Our preschoolers have been busy either getting reacquainted with their teachers and classmates or meeting them for the first time. We are pleased to report a smooth start to the year and would like to recognize the staff, parents, and students for doing their parts to ensure this early success.

A couple of special thank you’s:
Thank you to the families that offered to be in our Seeds of Empathy program. We are looking forward to meeting Baby Elliot (born June 14) and his mom Vanessa Wagg who will be visiting Ms. Nataliya’s classrooms and Baby Griffin (born August 11) and his mom Sandi Bilinski who will be visiting Ms. Carmen’s class once a month.

Thank you to Sonja Jovaovic of Hi Jinx toy shop for donating a beautiful playmobile playhouse and castle to the Preschool for our Rocky Mountain Raffle and our classrooms. Raffle Ticket sales start next month.

The very popular Artisans’ market is set to take place November 26th and 27th at the Canmore Collegiate High School. The tables are filling up fast and we expect to see a great Bow Valley turn out at this event. This is a major fundraiser for the Canmore Preschool and is made possible by YOU! Our parent volunteers.

We need volunteers for Nov. 25th, 26th, and 27th for a number of jobs big and small. Please contact Tricia Woikin, Christmas Artisans’ Market Co-ordinator (crayolatr@hotmail.com, 609- 7726) or Nicky Williams, Volunteer Co-ordinator (nickyjwilliams@gmail.com, 678- 6179) to find out more and to sign up. Check the Volunteer Opportunities board in the lobby for sign up.
Break out the black! (and start wracking your brains about packing a black snack – sugar free licorice?). October’s colour days are October 14th (3 year olds) and October 15th (4 year olds) and will feature the colour (or noncolour): Black.

**Music with Sue**

We are very excited to welcome back Sue Chick Denton to our preschool! Sue will be coming in for 1/2 hour music classes on October 13th and 27th.

Sue Chick is a well traveled, well rounded musician. She has performed in orchestras, jazz bands, concert bands and with smaller groups.

Sue’s solo career has focused on folk music, but the variety in her experience flavours her music. She has three solo recordings to her credit, including “Hush—Songs for the Christ Child”, a fireside Christmas album.

Sue’s performance history includes stints throughout Ontario, parts of Quebec, Alberta, New York State, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Minnesota. She has also played for audiences in England and the Ivory Coast, West Africa. She writes most of her own material but includes an eclectic mix of well known covers in original arrangements. We are fortunate to welcome Sue back into our preschool classrooms.

**Nurse Visit**

Canmore Preschoolers can look forward to a Nurse visit in October Dates and Times TBA. The Nurse will be teaching proper hand washing techniques and other matters of hygiene.

**Halloween’En Party**

All classes will have Halloween parties on October 28 and 29. Children may dress up if they wish. Reminder that children can bring a special snack for themselves, however we ask that no food items be brought to class to share.

**Picture Timetable**

Individual and class pictures will be taken on October 25th, at the Canmore Preschool.

**No Regular Preschool Classes on This Day.**

All children in Carmen’s morning Preschool classes are scheduled for pictures in the afternoon.

Nataliya’s morning and afternoon Preschool classes are scheduled for pictures in the morning.

Please note September’s newsletters picture times are incorrect.

The following is a list of the times for the various Preschool classes:

**Nataliya’s Classes**

9:00 AM 4 year old morning class
9:30 AM 3 year old morning class
10:30 PM 3 year old afternoon class

**Carmen’s Classes**

1 PM 4 year old morning class
1:30 PM 3 year old morning class
Remember to come a few minutes early as the class pictures are taken first.

**Fire Prevention Week**

This year’s fire prevention week falls on October 3rd to 9th. To recognize this week the Canmore Preschool looks forward to welcoming Sparky the fire dog into 3 and 4 year old classrooms in October. Dates and times to be announced. Parents can arrive 5 minutes early at dismissal to go with us to see the fire truck. Come for the last half hour of class if you think your child will be nervous of the fire fighters.

**Seeds of Empathy**

Canmore Preschool students will be involved in the Seeds of Empathy Program again this year. This program focuses on teaching about feelings....etc. Involvement with a tiny baby, watching the baby grow and develop, helps children focus on how the baby is feeling which can then be applied to their own feelings and the feelings of others.

**Room Parents**

Miss Nataliya’s 3yr old AM Class
Karla McClenaghan 609-9499

Miss Nataliya’s 3yr old PM Class
Maria Gregorish 678-4054

Miss Nataliya’s 4yr old AM Class
Kathleen Ridgely 678-3888

Miss Carmen’s 3yr old AM Class
Sarah Brooking 675-0608

Miss Carmen’s 4yr old AM Class
Carol Holmen 609-0391
The next Scholastic Book order deadline is Thurs. October 7th. Please place your cheque/order in an envelope in the box labeled “Scholastic Book Orders” located in the Preschool foyer. Through your purchase of books, the Preschool receives both free items and bonus coupons to purchase Scholastic books for the children. Thank you for your assistance in providing our classrooms with supplies.
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