

**Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd**

**December & January Newsletter 2013/14**

**Hello Parents,**

**We are now in the middle of the deep freeze winter is now upon us. It is very important that the children come to the daycare dressed for the cold weather. I know that is can be pretty nice in the mornings but as well all know the weather can change at the snap of the finger. Please keep this in mind when leaving the house in the morning. The children can get very cold when walking up from school. The children must have all appropriate outwear each and everyday including boots. All rooms like to take the children outside to play on the nice days but this is very difficult when every child is not coming to daycare with all of their gear.**

**We are happy to announce that we raised \$4000.00 this year at our craft day this year will help greatly with our purchases for the Women's Shelter and the Homeless.**

**All of the children that attended put their sheets into a jar and names were drawn for mugs with hot chocolate and cookies. The lucky winners were Connor McGilvery, Jack McGilvery, Carter Gillespie, Kailey Allan and Thomas Kapocsi. Congratulations to all of the winners.**

**We were also running a Pointsettia Fundraiser. There were 151 Pointsettias Sold, this gave us a grand total \$946.00 and we will round it up to \$1000.00 for the Ronald House. As part of the Fundraiser we were offering \$25.00 Chapter Cards for the highest numbers sold by one person in each room. The winners in each room are, Daycare Room the Larmour Family, ECS Room Ebbett Family, and BAS Room Colbourne Family. As a runner up gift in each room for the next highest we will be offering a\$10.00 card for Kernels and the winners are Daycare Room Hughes Family, ECS Room Dillabough Family and the BAS Room Fischer Family.**

**We would like to thank each and every one of you that participated in both events we could not have done it without you. There are going to be some very happy people this Christmas.**

**Thank You from the bottom of our hearts**

**Sock Project,**

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**Christmas Break Survey**

The center will be closed December 23- January 1

Listed below are the dates that we are open over the Christmas Break. Please email your requirements back as soon as you know. This will help us with our planning for the break.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday January 2    Yes    No

Friday January 3      Yes    No

If your child will be attending during these times please make sure to send appropriate indoor and outdoor clothing. The children love to play in the snow. All activities will be at the center. The weather is too unpredictable for us to plan any trips. We have lots of fun activities planned for the two days.

**Shopping Nights**

The SCC staff are going to offer 2 shopping nights rather than a movie night. These night will be Dec. 11 & 18 from 6-10. We are looking to see who would be interested in these nights before we set it in stone. If there isn't enough interested we will keep it at 1 night. If interested please let Lee, Melissa and Cathy.O know with payment and you can be added to the list. The charge will be the same as movie night \$25 /child and \$45 for two children. Your child's name can not be added to the list until payment is received. Thank you SCC

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2013/January 2014

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

Nicolas (5) – December 21<sup>st</sup>

Claire (4) – December 31<sup>st</sup>

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How time flies! It's hard to believe Christmas is around the corner and we will be celebrating the New Year shortly after! In December we will be celebrating the holidays for different cultures. If you have a holiday or tradition you would like to share with us, please let us know. We love hearing stories about other cultures and family traditions that we remember for life. In the mean time, you will be able to hear the children singing Christmas Carols each day.

We continue to have fun each day playing, discovering, exploring, socializing and building self-confidence and friendships. The children are interested in and becoming confident at printing their names, letters and words. We have been counting in Spanish and French, singing the days of the week and becoming familiar with the months in the year. Please help your child remember that Wednesday is Show and Share day, a very important event in our room. When children forget to bring an item from home, they are upset. We always improvise, but it would be great if they bring something from home, thanks!

Please be sure your child comes well equipped with: Hat, winter jacket, long mittens (no gloves), snow pants and winter boots.

As the weather permits, we enjoy going outside for fresh air and snow play!! *Thank you for the delicious and nutritious lunches for your children – please remember ice packs.* If your child is sick or is not coming to Cottage, please phone and let us know (including Jan. 2 & 3). Please remember to sign your child in and out each day.

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Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! All the best in 2014!

Nina, Terry and Flor

## Kindergarten/Grade One

### December/January Newsletter

Christmas is fast approaching and we will be having lots of fun celebrating the Holiday Season.

Happy Birthday: Anders, December 24, Vanessa, December 28

#### Children's Interests:

- Sports
- Creating home made Christmas gifts
- Cars
- Building ships

Please remember to bring all appropriate outside gear as we will be going outside to play at various times throughout the week.

#### Important Dates:

- Monday, Dec. 2 – School is closed/SCC is open
- Friday, Dec. 20 – Last day of class/last day of SCC before the holidays
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#### January

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday spending time with friends and family!

Happy Birthday: Angelene – January 1, Jillian – January 14, Tiarnan – January 14

Jack B. – January 17, Kaden – January 17

Important Dates: Jan 1 – New Years, Cottage is closed; January 2, 3 – Cottage is open, please let us know if you need care on these days.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – Lee, Rachel and Matthew

## **Before and After School Program**

### **December/ January 2014**

As the days count down to winter break and the special night, the children have been excitedly preparing Christmas crafts, making plans with friends and discussing amongst the group all the special things their families will be doing. Some of our families will be flying to celebrate with extended family, or simply staying cold in Alberta. Whether you are away basking in the sun or trying to stay warm here we in the BAS room would like to wish everyone A CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

#### **Happy Birthday:**

- Averie Jan.11                      - Jayda Jan.21
- Lauren.B Jan.21                - Evgeny Jan.26
- Rachel Jan.31

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#### **Proper Clothing:**

Please make sure your child/children have all appropriate clothing. The weather can change drastically from morning to afternoon, we have been noticing several children not prepared for the walk down/up which also limits us from outdoor play. We have all decided that we will no longer cancel outdoor play due to the children not being prepared. The room ranges from grades 2-6 and can all be responsible for making sure they to, are prepared.

- Any odds and ends of craft supplies you have at home not being used, we will gladly take off your hands. IE- buttons, wood, wool, paper, old radios and computers for take apart, old cellphones.

### **Show and share:**

Reminder that Show and Share is on **FRIDAY** of every week. Please work with us in keeping toys from home during the other days. Exceptions are on holidays, PD days and Birthdays.

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**Merry Christmas From Melissa, Cathy.o and Brandy**