



December 2014 Newsletter

A Message from the Teachers

December is here and we have many exciting learning experiences and fun activities planned for the month. Our themes for December are winter and Christmas and we will also be having some special visitors to all of our classes this month.

We have started our Baby visits and Empathy Program with our 4-year old classes.

Please welcome:

- Baby Alexander and his Mom, Jen, and sister Emily (Ms. Carmen's 4AM Class)
- Baby William and his Mom, Bekki (Ms. Nataliya's 4AM Class)
- Baby Jett and his Mom, Jenn (Ms. Nataliya's 4PM Class)

In addition to observing baby's feelings and development through our baby visits, we will read stories in our literacy circles and have discussions about our feelings and the feelings of others.

The librarian, Rhonda Sato, from the Canmore Library will visit all our classes at preschool to prepare us for our monthly trips to the Library starting in January. Library cards are free for all children so if your family does not have a membership you can fill out a form (Preschool lobby) and return it to the library before January.

The 4-Year old classes will have another Body Movement class with Ms. Cathy Robinson and two music classes with Ms. Sue.

Our morning classes will also have a visit from Dancing Elf - Ms. Jill from Canmore Dance Corps.

All of our classes will have Christmas parties on December 17th, 18th & 19th. The whole class time will be filled with Christmas activities. There will be special crafts, holiday songs & party games. We will decorate sugar cookies and enjoy them afterwards-YUM! Look for the posters in the lobby to sign up as an extra parent helper for the last hour of the class to assist with some of these party activities.

Here are some action rhymes we will be doing in December:

A chubby little snowman
Had a Carrot Nose
Along hopped a bunny
And what do you suppose

That hungry little bunny
Looking for his lunch
Ate the snowman's carrot nose
Nibble, Nibble, CRUNCH



Here is a chimney
And here is a top
Open the lid
And Santa will pop!



Have a Happy Holiday Season!
Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen

Santa Visits:

All parents are invited to join for Santa's visits: 30 minutes before the end of Ms. Carmen's classes and 15 minutes before the end of Ms. Nataliya's classes. As this is a special time for your preschooler (Santa has a small gift for them), no siblings please. Also, please keep Santa's visit a secret.

December 17th

-Ms. Carmen's 3PM Class (M/W) - 2:15pm

December 18th

Ms. Carmen's 3AM Class (Tu/Th) - 10:30am

-Ms. Nataliya's 3AM Class - 10:45am

-Ms. Carmen's 3PM Class (Tu/Th) - 2:15pm

-Ms. Nataliya's 4PM Class - 3:15pm

December 19th

Ms. Carmen's 4AM Class - 11:15am

-Ms. Nataliya's 4AM Class - 11:30am

Rocky Mountain Raffle Update: Thank you to everyone for selling raffle tickets. The race is on for the prizes that go to our parents for selling the most raffle tickets (4 prizes) and everyone selling 2 books or more will be entered into a draw for the Canadian Tire play structure! We still have 2 books of tickets in the office if you want to add to your total. Tickets must be in by Dec. 8th and the draw for the fabulous prizes is on Dec. 12th at the Preschool.



**Thank You
to Christine &
all the
Volunteers!**

GENERAL OVERVIEW **2014**

The market was a wonderful success with great turnout, very high quality and variety of handmade items from the 81 vendors, and very strong sales for the majority of the vendors.

It will take some time to prepare a full Final Event Report, and I will present this at the December board meeting. However, here are some preliminary numbers:

- **Admission revenue** - \$9,008.60 (up \$1,100 from last year, meaning attendance is up over 360 people from last year)
- **Vendor space & table revenue** - \$13,980 (up \$430 from last year)
- **Estimated revenue after expenses** - \$14,600 (up over \$1,500 from original event budget estimation)

Total public attendance: 3,498

	Saturday	Sunday
Adults	1806	1197
Kids	325	170
TOTAL	2131	1367



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.

Canmore Preschool Room Parent Lists 2014-2015

Nataliya's Classes

N3am- Tanya Batycki- 678-4814

N4am- Marion Walsh- 707-9173

N4pm- Diane Bures- 992-7082

Carmen's Classes

C3am- Karen West- 679-8074

C3M/W pm- Gillian Shepherd 850-8585

C3T/Th pm- Veronica Budin 679-9410

C4am- Julie Patterson 688-9472

~THANK YOU!!~

A very special thank you to Dr. Sylvia McAllister and Dr. Karen MacMillan for their wonderful presentations about caring for pets. We enjoyed the stories about animals that visit the veterinary clinics when they need attention.

Thank you Reta Marinelli for donating warm hats and mittens to our collection of outdoor gear and please, if parents have some fleece pants we would love to have a few more on hand.

Thank you again to the Georgetown Inn and Barb Scott for a donation of over \$1000.00 to the Preschool from your fun Halloween Maze!

We really enjoyed Vicki and Andrea's presentations on animals getting ready for winter. We always learn so much about the wildlife in the Bow Valley from the instructors from the Environmental Education Program- Kananaskis Country.

Thank you to Canmore Community Daycare for accommodating us with our outdoor day switches and music classes.

Very special thanks to all the volunteers that made the Canmore Artisans' Market a huge success!

Thank you to anonymous families who have donated to our Preschool Program. Thanks to you and your kindness, we have purchased some new games and resources for our children.



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DECEMBER 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Body Moves 4YO AM/PM	2	3 Music Class 4YO AM/PM White Day Christmas Book Orders Due	4 White Day	5	6
7	8 Librarian Visit 4YO AM/PM, 3YO PM	9 Librarian Visit 3YO AM/PM	10 Outdoor Day 4YO AM/PM 3YO PM	11 Outdoor Day 3YO AM/PM	12	13
14	15 Dancing Elf 10:30-11:00	16 Dancing Elf 10:30-11:00	17 Christmas Party 3YO PM Music Class 4YO AM/PM	18 Christmas Party 3YO AM/PM 4YO PM	19 Christmas Party 4YO AM	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Christmas Break						
28	29	30	31			