January theme: undersea adventures

Thank you!

Here is to a healthy and happy 2012 to all our preschoolers and their families.

2012 begins on the heels of some very successful seasonal fundraisers. The Preschool Staff and Board recognize that during this busy time of year parents really extend themselves to help raise funds for the Canmore Preschool. We want to express our gratitude to all those who got involved.

Thanks very much to all who participated in the Rocky Mountain Raffle. A special thank you to Kevin Edwards and Michelle Edwards for their dedication and hard work to make the raffle such a success! Besides all the organizing and setting up for the raffle, Kevin sold tickets at the Artisans' market and at 2 hockey games as well as over seeing the draw on Dec. 8. This year our parents sold over 3400 tickets which is 400 more than we have ever sold! You have raised over $8000.00 which will go towards the Preschool programming and events. The winners for first, second and third prizes for most tickets sold are: Kevin Edwards selling over 20 books, Kymm Eckberg with 12 books and Jolaine Arsenault with 9 books. Kevin has chosen the Playmobil playhouse (donated by Hijinx Toy Store) for first prize, which means the children will enjoy playing with the Playmobil castle in our classrooms.

Thank you also for everyone’s hard work toward making the Artisan’s Market a huge success. Thanks especially to Tricia Woikin for overseeing the entire event and to Karen Antrobus for booking the tables throughout the year. Special thanks also to Katherine Roblin, and Carrie McLaughlin for your hard work. Total revenue from the Artisans' Market was over $13,000.00.

Thanks to Miss Jill from Rhythm of the Heart. Everyone enjoyed her class! Thanks to Mark Genge, Kevin Graff and Dennis Breymann--HoHoHo! and the Town of Canmore. (suit) A special thank you to the Canmore Rotary Club for their generous $1000.00 donation to the Canmore Preschool.

Raffle Winners!

1st Prize Winner: Luke Aube
Chateau Lake Louise: 1 night’s stay for 2.
Lake Louise Ski Area: 2 Adult Ski Day Passes.

2nd Prize Winner: Derek Borgford
Douglas Fir Resort: 1 night’s stay for 2.
Sunshine Village: 2 Adult Ski Passes.

3rd Prize Winner: John (Calgary)
Delta Calgary South: 1 night’s stay for 2.
Heritage Park: 2 Passes.

4th Prize Winner: Carrie McLaughlin
Cornerstone Theatre & Restaurant: 2 Dinner & Show tickets.
Lake Louise Ski Area: 4 Adult Ski passes.

5th Prize Winner: Bernadette Hickey
Canmore Nordic Centre: 4 Passes.
Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co.: $50 Gift Certificate.

6th Prize Winner: Rachel Ross
Calaway Park: 4 Passes.
Alpine Helicopters: 2 Heli Passes.

7th Prize Winner: Mike Ott
Canmore Outdoor Power Equipment: $50 Gift Certificate.
Willow Haven: $50 Gift Certificate.

8th Prize Winner: Nicole Holmes
Canmore Fight Club Membership: 1 Month.
Wildflower Massage & Esthetics Treatment: $45 Gift Certificate.

9th Prize Winner: Wilf Alsopp
Canmore Eagles Hockey Tickets: 2 Tickets.
Boston Pizza: $25 Gift Certificate.

10th Prize Winner: Amy Gliege
Banff Tours, Whitewater Rafting: 2 Passes.
Canmore Rec Centre: 20 Skate & Swim Passes.

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Body Moves

January 20th for 4 year olds.

This months Body Moves host will be with olympic cross country skiier and parent volunteer– Sara Renner. Something to look forward to in the New Year!

Did you know that children should have a minimum of 60 minutes of active play & exercise every day?

**Important reminder- Pick up at the Rec. Centre 11:25 am**

Hawaiian & Beach Days

January 30th Hawaiian
(4 year olds)

January 31st Beach
(3 year olds)

Please dress ready for the beach– but make sure you put your snow suit on top of your beach clothes in order to get to school happily! Bring a towel, a tropical snack, and any other essential beach stuff your preschooler might think of.

There will be pineapple tasting– notify your child's teacher if this is a problem.

Baby Food Jars.

Please bring us your empty baby food jars for our various crafts.

Thank you

Library Visit

January 23rd - 4 year olds
January 24th - 3 year olds.

Michelle Preston has supplied us with a list of children that will need to have a library card for their trip to the library.

If your family has a card, please stop by the library and talk to Michelle. Otherwise, please fill out a form (lobby) and drop it off at the library before January 23rd. Sometimes the family cards are under different last names or have expired. Thank you.

Children will be required to carry their own back packs when they get on the bus to go to the library. If the books they are returning are heavy, please bring them to the library when you meet your child 5 minutes before dismissal to take out new books. Also make sure that the back packs have only the essentials– mittens, indoor shoes, light change of clothing, *small snack bag* etc. If they have extra things, they are very hard to carry.

If you need to obtain a library card for your child, please stop by the library or ask Nancy. There is no cost involved.

The children will be bussed to the library, but parents must pick up their child from the Library 5 minutes before regular dismissal time to help the children check out library books.

Lanter Parade

January 6th at 5:30 pm

The Town of Canmore will once again host the Lantern Parade. Snacks and hot chocolate will be available at the end of the parade for participants to enjoy.

WILD Kid's Art Exhibition

January 6th-24th

The next Kid's Art Exhibition is titled “WILD” and will be on display at the CAAG Gallery (attached to the Canmore Library) from January 6-24, 2012.

Opening Reception will follow the lantern parade at 7:00 pm inside the gallery. Juice, cookies, snacks, and a craft for kids.

Submission deadline for the Kid's Art Exhibition is January 3, 2012 and entries should be dropped off at the Canmore Civic Centre, Community Enrichment office. All submissions are to be picked up from the gallery on January 24, 2012 between 3–6pm.

Look for your child's artwork. Our classes will be participating with some group or some individual projects!

Family Literacy

January 27th is family literacy day – a great opportunity to remind ourselves about the importance of reading with our children. Reading is an invaluable way to learn, to grow and perhaps most importantly to have fun.
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New donation opportunity!
When dropping off your empties at the bottle depot—why not tell them to donate the earnings to the Preschool? Those interested can direct their refunds into Preschool funds.

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**January**

**Music with Sue**
- 4 yr. olds

**Blue Day**
- Dress your child in something Blue and bring an Blue snack

**Library Visit**
- 4 yr. olds
- Pick up at Library 11:25 am

**Outdoor Days**
- Keep your child in their outdoor gear - we will play outside first thing!
  - 9:00-9:45 am 4 year olds
  - 9:30-10:15am & 12:30-1:30pm 3 year olds

**Body Moves**
- 4 yr. olds
- Pick up at Rec. Centre 11:25 am

**Hawaiian Day**
- Dress your child with a Hawaiian theme in mind and bring a tropical snack

**Beach Day**
- Dress your child with a Beach theme in mind and bring a tropical snack