

CCDCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Canmore Community Daycare Society



Executive Director Message

I believe in process. I believe in four seasons. I believe that winter builds resiliency in all it touches, but spring transformation is coming. I believe that there's a growing season. And I think that you realize that in life, you grow. You get better, in all the splendor of each passing season. Welcome spring!

Adapted – Steve Southerland

On a personal note: It's been wonderful getting back into the swing of things. Thank you for all your caring thoughts, cards and kind words of support during my absence. It meant a lot to myself and Ken to be surrounded by a compassionate community.

I look forward to many more future adventures with the children, staff and families at CCDCS.

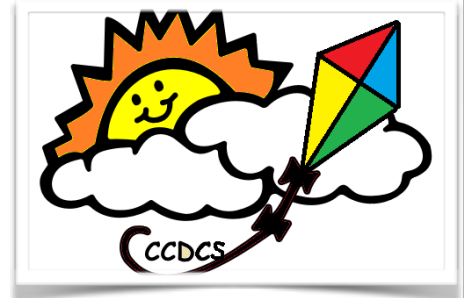
My office door is always open, please feel free to stop by any time.

Summer students:

Each year we apply for funding in order to hire summer students. Students entering into post secondary studies in Education or ECE are eligible for a scholarship after working in a daycare. Should you know of a student who has exemplary connections with young children and would like an opportunity to work with our team over the summer or after school, please mention that we are recruiting. Students must be enrolled in full time studies and returning to school in the fall, and 18 years of age by September 1, 2015

AGM – Save the date: May 13, 2015 – 6:15 p.m.

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



Board Message

The CCDCS Board is excited about the upcoming Spring Raffle and encourage all members to take an active role by selling tickets, manning tables at the grocery stores or providing prizes. You can use this participation towards the volunteer hours required by each family.

The Annual General Meeting of the CCDCS will be held on **May 13, 2015**. We will require participation in order to pass the new bylaws. Please watch for a document that will be distributed in early April in order for discussion and approval at the AGM.

As always, the CCDCS board welcomes new members and guests to the board. The board meets the last Wednesday of the month from 6:15pm - 8pm in the mini-gym of the daycare. Should you require more information or would like to join us for a meeting, please contact Alysa Amirault (Chair) at jipflip12@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the board is **Wednesday, March 18, 2015**.

Laughter & light,
Alysa Amirault, CCDCS Chair

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Daycare News

We'd like to welcome Cherri back to the Daycare, and for the new families, please pop into the office and we will do an introduction.

We're sending a big thank you to our families for all of their volunteer hours. We really appreciate all of the work/projects that you have done and continue to do for Daycare.

As always we welcome you to visit your child's playroom at any time. If you have a special talent such as playing an instrument etc. please feel free to come share that with us. Also, if you are available to accompany us on any fieldtrips, it would be greatly appreciated.

In our Bear Cub room the children have been going on lots of stroller walks. They made lanterns for Chinese New Year and enjoyed looking at the ice sculptures downtown. The Chickadees have done two walks using the ring ropes and the children did quite well. They have also enjoyed story-time at the library. For crafts they had lots of fun painting maple leaves. The Coyotes made a special friendship flag. They have been doing lots of construction play. The children also have taken many walks to the pond and library for story-time. Our Mountain Lion group has visited the train park lots and made many Valentine crafts. They have also enjoyed ball races using pool noodles. The Grizzly's continue to work on the 'Fill Your Bucket' program. They have enjoyed using the library and pool at Elevation Place.

-Alice and Gwenda



News From Junior Kindergarten

Looking Back on February

What a short month we had, and what confusing weather! This month we celebrated our families and love for our friends, family and the outdoors. We keep trying to finish our winter animals, but it's so hard to stay inside with such beautiful weather! We loved painting the family trees with your kids, exchanging valentines, and working with them on the letters of the alphabet (I can't believe we are up to 'G' now!)

Looking Ahead to March

We have decided to give in a little bit to the weather and start talking about spring! The classes will be working together to create posters about the different signs of spring, making bubble wands for us to use in the Butterfly Garden, and learning a little bit about St. Patrick's Day and shamrocks.

Please remember that there is no JK on March 11th and 12th, and Spring Break begins on March 20th. There will be no JK from March 23rd – April 2nd.

- Mandy Stonier



Volunteer / Fundraising



Spring Raffle ticket sales will kick off on March 16th. Each family is being asked to support the fundraiser by helping to sell 20 tickets. This is one of our larger fundraisers with a goal to sell 2000 tickets. We are working toward new gym equipment and storage, developing our school garden, creating an outdoor shade structure and planting trees!

Early Bird Draw – April 8th
Final Draw – May 8th

Fundraising is an essential part of Canmore Daycare and our Before and After school programs. Our organization works diligently to avoid significant fee increases by ensuring fundraising goals are met.

Ticket sales table will be set up at Safeway on March 28th and April 18th. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the ticket sales.



Alpine Edible Schoolyards is a non-profit organization that works with schools, teachers, students and community members to operate two urban farm/school gardens: One on the rooftop of Canmore Collegiate High School and the other, right behind the Daycare!

By engaging future generations in growing, cooking and eating whole foods, we strive to nurture healthy communities, raise keen environmental stewards and create thriving sustainable food systems here in the Bow Valley and beyond. Each year, our gardens produce hundreds of pounds of locally grown organic food, providing a source of fresh vegetables for use

in our school and daycare's foods programs and cafeterias. The sites also provide hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for students of all ages and stages.

Last season, little hands from the daycare helped to plant seedlings, water, weed and harvest. We look forward to more memorable moments with the Daycare in our shared learning grounds. Volunteers needed!

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Monthly Newsletter
2. Fundraising Committee
3. Daycare Garden with Alpine Edibles
4. Play yards/ Toy Construction
5. Join our Board!



News From the Marmots & Eagles

February has been a busy month with new faces and changes occurring at the BAS program....We thank the children and parents for accommodating all the changes.

February was a month of love and family. We reflected upon the joys our family brings and why we love them. Family week was busy with field trips and smiling faces. We were able to get out into the community and enjoy the gorgeous weather.

March is around the corner and Spring Break is approaching. Please let us know if your child will be attending the program. Spring Break falls on March 23 – April 02. There will be a teacher present at the school for the children attending OLS who will be dropped off the school bus each day.

March is a time when spring has sprung but we all know in the mountains spring arrives when it decides. So please send your children with appropriate attire according to the weather and our excursions.

March we are looking at responsibility, getting active and imagination. We are starting up reading buddies on Wednesday's and pairing Eagles and Marmots together. This is a time for the children to be role models and to calm our bodies and engage in relationships with their peers.

Parents please make sure you sign your children out at the end of the day. We are going to be keeping the attendance boards up

Staffing Update

March brings us some changes both good and sad.

We say FAREWELL to Cory Rosseau who has been with our organization for just over 3 years. He will be returning to Ontario with his family. THANK YOU Cory for your valuable contribution to our organization. GOOD LUCK with your future endeavours.

Welcome Cathy Rutherford, a Canmore local who joined our team this month. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Welcome Melinda Bulalacao, a former high school teacher who comes to us with her Level 3.

Welcome Kara Maier, a part time supply staff who is testing the waters of childcare.

Please welcome all of our new staff – you will likely see them in your child(ren)s classroom.

- Claire Cresencia



in the Eagles room in the same location for your ease and access.

Important Dates:

March 08 – Clocks Spring ahead

March 11 & 12 Full Day Kindergarten

March 23-April 02 Spring Break

- Mandy Stonier



Kid Jokes

Q: What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A: Nacho cheese!

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because: 7 8 9

Q: What do elves learn in school?

A: The elf-abet

Q: Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?

A: He wanted to go to high school.

Q: Where do pencils go for vacation?

A: Pencil-ania

Q: Why did the girl smear peanut butter on the road?

A: To go with the traffic jam!

Q: Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen before they go to the beach?

A: Because they might peel!

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Lettuce

Lettuce who?

Lettuce in, it's freezing out here.



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