

Canmore Community Daycare and Bow Valley Before and After School Program

Summer 2017

The children's thoughts on why Summer is so great:

- ☺ "I like jumping into piles of leaves" Kiersten (7 years, 5 months)
- ☺ "In the summer I'm most looking forward to...uh jumping on my trampoline and my birthday party and getting night vision goggles on my birthday" Alexis (7 years, 9 months)
- ☺ "Everything" Sydney (6 years, 6 months)



Executive Director's Report:

Greetings and Happy summer from the team at The Canmore Community Daycare Society and Bow Valley Before & After School Programs.

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." – Zig Ziglar

At CCDCS we're always raising the bar, setting new goals and aiming for new achievements for ourselves, our children and our programs. Please take a few moments to read about our successes and a few exciting, upcoming goals we've set.

Expansion at ERS! We're thrilled to report that additional space has been secured by our Society to expand our services at Elizabeth Rummel School. Our Board supported Administration's recommendation to invest in our growth as a further support to our community. Through our tenured

relationship with Canadian Rockies Public Schools we have been granted additional space. In September we will add another class of 6 to 12 years olds which helps to move the children through the Roundhouse more efficiently and provides the opportunity for us to offer care to more families on our wait list. For more information about our school aged programs or summer camps please contact Rachel Greenwald at canmorebas@gmail.com

Junior Kindergarten: We have also made changes to our Junior Kindergarten program and will be offering two full days of programming effective September 4, 2017. Parents were requesting longer days in relation to preparing for Kindergarten. A few spaces are still available – please contact - canmorejk@gmail.com or our main site at info@canmoredaycare.com

Fall Fair Kick-off campaign!!! This year we've added a 50/50 draw.

Tickets go on sale for our 50/50 draw on July 4 and will run until September 16 at our Fall Fair. Each ticket is \$10 and 10 tickets sold will equal 1 volunteer hour. If we sell all 1000 tickets the grand prize will be \$10,000 split between the Society and 1 lucky winner!

SAVE THE DATE

BACK AGAIN FOR THE 4TH SENSATIONAL YEAR!

GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AND A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY!

More information to follow throughout the summer. Sign-up form will be e-mailed out soon.

We're looking forward to a successful and busy couple of months as our popular summer camp programs provide care and new experiences for our older children. We look forward to seeing you at our Fall Fair in September and/or our Family Night Out/AGM in October. Have a wonderful summer.

Message from the Board:

SAVE THE DATE: Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2017(dinner time/further details to follow)

Our Annual General Meeting is held each year giving the members a forum to learn more about the activities of the Board of Directors and the operation of the daycare. It is an opportunity for the stakeholders to review the daycare's fiscal information for the past year and ask any questions regarding the directions the business will take in the future. Our members will also elect the next Board of Directors. The activities of the Board of Directors will be reviewed along with a summary of any policy updates, strategic planning and fundraising activities. Please consider joining our dynamic board and leave a legacy long after your child graduates. If you know of any interested community members, please mention that we could benefit from seasoned community Board members. If you are interested in joining the Board please feel free to contact the Chair, Greta Heathcote via email on chair@canmoredaycare.com



Canada Day Parade:

Canmore Community Daycare Society will be proudly walking in the Canada Day Parade in Canmore. We will be hosting a bike decorating day at the Daycare on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th of June. The School Age Children can collect bike decorating materials from the School Age Care Program and they can decorate their bikes at home and join us on parade day. We will be asking families to decorate the bikes and strollers in a Red and White theme. Please ensure you have sunscreen, a hat, a snack and plenty of water as it could be a long hot day. **GO CANADA!!!!!!**

Date: Saturday 1st July

Location: Gather at the meeting point (more info coming soon)

Time: Meet at 11.30am to start walking at 12 noon. We walk at the front of the parade so children can still watch the parade.



Fall Fair:

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Canmore Day Care Fall Fair on Saturday, September 16. Each year, the Fall Fair requires approximately 70 volunteers to successfully operate our fundraising event and we will be looking to you to help out! We'll be sending out more details about volunteer positions, times and responsibilities in the coming months so please keep your eye out throughout the summer.

We would like to welcome Julia Freeman to the team who is our new Event Coordinator for the Canmore Fall Fair. Julia has lived in Canmore for 5 years and has an events background which includes the coordination of Canmore Uncorked Food & Drink Festival, Canmore Mountain Market and the Christmas Artisans Market.



Summer Camp Programs:

Every year the Before & After School Program host fabulous themed summer camp fun weeks. This year the children and staff are planning many fun adventures including Chef Week, Space and Science Week, Wet and Wild Week, Art Week....to name a few.

August Staff Transitions:

We are excited to provide staff with an opportunity to grow and develop their child care skills. This means **some** staff will be moving just like your children. The big move will start in August and everyone will be in their final room for the year by September. Watch this space to see who is moving to your child's room.



Summer Weather:

The Daycare Society's sunscreen policy requires all children to have a minimum of 30 plus SPF. We will be checking these over the coming weeks and requesting a new sunscreen for your child if it is lower or has expired. Additionally please send spare clothes for water play, a hat for your child and clothes that provide some sun protection.

We will be going outside earlier during the summer period and so please make sure you are at the Daycare no later than 9.15am so groups can go on their neighbourhood walks. If you arrive after this time please be aware that you may be asked to find the group and join them or wait at the program with your child(ren).

Quality Enhancement Plan:

In the hallway towards the adult bathroom you can see our QEP's. Please feel free to stop and read them. We will only highlight a couple in our newsletters: Standard 2 – Develop the infant yard. We are planning to develop

the yard used by the Bear Cubs. The goal is to create a state of art play space dedicated to our youngest children. We plan to provide natural elements for the children to explore. We will use equipment that can be changed as the children age and their skills develop. We're currently fundraising and granting to bring our dreams to fruition.

Time with your child's teacher:

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher about their progress, friendships, interests etc. please feel free to complete the "May I book some time please" form. These forms can be found at the front desk and in each room. It is a great time to share with us the unique knowledge and understanding you have about your children.

Moving to the next room:

Several of our Grizzlies are graduating and going to Kindergarten, so we will start the transitions at the start of July. We will also be sending out a "2017-2018 Re-Registration Form" in July/August. This form will provide us with updated information for your child's teachers and to keep on file.

Additionally if any of your information has changed please ensure you let us know ASAP as the Child Care Licensing Regulation requires us to keep current and up to date information on all children in our care. Information Update Forms are kept at the Daycare front desk and you can always email any new

information and this will be updated in Timesaver and printed and added to your child's file.

Special Events

Daycare - June 29th Grizzly Graduation. The Grizzlies would like to invite their parents, family and friends to see them graduate from Daycare and move to "big school". The party will be at the Daycare from 4.00-6.00pm. Please bring a plate of finger food to share (**NO NUTS**, thanks). Don't forget your camera and a hat as the party will move to the Senior Playground after a short Graduation Ceremony.

All Programs - Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2017 (dinner time/further details to follow).

School Age Care:

The children have been busy and excited with the end of the school year approaching. We have welcomed back our summer staff member Simon; the class is super excited to have him back! The Eagles have been enjoying the new gym games that Simon has brought to the program!



The Eagles have been enjoying looking for bugs and insects in the butterfly garden. They have been busy with soccer and hockey out

in the field. With the warmer days we have been spending more time on the playground as well. Summer is fast approaching as we move into our summer program. The children are looking forward to the summer program and all the fun field trips and activities that go along with the summer camp!!



Junior Kindergarten:



What a great year it's been at JK. We have had an amazing time watching our JK children learn and grow and become amazing bucket-fillers. Our Graduation ceremony takes place on Tuesday 27th June at 10.15am. The children will perform at the celebration and we invite you to bring a potluck dish (nut-free) to share.

Some recent highlights include track and field day, ocean parachute games, dressing up like daddy for father's day, our

hoodoos hike, our dental hygienist visit and many wonderful adventures in the forest and getting out and about on the roam bus.



We look forward to meeting all our new JK students in September for our NEW full day program and anticipate many wonderful adventures together. Goodbye to this year's students. We wish you all the best in Kindergarten and hope you have a wonderful summer.



Daycare:

The daycare children are loving the warm weather as this means more walks, more bike days and more fun outside.

The children have been enjoying community walks to find our local wildlife and visit the Market. Some groups have visited the Ice Cream Bus and others have enjoyed water play. Of course let's not forget how much indoor learning and fun is had either.

