A Message from the Teachers

Time flies by when you are having fun. And that is exactly what we are doing in our preschool. Each day is filled with learning something new, working on improving existing skills and making and nurturing friendships.

December is nearing and we have many exciting learning experiences and fun activities planned for this month. Our themes for December are Winter and Christmas.

We will be having some special visitors to all our classes this month:
Ms. Rhonda the librarian from Canmore Public Library will visit all our classes to prepare us for our monthly trips to the library staring in January.
The four year old classes will have another Body movement class with Miss Cathy and two music classes with Miss Sue.
All our classes will have Christmas parties on December 16, 17 and 18th.
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, yum!!

Look for the posters in the hallway to sign up as an extra parent helper for the last hour of the class to assist with some of these party activities.
All parents are invited to join in for Santa’s visits. Please see the following page for specific times.
Please keep Santa’s visit a secret!

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!

We would like to thank all parents for helping out in the classroom. Your visits are as important to your child as they are to the preschool. Keep up the good work!
Thanks to the Preschool Board and Ms. Nancy for keeping us running so smoothly!

Have a Happy Holiday Season!
Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen
Thank you, Nancy!

After 15 years as our friendly administrator and juggling the many different hats that keep our preschool together, Nancy is retiring in January. One of Nancy’s great pleasures during this time has been to work alongside such great families, board members and community colleagues. Please join us for a family friendly drop-in to honor her contributions, friendship, wit and wisdom....watch for this date coming up in the middle of January.

Shhhh..it's a secret!

All parents are invited to join for Santa’s visits: The days and times are listed below for your child’s class. 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.

Santa Visits:

December 16th
- Ms. Carmen’s 3PM Class (M/W) - 2:15pm

December 17th
- 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 18th
- Ms. Carmen’s 4AM Class - 11:15am
- Ms. Nataliya’s 4AM Class - 11:30am

We are in need of another Santa or 2 for Thursday, December 17 for the 3 year old afternoon class (9 students) and 4 year old afternoon class (15 students) at the times listed above. If you know of anyone who would like to help with this very fun activity (a dad, a grandpa, a neighbour, an uncle) please contact Nancy at 403 678-2538 as soon as possible!

Thank you to all of the parents who helped to make the 20th Canmore Christmas Artisans’ Market such a huge success. It took many hands to put together an event of this scale and it was a great way to gather the community and celebrate the start of the holiday season. This year a record 3,800+ people came over the two days, and we raised nearly $18,000 for the Preschool! Thanks to all!

Christine Prescott
Rocky Mountain Raffle Update:

Thank you to everyone who has signed out a raffle booklet and is madly selling them! At this time last year we only had 2 books left in the office and we eventually had a sell out! This year we have many books to go out and some families who have not picked up at least one book. We have a few people who are trying to win the 4 great prizes posted in the lobby for selling the most tickets. We realize that everyone is busy but that everyone has their own unique work place and group of friends. The prizes for the raffle are fantastic which makes the tickets easy to sell. Please try to get in and pick up another book or two to help make this year a sell out too! The Canmore Artisans' Market and the Rocky Mountain Raffle are the Preschool's 2 major fundraisers. We do not ask you to sell anything else all year except for flat bread pizzas in the spring. Please help out if you can as this is our only source of funding. Thank You!!

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.

Nataliya’s Classes 2015-2016

Nataliya’s 3 YR AM  Joanna Burrell  403 493-3235
Nataliya’s 4 YR AM  Kirk Bothwell  587 894-2275
Nataliya’s 4 YR PM  Beth Durupt  403 493-7776

Carmen’s Classes 2015-2016

Carmen’s 3 YR AM  Mandy Giannandrea  403 358-4604
Carmen’s 3 YR M/W PM  Beth Durupt  403 493-7776
Carmen’s 3 YR T/Th PM  Sarah Thurston  403 431-0388
Carmen’s 4 YR AM  Karen West  403 996-1041
Scholastic Book Orders
Did you know you can place your scholastic book orders ONLINE?! “Parent Pay” is the NEW quick and easy way for parents to pay for scholastic orders by credit card. Parents can visit parentpay.scholastic.ca to complete the payment, then submit their order form to the scholastic box at preschool. On the order form itself don’t forget to record your payment reference # shown at the bottom of the order form. NOTE: All classes please use Nancy’s name as their teacher, instead of Carmen or Nataliya.

~THANK YOU!!~

Thank you again to Barb Scott and the Georgetown Inn for a donation of $387.45 to the Preschool from their fun Halloween Maze!

A very special thank you to Dr. Sylvia McAllister and Dr. Karen MacMillan for their informative and age appropriate talks on pets and veterinarian duties.

Tyler McClure from Wildsmart did such a great presentation to the 3 year old classes about animals in winter and had some musical entertainment that they really enjoyed. Thanks Tyler!

Thank you to Harvey Walsh for dedicating his time to drive from Olds to Water Valley to pick up the picture orders to expedite the process. They all turned out great!

Thank you to Shadow Light Productions for the $100 donation for our participation in their videos and for using the gym on Oct. 31st.

Thank you to Nao Watai, one of the preschool dads, for painting Ms. Nataliya’s wall during the Rememberance Day holiday. He did a beautiful job!

Very special thanks to all the volunteers that made the Canmore Artisans’ Market a HUGE success!

~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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Christmas Break

Have a wonderful, safe holiday everyone!