Preschool OPEN HOUSE and Art Show

Wednesday March 14th
Current Location: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Open House and Art Show: The Preschool is holding an Open House at the Preschool on Wednesday March 14th from 3:30 – 6:30 pm for parents who wish to find out more about the Preschool programs for the next school year. The teachers will be in attendance to answer any questions. As part of the Open House, we will have an art show displaying students’ work. Coffee and cookies will be available.

The Preschool would like to invite all parents to meet some of the current members of the Preschool board during the Open House. If you are considering volunteering for a board position next year, this is a great opportunity to find out more information about the various positions that are available. The board positions are posted in the lobby by Nataliya’s cubbies. Please ask Nancy for job descriptions.

Invitations will be left in your child’s cubby. We encourage all parents to use the invitations to bring a friend that has children who may be interested in attending the preschool for the 2012/2013 school year. Nancy needs one volunteer from each class to help frame pictures for the art show and to help with the display. She has a volunteer for Nataliya’s 4 year old class. Please see the volunteer board in the lobby.

Please spread the word about the Open House to all parents who may be interested in sending their children to the Preschool in the 2012–2013 school year, and to everyone who enjoys viewing children’s art!

The Preschool Board Needs You

We have a number of positions available for next year’s board of directors. Consider fulfilling your volunteer commitment by getting involved on the board. It’s fun and rewarding, and you get to have a say in your child’s education. Please talk to Nancy or any of the current board members if you are interested. Many positions do not require attendance at monthly meetings. Sign-up sheets are posted in the lobby and we welcome sign up at any time. The elections are held at the Annual General Meeting in April. (date & place to be determined)
Cross Country Skiing: 4 year-old classes will be taking cross country ski lessons by Train Sports in place of their regularly scheduled classes at the Nordic Centre on March 12th.

Parents need to attend without siblings to assist their child. There is no charge for equipment rental. The group lesson is for 1 hour, the fee is $7.00 and children must wear a helmet. Please pay fees in cash and return permission forms to the office by March 5th.

Carmens' morning class will have their lesson from 9 am – 10 AM and Nataliyas' morning class will have their lesson from 10:30—11:30. Please arrive at Trail Sports 30 minutes prior to the lesson to get equipment and to get organized.

Parent Resource Material

Talk Box: www.parentlink.alberta.ca is a useful site for ideas on speech development and creating language environments.

If you have questions or concerns about your child’s development in the areas of gross motor (e.g. climbing stairs, not as coordinated as peers) or fine motor skills (e.g. holding a pencil, cutting with scissors, doing up zippers), daily living (e.g. toileting, eating, dressing), sensory skills (e.g. poor tolerance of teeth or hair brushing, loud noises, crowds) or speech and language skills, support is free of charge.

Bow Valley Community Care Services include access to a Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist. Together, these professionals form a team that can work with you to help give your child a boost. Often, discussing your child’s needs and finding fun activities to build skills can help your child get ready for kindergarten. Perhaps you just have a few questions about what is expected of a 4 year-old. Call 678-7200 to chat with a therapist and discuss your concerns.

A therapist can plan a visit to your home or Preschool class, to observe your child in a sensitive way, to avoid singling them out. You can also come to our office at the Canmore Hospital for an assessment of your child’s skills. Community Care Services are further outlined in a pamphlet in the Preschool lobby. If you have questions or concerns, the earlier they are addressed, the better!

Spring Break runs from March 26th through to April 6th consecutively.

Concerned About Your Child’s Development?

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If you have questions or concerns about your child’s behaviour or development, the first step would be to talk to your family doctor or pediatrician. The following services are also available to your child:

**FSCD: Family Support for Children with Disabilities:** Services provided based on each child’s individual needs and family circumstances Calgary & Area 1(403) 297-6022.

**Child Disability Resource Link:** Information on government programs, disability associations, funding assistance 1- 866-346-4661

**Public Health:** Canmore (403) 678-5656 Banff (403)762-2990.

**Bow Valley Early Childhood Development Coalition.** For information or to join the Coalition and attend a meeting, contact Sandy Last at swlast4@gmail.com or 403.688.7350.

**Bow Valley Parent Link.** For more information or to view the Drop in and/or Program schedules visit: www.canmore.ca/parentlink or call 403.678.2529 (Canmore/Exshaw) or 403.762.1116 (Banff.)

**The Cause & Effect Foundation** partners with the Preschool, which provides early intervention services in the home and classrooms. For more info on this organization, please talk to Nancy.

Scholastic deadline to receive your Easter books is: March 7th
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Join our Facebook page to receive instant updates about events and happenings for Canmore Preschool.

Free Drop in Programs

Preschool Storytime
Every Wednesday at 2pm
at the Canmore Public Library
403-678-2468
950 - 8th Avenue.

"Tell me, I forget. Show me, I remember. Involve me, I understand."
author ~ unknown
**March**

Happy St. Paddy’s Day

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The Preschool will be moving to our new Roundhouse location on March 24. We would appreciate lots of help. We will have a cube van and hopefully some trucks to load. If you can help please be at the Preschool at 9:00 am on Saturday morning. Please contact Nancy if you can lend a hand Ph: 678-2538 or info@canmorepreschool.com

The Preschool will be closed on April 9 and 10th to set up our new classrooms and to allow licencing/ fire and health a chance to visit and approve our new facility. More information to come.