A Message from Our Teachers

Thank you to all our four-year old students for taking a part in our Show and Share days this month. It is truly special to get a bit closer to your children’s world through them sharing their most precious possessions and stories with their classmates.

We look forward to our most exciting event of the year – Mother’s Day Tea. Children are learning songs and preparing surprises for moms to make this day special for all. We ask all moms to bring a picture of themselves to preschool by Wednesday, April 29. The pictures will help us to visualize the discussions about moms.

The Mother’s Day Tea parties take the place of regular classes and are approximately one hour long. Please double check the times below to organize your day. Be on time, we will not start without you! If you have any questions, please check in with your child’s teacher.

Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen

Mother’s Day Tea Parties!

We are in the planning stages for a special celebration for our Mom`s. Please note the dates below and try to make sure your calendar is clear so you may join us during your child’s regular class time. Parties will last approximately (1) hour, after which class will be dismissed. We ask that in order to make it a special time for you and your preschooler that siblings do not attend.

Tuesday, May 5th, 2014 - Ms. Carmen’s 3 A.M class and 3 P.M class (Tu/Th).
Wednesday, May 6th, 2014 - Ms. Carmen’s 4 A.M class and 3 P.M class (M/W).
Thursday, May 7th, 2014 - Ms. Nataliya’s 3 A.M class and 4 P.M class.
Friday, May 8th, 2014 - Ms. Nataliya’s 4 A.M class.

Please remember to drop off your child at 9:00am and return at 9:30am or for the afternoon classes- at 12:30pm and return at 1:00pm.

This gives the children time to prepare for your tea.

For all classes that are not having a “tea day” it will be regular class times with outdoor activities (weather permitting).
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<td>Circle times:</td>
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<td>painting, cutting and pasting, colouring, seasonal crafts, play dough,</td>
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<td>sorting by colors or shapes, building or imaginative toys, games</td>
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<td>Play Centers:</td>
<td>• more advanced crafts, colouring, cutting and pasting</td>
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<td>• A favourite time! Both programs have an opportunity for child-</td>
<td>• introduction to mathematical literacy through counting,</td>
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<td>directed play in one of the many play centers: house center, story center,</td>
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<td>• Daily physical activities in the gym: musical activities, games,</td>
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<td>use of equipment such as bean bags, ribbons, balls, hoola hoops, parachute</td>
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<td>• discovering new foods on color days</td>
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<td>• baking Mother’s day and Father’s day goodies</td>
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<td>Library visits:</td>
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<td>• Seasonal projects: apple sauce, baking bread, Christmas cookies</td>
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<td>program through visits and presentations tailored to our 2 age groups:</td>
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<td>nutritionist, a dental hygienist, RCMP officers, local athletes… and sometimes</td>
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<td>other talented parents!</td>
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We still have space remaining in our classrooms next year!

3 Year old afternoon classes  Pre-K 4 year old program
12:30-2:30 M/W or T/Th  M/W/F 8:45-11:45
Mon-Thurs 12:30-3:30
**FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

****If there are bikes parked outside the daycare or preschool, they belong to the children who brought them. Please remind your children that they are not to be used.

***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.

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**TIME TO REGISTER FOR CANMORE PRESCHOOL’S SUMMER CAMPS!!**

Registration is now open to the public so be sure to reserve a spot in one of our remaining camps while they are still available.

We are offering 2 camps this year:
- July 6-10 - The Mighty Jungle
- July 13-17 - Young Scientists

Camp times: 8:45-11:45am or 12:30-3:30pm
- Children need to be 3 years of age on or before the first day of camp.
- Children must be potty trained.
- Camp fees must be paid in full in order to secure a spot in camp.
- Space is limited.

**Please check the Canmore Preschool website for more information**

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**Open House**

Wednesday, May 13th  4:00 – 6:00pm

The Preschool will be holding an Open House on May 13th. Please tell your friends and neighbours with 3 and 4 year old children to stop by to visit our classrooms and to find out about our programs! Teachers and Board members will be present to answer any questions. We also invite interested parents to call and set up a time to visit us during regular class time.

**There will be cookies!**
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Please send any submissions to paul@banfffire.com before the 15th of each month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter.

Thank you!

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