update

Thank you to all who came to the AGM, we will be in touch after spring break with exact class placements. There are still spaces in some classes for 2016-2017, but they are filling fast. The new online system has been working well - see the Registration page at CanmorePreschool.com if you still need to register. Talk to Lindsey in the office for current availability.
## 2016 Parent Survey
### RESULTS
30 Respondents

### What do you like about Canmore Preschool? What features are most important to you?

**Answered:** 27, **Skipped:** 3

(Answers listed are only those that were in more than one response.)

- Teachers: 20
- Structure/curriculum: 8
- Community visitors: 4
- Play-based: 4
- Friends/Socialization: 4
- Clean: 3
- Gym: 2
- Location: 2

### How can we better serve the needs of your child and your family?

**Answered:** 16, **Skipped:** 14

- Completely satisfied: 9
- Weekly email from teacher: 2
- No paper communication: 1
- Advance notice of substitute teachers: 1
- More educational time: 1
- Locked doors and security cameras: 1
- Don’t bully parents that their child can’t attend unless they volunteer: 1

### Are you happy with the current days/hours offered?

**Answered:** 28, **Skipped:** 2

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### Do you like the Parent-of-the-Day system?

**Answered:** 26, **Skipped:** 4

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### Raise fees to eliminate volunteering in the classroom?

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### Raise fees to eliminate some or all fundraising?

**Answered:** 27, **Skipped:** 3

- Eliminate all fundraising and increase annual fees by $375.00 ($37.50/month) per 3-year-old student and by $750.00 ($75/month) per 4-year-old student.
  - **0.00%**
  - 0

- Eliminate all fundraising, except the Casino and Artisans Market, and increase annual fees by $92.00 ($9.20/month) per 3-year-old student and by $184.00 ($18.40/month) per 4-year-old student.
  - **22.22%**
  - 6

- Eliminate all fundraising, except the Casino, Artisans Market, and Raffle, and increase annual fees by $25.00 ($2.50/month) per 3-year-old student and by $50.00 ($5.00/month) per 4-year-old student.
  - **22.22%**
  - 6

- Continue current fees and fundraising schedule as is.
  - **55.56%**
  - 15
**Summer Camps**

*Canmore Preschool Society*

**July 4-8, 2016**
**5 Mornings or Afternoons**
**The Mighty Jungle**

Let’s swing on a vine! We are going to learn about wild jungle animals. We will play games like “Jumping Monkeys”, “Sleeping Lion Cubs”, and many more exciting activities. Children will make animal masks, match animal parts, and transform into jungle creatures through face-painting.

**July 11-15, 2016**
**5 Mornings or Afternoons**
**Young Scientists**

Why is water wet? Why do balls bounce? How do magnets work? What is a rainbow? Can we make a volcano? What can float on air? We will try to find the answers to these and many other questions preschoolers might have. Children will enjoy captivating demonstrations, perform simple science experiments, and discover how science can help us to better understand the world around us.

**Who can Register:**
Children must be 3-years-old by camp start date and potty trained. Children may not be older than 5.

**Camp hours:**
8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday

**Fees:**
$25 per half-day
$100 per week (5 half-days)

Space is limited. Camp fees must be paid in full in order to secure a place.

**Teacher:**
Nataliya Fladager has an Honors degree in Preschool Education and 15 years’ experience working with Preschool children.

**We provide:**
- A safe, stimulating, creative and nurturing environment for children 3-5 years old
- Daily circle times
- Gym activities
- Art and craft time
- Play in organized learning stations and play centres
- Indoor and outdoor, individual and group activities
- Daily update on your child’s wellbeing and development
- An opportunity to experience Canmore Preschool and meet one of our teachers.

**Please provide:**
- A healthy snack
- A small water bottle
- 1 set of extra clothes
- Sunscreen
- Appropriate outdoor clothes (sun hat, sunglasses, shorts, jacket, etc.)

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**How to Register**
Registration link was emailed to current families on March 21, 2016. Registration will be added to our website on April 11, 2016 and open to all.

[www.canmorepreschool.com](http://www.canmorepreschool.com)
We appreciate all our community support!! Thank you to:

- TD Bank for donating funds to buy three plasma bikes.
- Teresa Pacheco and the staff at the Canmore Holiday Inn for donating their time and facilities to host our Annual General Meeting.
- Cst. Shawn Wells of the RCMP for speaking with each of our classes about how the police work to keep us safe and uphold the law.
- TrailSports for the fun introduction to cross country skiing.
- The Iron Goat for donating their meeting room each month for our board meetings.

~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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**Spring Break**
NO CLASSES THIS WEEK