

CCDCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Canmore Community Daycare Society



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It's a PARTY and you are invited!

Canmore Community Daycare would like to invite you to our Annual Family Holiday Celebration

WHEN: Friday December 5, 2014

WHERE: at the Daycare

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pot Luck starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. followed by children's performances.

(in an effort to speed up clean up please supply your own plates, cups and cutlery)

Happy Holidays from
The Canmore Community Daycare

Holiday Closures

Christmas Day: December 25

Boxing Day: December 26

New Years Day: January 1

Closing at 3:00 p.m. on the following days:

December 24

December 31





Staff Update

It is with heavy hearts that we say farewell to Josee Mallet. She will be leaving us at the end of December. She hopes it will be a short term compromise for her partner who is studying at SAIT. **Adieu, profiter de la grande ville. Viens nous visiter souvent.**

Congratulations to Angela who celebrated 10 years of service for the daycare in November. A big **THANK YOU** for your continued dedication and commitment to our organization.

Please be aware that staff be taking time off/holidays over the winter break (Dec 22-Jan 2). It would help us greatly if you could inform us of your holiday plans so we can start to plan accordingly - forms are in each classroom.

Claire Cresencia, Acting Executive Director



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Board Message

Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays from the CCDCS volunteer board of directors!

At this time of year, as we look forward to spending time with family and friends, let us be grateful and joyful for the many gifts we have before us; peace, love, health and presence.

We are looking forward to gathering in community this Friday, December 5th, as we celebrate the holiday season!

Our next board meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2015. If you or any community members you know, are interested in joining us, please feel free and contact either myself or Claire. All welcome!

Laughter & light,

Alysa Amirault
 CCDCS Co-Chair
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Parents Corner

There's no denying it...winter is here! One of my favorite things to do on a blustery day is to curl up with a cup of tea and knit. I have enjoyed creating custom hand knitted & crocheted hats and accessories since my son was born, as I wanted to offer him some cheerful protection from the cold, and give him something handmade. He has sported everything from a pumpkin to a penguin!

I love to create custom orders, so if you're interested in having something made, feel free to send an email to sweetpeababyhats@gmail.com. You can find more pictures of my work at <https://www.facebook.com/Sweetpeababyhats>. I will be offering a variety of hats, ornaments and more at the "Last Minute Craft and Artisan Market" by Mountainmade on December 20, 2014 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) at Elevation Place. Please stop by and check out the work of local crafters and artisans.

-Beth O'Toole

Daycare News

Our focus this month has been on Music and Movement activities with lots of excellent programming taking place in our classrooms. The children have been using instruments and shakers; scarf dancing, playing parachute games and doing yoga and obstacle courses. All classes got to participate in our monthly music workshop with Jenny from Kids Can Do More. Even the babies were smiling and shaking their stuff! Our Grizzly group is currently participating in the Physical Literacy program run by Shannon Fox at Town of Canmore. The goal of which is to increase physical literacy in preschool aged children.

During the month of December we have many exciting activities planned to celebrate the holidays. Our Family Holiday Pot luck party is Friday Dec 5th. We are very excited for this annual event. Please sign up on the pot luck sheet on your child's classroom door. We also need families to bring their own plates, cutlery and cups to help with clean up after the party. Santa will be visiting Mon Dec 15th and we also have a puppet performance planned with Entangled Puppetry for later in the month.

Alice Conniff
Program Director





News from the Eagles

Looking Back On November:

With the shorter days and some colder weather we have been spending more time indoors but the children seem to enjoy it! We have been utilizing the gym with hockey, basketball and epic dodgeball games. There have been lots of fun craft activities and when we do get outside we have been playing in the forest and sledding....a favourite winter activity ☺

Coming up in December:

December is always a busy time with Christmas activities. We will have Christmas crafts and talk about the spirit of Christmas. Our family Christmas party will take place on December 12th starting at 5:30 so please join us for some Christmas cheer and prepare to be entertained by the children.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone!

- Seanna Doucette

News from Junior Kindergarten

The short November month was filled with discussion about Peace, Remembrance and light. We explored new outdoor areas, expanding the boundaries of the Butterfly Garden to include the forest and playing a few slightly competitive games of soccer on the field.

December brings our Twelve Days of Christmas, when our friends the Elves sneak into our classroom, bringing joy and new activities for us to try. Our final day of Junior Kindergarten for the 2014 year will be December 18th, and we will be holding our Christmas party then. More details will be sent out soon about that! Please hope for snow this month so we can have snow cones and go penguin sliding!

- Mandy and Amy





Volunteer & Fundraising

CCDCS will receive 20% of all sales from any purchases made through the Daycare's fundraising link until the end of December.

All money raised will go back into the classroom to support our winter programs.

Please share our campaign link with your family and friends.

<https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/c/16374>

Purdy's Chocolatier

Gifts for Stocking Stuffers, Party Hosts, Teachers, your Staff, or just a little personal indulgence!

Order Pick-Up: Friday, Dec 5

News from the Marmots

Looking Back On November:

The month of November was very busy and filled with lots of crafts, games and activities. We didn't get to play in the snow as much as we were expecting as there wasn't much, but we had fun playing in the forest and at the playground. The children really enjoyed making poppy wreaths for Remembrance Day and for Pirate week we entertained ourselves with books, crafts and games.

I would like to thank everybody for your cooperation with the inside/outside shoe organization and kindly remind anyone who has not yet done so to please provide indoor shoes that are just for Marmots.

Coming up in December:

We are so excited for the month of December! The holiday season is fast approaching, which means holiday crafts, decorating and Christmas themes.

Hopefully the next month will bring lots of snow so we can skate, sled and play in the snow.

Important Dates:

Friday December 5th - OLS ½ Day/ERS full day of school

Friday December 12th - OLS/ERS ½ Day - Sledding at Eagle Terrace

*helmets are mandatory. Children may bring their own sleds that they are able to carry themselves up to ET.

Family Christmas Party

Friday December 19th OLS/ERS ½ Day - Skating on the Pond

*helmets mandatory

December 25th & 26th - Closed for Christmas and Boxing Day

January 1st - Closed for New Years Day

*Please note that on December 24th and 31st we will be closing at 3:00

- Seanna Doucette

Holiday Craft Idea: Homemade Snow Globes

Why pay big bucks for a snow globe when you and your kids can design your own for pennies? It's simple to transform a plain glass jar into a winter wonderland scene created to your specifications. You might want to make several scenes, one for each of the bedrooms.

Level: Easy

Time involved: One to two hours

Materials:

- Old jars with lids (Mason jars, peanut butter jars, and baby-food jars work well.)
- Glue gun
- Plastic Holiday figures (Check craft or hobby stores for the figures used in "under-the-tree" scenes.)
- White rocks, marbles, or decorative glass pieces
- Water
- Food coloring (optional)
- White glitter and/or white confetti (Use metallic or plastic confetti, not paper.)

- 1 Wash and dry the jar and the lid. Glue the figures and the rocks to the inside of the jar lid using a glue gun.
- 2 Fill the jar with cold water to within 1/3 inch of the top. If desired, add a drop of food coloring (blue makes a nice sky effect). Add 2 tablespoons glitter and/or confetti.
- 3 Squeeze a line of hot glue around the inside rim of the lid. Immediately seal the jar with the lid.

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