

CCDCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Canmore Community Daycare Society



Message from the Board

The CCDCS parent board is excited to announce that Ms. Cherri Hodgins will return to her position as Executive Director of the daycare in a modified capacity effective February 2, 2015. Cherri brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her and we look forward to having her back to the daycare! Cherri will return to full time capacity on March 10, 2015. Should you have any items to discuss upon her return, please schedule an appointment with Cherri. Many thanks and welcome back, Cherri!

Laughter & light,

Alysa Amirault
Chair CCDCS Board



Holiday Closures

Family Day:

Monday, February 16

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Daycare News

What a beautiful January we have had. It's hard to remember if it is winter or summer! The kids have enjoyed the surprise warm weather with extra field trips to local parks, walks around the community and visiting library story times. Each class enjoyed a field trip to the Parent Link playroom. With so many toys to explore they had a hard time saying good bye! The Grizzlies have enjoyed two trips swimming at Elevation Place this month. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who made the swim trips possible. Coyotes also had a fantastic time at Harvest Moon guitar shop.

All classes have continued to participate in weekly music and movement activities. These have involved scarf dancing, movement games, yoga stretching, and using a variety of instruments. The kids really enjoy this time to explore their creativity through the medium of music. Thank you

-Alice & Gwenda

Staffing Update

We would like to give you an update of what has transpired with our staff.

Chie Goto (former Coyote teacher) will not be returning to our organization in the near future. Her work permit was not approved and she is currently exploring other avenues so she can return to Canmore.

Congratulations to Cory and RaeAnne Rousseau who welcomed their twins, Charlotte and Isaac into this world on January 8, 2015.

Congratulations also to Daniela Bettoni who is expecting baby #2 in April and to Sophie VanHulst who is expecting her first baby in July.

Congratulations to Bianca Park who received her Level 3 certification, after passing her English placement test.

Please WELCOME to the team:

Emma McKinney who has moved here from Sherwood Park with her certification in Early Childhood. She will be working with Sophie in the Coyote room.

Alanna Harte, who is also ECE certified comes to us from BC. She will be our new School Age coordinator.

A big THANK YOU to Mandy Stonier who stepped up to the plate and filled in as School Age Coordinator, all the while continuing to work as the Lead JK teacher and preparing for Accreditation for the JK/Marmot program.

Here is our February staffing line up:

Bear Cubs: Angela and Addy
 Chickadees: Bles and Bianca
 Coyotes: Sophie and Emma
 Mountain Lions: Jessica C and Melissa
 Grizzlies: Jessica D and Shauna
 JK: Mandy and Amy
 Marmots: Daniela and Paola
 Eagles: Alanna, Mandy, Cory
 Floaters/Supply: Lea, Mina, Kim

Another BIG thank you to all the of the staff of The Canmore Daycare! Your flexibility has been paramount in helping this organization run smoothly through all of the changes I appreciate all of you!

- Claire Cresencia

News from Junior Kindergarten

Looking Back On January:

We are so excited to have our Junior Kindergarten children back in class after the Winter break. The kids have dived right back into school, and we are excited to see growth (physical, emotional, etc.) every day. This month we have really focused on getting the children back into the routine, and helping them adjust to having Animal Centres every day. We have also started talking about Hibernation, Adaptation and Migration, which the JK kids have taken on with passion and eagerness!

Coming up in February:

We will be continuing our discussion about animals and their winter activities and also exploring the themes of Family and Love. Please take some time to talk to your children about things that make them or your family special or unique. Be prepared to be taking some pretty big crafts home, as we make our version of Family Trees and complete our Animal Habitats!

Special Note: Please remember there will be no Junior Kindergarten February 16th – 19th due to school closures.

- Mandy Stonier

News from the Marmots & Eagles

Looking Back On January:

Who thought we would ever see such drastic temperature changes in only a month! We have all changed from snowsuits and our heavy jackets to rain pants and long-sleeved shirts, enjoying this nice weather (although some quite reluctantly!)

The Marmots and Eagles have taken drastically different directions in terms of programming this month, with the Marmots discussing New Year's Resolutions and Fairy Tales. The Eagles have been continuing to experience seasonal themes (or what is typically seasonal!) with winter crafts and winter sports.

We would like to thank our children and parents for being so accommodating during all of the recent changes!

Coming up in February:

So enters the month of Valentine's and Family Day. In February we will be celebrating the love that we have for our families and friends, and talking about different cultures, diversity, and the ways we are all special and unique. We will be having a Valentine's Party on Friday, February 13th, and will have lots of awesome activities for the February Family Week (schools are closed February 17th-20th).

Please continue to send your children with weather-appropriate clothing!

Special Note: Information about volunteer opportunities will be available February 2nd.

- Mandy Stonier



Volunteer & Fundraising



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-Sandy Umbach Davis

Food Bank Drive

There will be a bin at the Daycare and at the Before and After School program for donations.

The Food Bank has kindly supported our milk and yogurt program over the past year and we are hoping to provide them with a substantial donation in return. As an incentive, we are crediting families with 1 volunteer hour for every 5 food items they bring in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We have received grant funding that will be used to take the garden to the next level. The project goals include an educational component for the children - nutrition and where food comes from, as well as cost savings for our food program.

We will require volunteers for 2 separate phases, the first being construction and the second being ongoing maintenance. Alpine Edibles will be project managing design, purchase, and installation of a shed/harvesting centre, green house and pergola/outdoor classroom area. They will also help our staff with garden-related programming. We will require volunteers to help them with construction over the spring and also for ongoing watering and weeding throughout the summer.

- Krista Armstrong

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