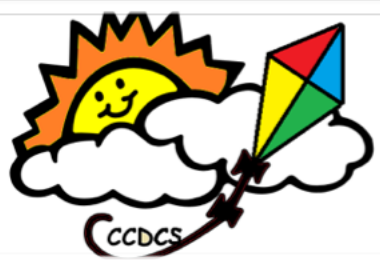


# CCDCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Canmore Community Daycare Society



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## Message from the Acting Executive Director

“May the New Year bring you courage to break your resolutions early! My own plan is to swear off every kind of virtue, so that I triumph even when I fall!”

— Aleister Crowley, *Moonchild*

(and Claire Cresencia)





## Staff Update

With the New Year comes changes and we are no exception. Please WELCOME to the team, Melissa Quinn. And hello again to Mina who will be back with us on a part time basis. Nice to have you back.

Here is our staffing line up:  
 Bear Cubs: Angela and Addy  
 Chickadees: Bles and Paola  
 Coyotes: Sophie and Melissa  
 Mountain Lions: Jessica C and Bianca  
 Grizzlies: Jessica D and Shauna  
 Floaters/Supply: Cory, Daniela, Lea, Mina

It is with sadness that we say FAREWELL to Seanna Doucette, our Before and After school age coordinator, she was with us for 2 ½ years and is leaving us to pursue a teaching career in the city. We are currently looking for her replacement and in the meantime Mandy and Cory will be filling in the gaps.

Goodbye and Goodluck.

Claire Cresencia

## Daycare News

December has been an exciting month with lots to celebrate around the Holiday Season. Thank you for attending our Holiday Pot-Luck party in early December. It was great to see the families mingle and enjoy the children's concert. As part of our holiday festivities the children enjoyed a visit from Santa, a pizza day and Pajama week! A highlight for all age groups was the fantastic puppet performance by *Entangle Puppetry*. The themed holiday show included a special message revealing the true meaning of the season. A carol-signing ogre played the ukulele and a prince tried to find a true princess in a modern take on the Princess and the Pea. This month the older groups participated in Lantern workshops in preparation for the Lantern parade in late January. The Grizzlies visited the Seniors at Bow River Lodge to sing carols and spread holiday cheer. All classes have enjoyed a variety of winter activities including making snowmen, catching snow-flakes, snow-painting, sledding and skating.

As we enter into 2015 we would like to send you all best-wishes for the New Year. We hope 2015 will be a healthy, happy year for all our daycare families, staff and friends.

Thank you

Alice and Gwenda





## News from the Eagles

### Looking Back On December:

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday! Those that attended Eagles over the holidays had fun skating, swimming, sledding and doing crafts. The children and parents enjoyed our Holiday Family Gathering with yummy snacks and fun entertainment by the kids. The Eagles did a reading of "Twas the Night Before a Canadian Christmas" which was a big hit with both the children and adults

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2015!

### Coming up in January:

With all the excitement of December we are looking forward to having some more relaxing times in January. There will be two half day Fridays back to back when we return to school, followed by two full day Fridays. We will be going skating on the pond on one day and sledding at Eagle Terrace the other. Please ensure your child is dressed for January weather!

- Seanna Doucette



## News from the Marmots

### Looking Back On December:

We would like to thank everyone for attending the Family Holiday Gathering. The children entertaining their families! Christmas was a magical time filled with excitement and the spirit of love. The children enjoyed making crafts, ornaments, decorations and singing Christmas carols. We also enjoyed sledding at Eagle Terrace and skating at the pond.

### Coming up in January:

We hope everybody had a lovely holiday and great beginning to the New Year! In January we will focus on fairy tales which will involve doing crafts, reading stories and putting on puppet shows. The children are sure to enjoy the activities around the fairy tale theme. We will also discover a new country, Australia. This will involve learning about Koala's, the Outback and the Great Barrier Reef. So much to learn and discover!

- Seanna Doucette





## Volunteer & Fundraising

### 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

### A BIG THANK YOU TO:

- Troy Ellis – for our new snow shovel
- Sandy Davis – for organizing our Purdy’s fundraiser and keeping our website up to date
- Mike Cadman – for tinting our classroom windows
- Craig Hudspith- for being the best Santa ever!

### AND TO ALL THE PARENTS

- who graciously gave us gifts of goodies for the holidays- they were greatly appreciated (and devoured)
- who volunteer in all the little ways that help in the BIGGEST way possible

We appreciate all of your efforts in helping us maintain a wonderful organization.

AGAIN THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

## News from Junior Kindergarten

The Junior Kindergarten teachers would like to sincerely thank all of the parents, siblings, and assorted relatives for attending our Christmas party this past month. We hope that you enjoyed your time in our classroom, and that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas holiday season.

This next month, the Junior Kindergartens will be focusing on hibernation and the different animals that live above and below the snow. We will be exploring this with the use of a few wonderful winter stories. With the turning of the year, the children will also notice a stronger focus on literacy, with regular centre and carpet time devoted to letters and numbers. Hopefully it continues to snow so we can experience some of our favourite winter activities!

- Mandy and Amy



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## Kid Jokes

Q: What happened to the dog that swallowed a firefly?

A: It barked with de-light!

Q: What stays in the corner and travels all over the world?

A: A stamp.

Q: Why did the computer go to the doctor?

A: Because it had a virus!

Q: Why are frogs so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them

Q: What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck?

A: Milk and quackers!

Q: What did the leopard say after eating his owner?

A: Man, that hit the "spot."

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?

A: A bulldozer!

Q: Why did the banana go to the Doctor?

A: Because it was not peeling well

Q: Why is England the wettest country?

A: Because the queen has reigned there for years!



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