A Message from the Teachers

Dear Preschool Families,

Throughout March, we have been having fun getting reacquainted with traditional nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Perhaps you have noticed your child pretending to be Jack jumping over a candlestick, re-enacting Little Miss Muffet or recounting our puppet show of “The Three Little Pigs”. Revisiting old favourites is a strong building block towards literacy. As your child hears a story repeatedly, they, too, develop the ability to retell the story. It has been a pleasure to share their enthusiasm over these ageless favourites!

Though it’s a while yet until May, we want to give you the heads up about an exciting event in our preschool year. Our Mother’s Day Tea parties take place during the second week of May. The parties are roughly one hour long and take the place of regular classes. As this is a special time for you and your preschooler, we kindly ask for you to make alternative arrangements for any other siblings. Please double check the times below so that you can organize your day accordingly. If you have any questions, please check in with your child’s teacher.

Ms. Carmen’s 3yo AM class – Tuesday, May 8
   Drop students off at 9:00, moms attend 9:30-10:30

Ms. Carmen’s PreK PM class – Tuesday, May 8
   Drop students off at 12:30, moms attend 1:00-2:00

Ms. Carmen’s PreK AM class – Wednesday, May 9
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Ms. Claire’s 3yo AM class – Thursday, May 10
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Ms. Claire’s PreK AM class – Friday, May 11
   Drop students off at 9:00, moms attend 9:30-10:30

We hope everyone enjoyed a safe a restful holiday. We look forward to the return of longer days and continuing our celebration of Spring when we meet together again!

Ms. Carmen and Ms. Claire
Thank You...

- Thank you to RCMP Constable Patry for making time in his busy schedule to visit our classes! It is so good for our students to see the community services on which we rely. We are still trying to reschedule a time for him to visit our 3yo morning classes in April, as he was unfortunately delayed at the courthouse during our last scheduled visit.
- Thank you to the Canmore Holiday Inn for generously donating their meeting rooms for our Annual General Meeting. For several years now they have been so hospitable and made our Registration Night a very smooth event.

Registration for 2018-2019

- Registration for next year is very strong, and classes are filling quickly.
- If you have friends with children ages 2-5 who have not yet registered for a preschool or pre-K program, encourage them to do it soon!
- We have all of our schedule and fee information on the website at canmorepreschool.com.
- Call the office to find out current availability.

Spring Fundraiser

Coming up in May!

- We will be selling local products from Canmore Pasta Co, Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co, and Spolumbo’s Gourmet Meats.
- The wide selection offers something for different tastes.
- Great easy dinner options to keep in the freezer this summer.
- This will be our last fundraiser of the year.
- We really appreciate your support as always!
## 2018 January Parent Survey

**RESULTS** 25 Respondents

### What do you like about Canmore Preschool? What features are most important to you?
Answered: 25, Skipped: 0

- Teachers 17
- Structure/Curriculum 11
- Community Visitors 6
- Play-Based Learning 5
- Friends/Socialization 4
- Location 4
- Outdoor Time 3
- Clean 2
- Gym/Facility 2

### How can we better serve the needs of your child and your family?
Answered: 12, Skipped: 13

- Completely Satisfied 8
- Classroom is too sterile 1
- Should be more room for creativity – i.e. when painting a pumpkin don’t just put out orange paint. 1
- Access should be more secure. Parents should need a keycode to get in. 1
- Volunteering in the classroom is too tough for working parents. 1
- Offer PreK and 3yo classes on same mornings so I can drop off both kids at once. 1

### Are you happy with the current days/hours of operation at preschool?
Answered: 25, Skipped: 0

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### If your child is currently attending the 3-year-old program, do you plan to enroll with us for Pre-Kindergarten in 2018-2019?
Answered: 19, Skipped: 6

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### Do you like the Parent-of-the-Day system?
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### Should we raise fees to eliminate volunteering in the classroom?
Answered: 25, Skipped: 0

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<th>I would prefer to pay more and not volunteer as Parent-of-the-Day.</th>
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### Should we raise fees to eliminate some or all fundraising?
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Newsletter Delivery

The Canmore Preschool is doing its part for the environment. Please tell Lindsey if you wish to receive printed newsletters, otherwise it will be emailed to all families and can be viewed on our website.
# April 2018

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**Mark Your MAY Calendar! 🌸 Mother’s Day Tea Parties 🌸**

Please plan for Mom to attend without siblings!

- Please drop off your preschooler ahead of the party to help set up, and then moms please be on time for the party. Thanks!

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