A Message from the Teachers

Congratulations to all our students and their families on a great start of the year. All students are gradually learning our daily schedules and settling nicely into the classroom routine. At this time of year, we spend a lot of time on developing routines and expectations.

Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen have planned exciting puppet shows, which we are going to present throughout the year. One to look forward in October is “Apple trouble” - a fun story about a hibernating hedgehog.

We have already started Handwriting without Tears curriculum in our 4-year old classes by making Mat Man and practicing writing the letter “L” and number “1” in September. We look forward to learning all about letters F, E, H and number “2” in October.

We look forward to exploring Harvest, Thanksgiving and Halloween themes this month.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, we would like to say thank you to all our families for trusting us with your children. We feel very grateful to have a chance to be a part of your child’s life.

Thank You
(Sung to: Twinkle, twinkle little star)
Thank you for the sun so bright
Thank you for the moon at night
Thank you for my family
Thanks for friends who play with me
Thanks for everything I see
My toys, my books and you, and me!

Gratefully,
Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen
Picture Day!!
Tuesday, Oct.28, 2014

Carmen’s Classes
9:00 am   4 yr. Morning class
9:30 am   3 yr. Morning class
10:00 am  3 yr. M/W Afternoon class
10:30 am  3 yr. T/Th Afternoon class

Nataliya’s Classes
12:30 pm  4yr. Morning class
1:00 pm   4yr. Afternoon class
1:30 pm   3yr. Morning class

All children please come for pictures. Please be on time as class pictures are taken first. Siblings are welcome—they will be taken at the end of the class. Class pictures can be purchased for $7.00. If you order individual pictures, the class picture will be included. 3 year old children who are starting later in the year, please come for pictures!!

No regular classes this day.
**The Christmas Artisans' Market is coming!**  
**November 15 & 16, 2014**

The annual Canmore Christmas Artisans' Market is a major fundraiser for the Preschool, and is the Bow Valley's premier market of handmade items. Held on the November 15 & 16 weekend, the event features over 80 artists and artisans who sell their work - from pottery, photography, fine art, clothing, fine foods, books, body products, and much more. We're asking for your help to make this year's market another big success.

Please help by:
1) **Signing up to complete your preschool volunteer hours for shifts leading up to and on the market weekend.** A sign up list is now posted at the Preschool bulletin board. **We are also looking for a volunteer to fill the role of Market Assistant to help the Market Co-ordinator. If you think you could fill this role, please talk to Nancy.**
2) **Helping us advertise the event to your friends.** Every shopper through the door raises more funds for the Preschool, so let's spread the word and pack the market! You can Like us on Facebook: CanmoreChristmasArtisansMarket and invite your friends to Like us too.

**Canmore Christmas Artisans' Market Assistant**

Working closely with the Artisans' Market Coordinator, the Market Assistant will:
- Assemble a volunteer team that will: distribute event posters, hang event banners and place signs up advertising the event, set up and strike the market, take front door admission fee, and help with Zero Waste Station at the market. This will include monitoring the Artisans' Market Volunteer signup sheet at the Preschool and helping to recruit volunteers to fill open shifts.
- Co-ordinate decorating for the venue to create a holiday feel for the market.
- Be on hand for the Market set up on Friday, November 14 from 4-9pm, strike on Sunday, November 16 from 4-6pm, and portions of the Market November 15-16.
- Other tasks as needed to help with event preparation and delivery.

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Parents,

We are looking for a Fundraising Coordinator and an assistant for the Artisans' Market. Both positions need to be filled quickly! I have attached a job description for the Fundraising position and above is the write up for the Artisans' Market Assistant. Christine, our event planner for the Artisans' Market has already posted the sign-up sheets in the lobby and they are filling up fast. Your 4 volunteer hours would be completed if you would like to volunteer for either of these positions. The Casino is successfully completed thanks to Laura, Shannon and Lindsey as well as our many volunteers, the raffle will be Barb and Philippa’s challenge and the market is covered if we get an assistant lined up. Michelle is efficiently handling the Scholastic orders monthly. These committees will report to the Fund Raising coordinator and then the only other find raising will be Chocolate and Flatbread Pizza sales in February and the spring. If you feel that you could oversee these projects, please let us know!

Thanks, Nancy
Canmore Preschool is seeking a new

- FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR -

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Fundraising Coordinator is responsible for overseeing Board approved fundraising efforts (excluding the Casino), which are each performed by a sub-committee. Activities include assisting in the preparation of fundraising events, ensuring that events are managed according to plan, and following up after events.

The current fundraising initiatives include: Scholastic Book Orders, the Christmas Artisans’ Market, the Rocky Mountain Raffle and the Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co.

Timing Overview

The responsibilities of this role extend throughout the school year.

- Scholastic Book orders are placed monthly throughout the year.
- Rocky Mountain Raffle ticket sales begin in late October.
- The Christmas Craft fair is held in mid-November.

The Fundraising Coordinator position requires about **12 hours per month of time** from September to December and **approximately 2 hours per month of time** from January to May.

Reporting

This position reports to the Chairperson. The Fundraising Coordinator attends all the Board meetings prepared to make a status report on fundraising activities. The Fundraising Coordinator is also a member of the Board’s Finance Committee.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate is organized and comfortable communicating with members of the business community.

Tools Required

This position requires access to e-mail.
A comprehensive guide to Canmore Preschool. If you want to know about our classroom calendars, registration, events, slidehows, fundraising, or just how to send us a message, you can find it at canmorepreschool.com!

We particularly recommend that current parents take a look at our Calendar page. You can bookmark it to check each morning before school, and click on any event for more details. If you use a google online calendar to organize your personal schedule, click the button in the bottom right of our calendar to add it as an overlay to your own!
**Friendly Reminders**

****Our teachers will not dismiss our students until you have entered the lobby. Please keep your children with you as you are leaving the Preschool. They are not to be in the playground area without a parent or designated person. We share the space with the daycare and any unaccompanied child is a concern.

***Parents, licencing requires us to have 2 adults in the classroom. If you are parent of the day, we ask you to not bring younger siblings, unless they are babies in carriers. Our toys and activities are not age appropriate for younger children and your presence will not be accepted by licencing if you are attending to a younger child.

**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.

**** You can also donate any unwanted outdoor winter gear to be used for any children that forget to bring their own. (or soft jogging pants for little accidents).

**** Our afternoon 3 year old programs still have spaces available and our enrollment is ongoing until February for 3 year olds. Tell friends with 3 year olds that we still have room! Thanks!
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