A Message from the Teachers

As you may have heard, our long-time administrator, Nancy McGinn, is graduating from preschool! She is retiring in January. Nancy joined the inaugural teachers, Janet Haas and Kathi Newman, in 2000 as the preschool's first and only administrator to date. Kathi describes Nancy's addition to the team as an immediate presence of "peace over the whole preschool operation." Nancy has been the preschool's welcoming ambassador ever since.

When Nancy arrived on the scene, she brought with her a wealth of past experience as a teacher and as an operator of her own daycare and preschool businesses. Good thing for her diverse background, because her role as preschool administrator has called on her to juggle all of these hats at some point or another! Between her outstanding organizational skills and her instinctive ability to liaison between the preschool Board, our parents, we teachers and other community groups, we salute her dedication which has kept this ship of ours sailing. Time after time, she has offered kind support to many, far beyond her job description. Throughout it all, Nancy's prevailing concern and care has always been in the best interest of our students, your children, and our program. For this unwavering vision and its invaluable contribution to our preschool community, we are truly grateful.

One of Nancy's greatest pleasures during these 15 years has been to work alongside such wonderful families, board members and community colleagues. Please join us for a family friendly drop-in to honour her contributions, friendship, wit and wisdom on Thursday, January, 21 between 3:30 and 5:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Although we will miss Nancy's daily presence here, we wish her all the best in the next chapter. We hope that it includes less driving and more time with her grandchildren!

Carmen and Nataliya

Best wishes for a happy holiday season. We look forward to new learning adventures together in 2016!
January theme: Ocean
Our theme in January will be the “Ocean”. We will learn many finger plays and songs, read interesting books and learn about ocean life. We will conclude the theme with Beach Day for our 3-year old students and Hawaiian Day for our 4 year old students. Please dress for the beach, bring a beach towel and a tropical snack. During Hawaiian Day our preschoolers will have a chance to taste a delicious pineapple. Let us know if you have any concerns about this.

Library visits
Our monthly visits to the Canmore library will start in January. We will take buses to the library for this special program with Ms. Rhonda. Student pick up on library days will be from the library (except for Ms. Nataliya’s 4-yr afternoon class which will ride the bus both ways with pick up, as usual, at the preschool). Due to safety concerns, we ask that parents arrive 10-15 minutes earlier to assist their child in selecting and checking out 2 books together. Please arrange for your child to have a library card before their first trip. This can be done at the library and there is no cost involved. For your convenience, application forms will be available in the preschool lobby closer to the library dates.

“Slippery Fish” by Charlotte Diamond will be our signature song for the month of January. Here are the lyrics for you to enjoy the song at home together with your child!

**Slippery Fish (by Charlotte Diamond)**

Slippery fish, slippery fish  
Sliding through the water.  
Slippery Fish, slippery fish,  
GULP! GULP! GULP!  
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by an...

Octopus, Octopus,  
Squiggling through the water  
Octopus, Octopus,  
GULP! GULP! GULP!  
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by a...

Tuna fish, tuna fish,  
Flashing through the water  
Tuna fish, Tuna fish  
GULP! GULP! GULP!  
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by a...

Great white shark, great white shark,  
Lurking in the water  
Great white shark, great white shark  
GULP! GULP! GULP!  
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by a...

Humongous whale, humongous whale,  
Spouting in the water.  
Humongous whale, humongous whale,  
GULP! GULP! GULP! BURP!! (PARDON ME!)

~THANK YOU!!~

Thank you to our volunteer Santas, the kids enjoyed your visit very much.  
Thanks to Rhonda Sato who met with the children to read stories and sing songs. Rhonda will be delivering the library program when we start going to the library in January.  
Thanks to Mark Ridgely for removing the snow from the front path with his skidster. Much appreciated!
Rocky Mountain Raffle 2015

1st Prize  Georgetown Inn - 1 night stay/breakfast, Canmore Nordic Centre - 4 adult ski passes, Iron Goat - $80.00 gift certificate, Le Chocolatier - $50.00 gift basket  Robin Aitken

2nd prize  Copperstone Resort - 1 night suite, Highland Limo Experience, Banff Buffalo Mountain Lodge - Dinner for 2, Rocky Mountain Soap - gift  Gillian Shepherd

3rd Prize  Waterton Lakes Lodge - 1 night stay/breakfast, Silvertip - Green Fees for 4, Verde Day Spa - $100.00 gift certificate  Carole Sherritt

4th Prize  Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise - 1 night deluxe room with breakfast, Lake Louise - 8 ski passes, Fairmont Banff Springs - Saturday Brunch for 4  Shannon Allin

5th prize  Stewart Creek Golf Club - 2 Green Fees, Table Restaurant@Coast Hotel - $100.00 gift cert., Mountain Beauties - Hair & Makeup for 1  Michael Richard

6th Prize  Clique Mountain Resort - 1 night stay, Alpine Helicopters - standby for 2, Aydin Productions - Family Portrait  Chris Blanford

7th prize  Rimrock Resort - Pasta buffet for 4, Mt. Norquay - Family Tubing Pass, Noel Rogers - Photography Print  Mariko Kakiuchi

8th prize  Discover Banff Tours - 1 sleigh ride & 1 hike, Sunshine Village - 4 Children's Ski Passes, One Wellness Spa - 1 month pass  Courtney Schreiner

9th prize  The Yoga Lounge - 1 month pass, Avalanche Movies - 4 Rentals, Glacier's Edge - gift, Canmore Eagles - 4 tickets  Christian Bagg

10th Prize  Calaway Park - 4 Passes, Stonewaters - gift, Cellar Door - $25.00 gift certificate, Rocky Mountain Auto Salon - $50.00 gift certificate  Greg Buchko

Draw Date: Dec 16th, 2015 at the Canmore Preschool

2000 tickets printed  License # 418984

Proceeds from the Rocky Mountain Raffle will be used for resources and supplies for our Preschool programs. Canmore Preschool hopes to raise approx.$10,000.00 at an estimated cost of $500.00. The ticket numbers 431-440 will not be included in the draw.

Winners for our parents selling the most tickets:

Melanie Wood- 16  Heather and Kiernan Dowling- 9
Lindsay Bearss -12  Courtney Schreiner- 7

Please see the lobby for the prizes each chose.

Thank you to our wonderful families for selling and buying raffle tickets to support the Preschool and our programs!!
To help you prepare for next year...

**OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE**

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<td>2 hours x 2 days a week, mornings or afternoons</td>
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<td><strong>Positive introduction to school:</strong></td>
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<td>• These activities change daily and may include prewriting activities, painting, cutting and pasting, colouring, seasonal crafts, playdough, sorting by colors or shapes, building or imaginative toys, games</td>
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<td>• introduction to printing upper case letters and students’ names making use of the HWT program</td>
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<td>• A favourite time! Both programs have an opportunity for child-directed play in one of the many play centers: house center, story center, building center, puzzles, sand table, water table, etc.</td>
<td>• The same play centers are offered to a small number of participants each. Students are expected to track their movement through the centers, thus, making choices, taking turns and often trying new things.</td>
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<td>• Daily physical activities in the gym: musical activities, games, use of equipment such as bean bags, ribbons, balls, hoola hoops, parachute</td>
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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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