

Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd.

October/November Newsletter 2013

Parents

We have made it through our first month of school, with a few less hairs and a bit of a twitch but all is well. With the fall comes a change in the weather, it is very important that we make sure that all of the children are dressed properly. Even though it may be warm in the morning as we all know the weather here can change very quickly. Please make sure to pack the proper clothing that your child will need for the walk down and back up.

In September we have had a number of activities start at the center. I have listed the classes and the contact person for each activity was posted in the September newsletter except for the Piano Teacher Sharon and I have listed her info below and also attached her flyer to this newsletter.

Dance Classes

Dance classes are running every Monday, Our first class start time has changed slightly. We are starting at 3:30 instead of 3:15 this will give the children time to get changed. This means that the next class will all so start 15 minutes later. Classes run 3:30-4:30 and 4:30 – 5:30 every Monday.

Karate

Karate runs every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15, 4:45 or 5:15 for the children at the center. You may have signed up for a different day as well.

Piano Lessons

There are Piano lessons offered here at the center. Sharon Cameron has been running lessons here for the past few years. If you are interested she can be reached at 403-797-9889 or email sharoncameron@hotmail.ca

We were hoping to start Zumba in October but the teacher that I had lined up has moved out of the province. If anyone knows of someone that teaches Zumba please let us know.

Movie Night October 25

November 15

Dates to remember: October 11- No School – center open

October 14 –Thanksgiving – center closed

October 31- Halloween Day, Thursday. We will be serving the children a hotdog, bag of chips and a drink rather than candy as we all know the children end up with more sweets than they will eat. This will help you out with not having to worry about feeding your child before they head out for an evening of trick and treating. We have decided to have a party right after school on the 31st . It will be a costume day for all.

November 8 – No School – center open

November 11- Remembrance Day – Center open

November 24 – Christmas Fun Craft Day

You will find the information regarding this event on the next page.

Christmas Fun Craft Day

With September behind us we are looking towards our Fun Craft Day. This has been one of our most enjoyed annual event. Not only are we raising money for a great cause, everyone is able to make a few crafts and visit while enjoying a cup of coffee and a sweet treat. This is a great way to get to know your neighbours. The Silent Auction will be apart of the fun this year as well. At this time we are looking for donations for the auction. Last year we donated to the women's shelter as well as blankets to the homeless. If anyone has a suggestion for this year please let us know.

With that said, you probably would like to know the date and time for this fun event. Last year we held it on a Sunday and we had a full house.

Date: Sunday November 24

Time: 12:30 – 3:30

Place: Springbank Cottage

Coffee, Juice and treats will be served. All of you will be involved in a variety of art activities as well as icing cookies. The crafts and ornaments the children create with family and friends will be their gift from the cottage to take home. We are asking for minimum donation of \$35.00 per family. If you would like to make a larger donation it would be greatly appreciated. This has been such a successful event and so enjoyed that it has become part of our yearly Christmas Festivities. This is our way of helping the children understand the true meaning of Christmas- TO GIVE. We will be sending out invitations in the beginning of November. Please mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss it.

Christmas Surveys:

I know that it is only October but we are starting to plan our Christmas activities for when the children are out of school. We will be sending out the survey with our December/January newsletter. If you know the care that you will require please don't hesitate to let us know. Please keep in mind that we will be closed December 23 – January 1. We will be open January 2&3 for fulltime care. The children return to school on January 6, Monday.

Daycare/Preschool Room, October/November, 2013 Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Autumn (3), October 5, MacKenzie (4), October 18, Easton (3), November 8

We have had a wonderful time this fall, learning, exploring, playing, making friends and having tons of fun! With the colder weather here, please ensure your child has a warm jacket and Velcro runners for going outside. Our bean seeds have sprouted into plants and the children are enjoying watering and observing their plants. On our nature walks, the children have been excited as they discover and observe changes in nature – snow on the mountains, leaves changing colour, interesting cloud formations and the cooler air temperature.

It is time to take inventory of your child's back pack to ensure they have a complete change of clothing – top, pants, underwear and socks.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Please help us stay current, if any of your work, home or contact information has changed, please see Nina or Terry so we can provide you with your registration form. You need to write in the changes and initial any changes. We will also make the changes on our “portable” emergency forms that we take with us whenever we leave the building.

Please ensure your child comes equipped each day with a water bottle, jacket, indoor Velcro runners and an ice pack each day in their lunches.

HALLOWEEN!!!

Halloween is Thursday, October 31. **We will hold our Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 30.** Children are welcome to dress up – keep in mind indoor temperature and ease of using the bathroom. We ask each family send in a Halloween treat for the children (16) to collect as we will make our own Halloween treat bags and go trick or treating in the room. This is a wonderful social activity as the children share, take turns and learn to exercise patience.

Regarding costumes – accessories such as guns, swords, lasers or spikes are not permitted in the Daycare room.

Happy Thanksgiving, Have a Spooktacular Halloween!

Nina, Terry and Flor 😊😊😊



October and November Newsletter 2013

Kindergarten and Grade one



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October: Myles – 4th Kaleb – 15th Alex -30th

November: Jacob – 28th

Children's Interests:


 Sports

 Animals

 Coloring

 Bats

 Spiders

 Dressing up

 Changing weather

 Jungle Animals

 Trains Cars Trucks

 Story Boards

***Please note that there is no school on the following days....**

Oct 11th No school (cottage open) we will be making all sorts of fall and thanksgiving crafts


Oct 14th Thanksgiving No School (Cottage Closed)

Nov 8th No School (Cottage Open) Crazy Hat /Color day we will be having fun games in the gym and a hat parade

Nov 11th No School (Cottage open) Today we will be recognizing remembrance day by making a poppy wreath and reading some stories about Nov. 11th


Halloween at the Cottage

We are going to celebrate Halloween on Oct 31st with all our friends. We decided this so that the children only need to bring in their costumes once for both daycare and school. In our room we will have different activities such as...

 Pin the nose on the witch

 Draculas bite

 Musical Chairs

 Paper pumpkin decorating

 Halloween Bingo

 Monster Mash

 And more



The weather is changing and we sometimes play out doors before school so please send the appropriate out door clothing so they are not cold. Please label it as we do take it on and off since the weather is cold hot cold hot this will help in getting lost items back.

Reminder: That your child needs to be at the cottage no later then 8:15 to be walked down to school by the cottage staff.

Thanks

Lee and Rachel

Before and afterschool program



WOW!!! It is hard to believe that September is behind us and we are moving into October and soon November. Hopefully everyone has adjusted to the hustle and bustle that back to school brings and can begin to think about Halloween costumes and soon Christmas lol. The BAS room has been actively thinking about our upcoming club's, planning, and everyone's roll in the program. As most of you remember from the following years Cathy.O has offered art Explosion which will begin Oct.8. As well as Melissa is beginning a dance club this starts thurs.10.

Children's Interests:

- Science
- Gym
- Outdoor play
- Hockey
- Dance



Happy Birthday: (Oct and Nov)

- Quinn.w
- kyle.T
- Jack.w
- Ella.D
- Cameron
- Kieran



Art Explosion

This is a special time set aside for children that want to explore art. They will learn about colors and impressions. There are only 12 spots open each session. Please talk to Cathy.O if your child is interested. **The Art is starting Oct.8 and 9 from 3:30-4:30**

Cost: \$10.00 extra fee paid to Cathy.O for supplies

Week 1- Dot art

Week 2- pounded patterns

Week 3- soap block printmaking

Week 4- leather punch



Melissa is starting a dance group that will begin Oct.10 from 4-4:30 If your child is interested please remind them to sign up.



BAS News

The children have started a BAS company called “ Cottage Kids Crafts”. They have been making jewellery and picnic benches. It has been amazing watching the children working as a team and doing something in the room that will benefit everyone. The company has even been broken down into having a CEO, accounts, business manager, production workers and even some children that are selling the product.



Reminders:

Oct.30- Halloween party/dance

Oct.11- PD Day: children are to come dressed as a scientist we will also be performing several science experiments

Oct.14- Thanks giving no school (cottage closed)

Nov.11- No School (cottage open)



If you haven't done so yet please bring in a family photo to add to our family tree.



Please make sure your child/children have indoor and outdoor shoes. As the weather changes we would like to keep the floors as clean as possible.

Thanks Melissa, Cathy.O, Brandy