

CCDCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Canmore Community Daycare Society



Executive Director Message

It's that time of year again when we start to think about graduations and summer holidays.

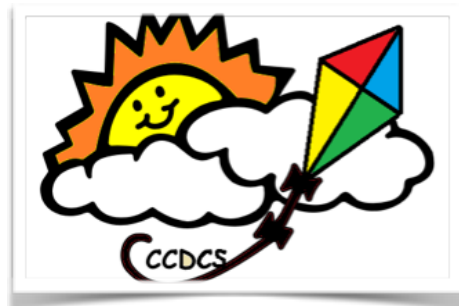
Some of our Grizzlies have graduated to our School aged program at Elizabeth Rummel this month. As well as a few of our staff will be moving on to new adventures. Sometimes it's hard to say good bye to friends but we know that they need to move on and we wish them well with their many new journeys.

Summer Camp: Our summer camp started on June 29th this year for children ages 4 to 12. Each week the children are engaged a various explorations around the Bow Valley and we will venture to the Calgary Science Centre and Calgary Zoo. We anticipate a thrilling camp filled with opportunities for learning, fun and developing friendships. *Spaces still available for the summer and limited positions for September.*

Staff Recruitment: When it comes to recruiting staff, organizations in the valley need to be fairly resourceful and reach out to their networks. In our organization we have found that word of mouth through local residents is sometimes one of best recruitment tools.

Currently we are recruiting for 2 ECE positions, 1 ECE mat leave position and 2 Junior Kindergarten teachers.

Should you know of someone who has demonstrated exemplary abilities to work with young children, kindly let them know that we are currently recruiting.



Holiday Closure

Canada Day

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Heritage Day

Monday, August 3, 2015



Daycare News

The Canada Day Parade was a great success. Thanks to all the Parents and Children who participated! The weather was beautiful and the children did a great job waving flags and parading on their bicycles. We have been enjoying story times on Wednesday mornings with Sarah from the Library. Corina from Music Magic visited the daycare on Jun 25th and each age group participated in a 30 minute live music workshop using shakers, triangles, drums, guitar and singing. Even the bear cubs were shaking this stuff! We continue to visit Jenny at Kids Can Do More for our weekly music sessions over the summer. On July 2nd Tyler from WildSmart visited to talk to the children about camping safely with wildlife. The children having been enjoying trips to the Farmers Market to sample fresh local produce. In addition, Jay harvested our first vegetables from our Edible Acres School Yard Project. The Bok Choy and Swiss Chard were delicious! Thanks Christian and the Grizzlies who have been working hard in the garden!

- Alice & Gwenda

AGM & Board Recruitment: Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our AGM. A copy of the draft minutes will be posted on our web site shortly. It was great to see a few parents step forward for board positions however; we are still recruiting to fill executive positions by September. If you're keen to learn more about how to support our not-for-profit organization, please speak with our Executive Director, Cherri Hodgins or one of our current board members. We can only continue to thrive with the commitment of volunteer support.

Fundraising Committee Meeting: The fundraising committee is a subcommittee of the board of directors and works to ensure that fundraising goals are met or exceeded. Presently we are working toward developing the Family Fall Fair event. Our board has elected to hire support for our larger fundraising events by hiring an Event Coordinator.

Please note: over the summer months we will be providing a combined newsletter for June & July and August & September. ☺ Coming out August 17th

- Cherri Hodgins,
C.E.C.E.

Staffing Update

We are currently in the process of recruiting staff for both the Daycare and Junior Kindergarten program. If you know of any qualified teachers, ECEs or experienced individuals with a passion for working with children please send them our way!



Volunteer / Fundraising Opportunities

Garden Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to help water our vegetable patch over the weekends. There are just three rows and 2 wicking beds that require **DAILY watering** and possibly some weeding. The watering only takes about **30mins** and this is a fun activity you can do with your child. Please let Alice/Gwenda know if you are able to commit to regular watering on a **SATURDAY or SUNDAY morning!**

Fundraising Committee

Based on last year's success we are currently in the planning stage of our second annual Family Fall Festival. If you would like to be part of this event, please contact Cherri.

Maintenance Volunteers

The daycare needs some help with some small maintenance items and hanging bulletin boards.

Board of Directors

Would you like to be involved in the decision making at your child's daycare? Joining the Board of Directors is a great way to develop and enhance skills and meet other people. The board is currently recruiting general members as well as a Chair, Vice/Co-Chair, Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator positions.

Please speak with the office to check for other current volunteer needs, or if you have a specific skill you would like to offer.

- Alice & Gwenda



Staff Workshop: Outdoor Play



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News From Junior Kindergarten

Looking Back on June

What a year we have had. All of the children have experienced growth and development, and we are excited to see them move on to their first year of elementary school. In the month of June we spent time outside, exploring the topics of boats, Father's Day and kites, and ending our Junior Kindergarten year with an outdoor picnic.

-Mandy Stonier



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