

## Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd February & March Newsletter 2014

### **Director's Message,**

We are half way through the school year, how time flies. It has been a great year so far and more to come. These past few months have been busy for all of us. With the change in the two rooms there has been a bit of an adjustment. It is nice having the kindergarten and grade ones together. The rooms seem to flow much better. Cathy O will be starting her Art Classes for the school age children in February.

### **Fall Survey**

With February comes our Summer and Fall Surveys. We will be sending out our Fall Survey with this newsletter and asking for a return date of March 31<sup>st</sup>. As of April 1 we will be filling all available spots in all rooms with our families on our waiting lists. **Please make sure that your Fall Survey has been returned to us on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure that you do not lose your child's spot.**

### **Summer Survey**

The summer survey will be sent out April 1<sup>st</sup> with a return date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Once all summer surveys have been returned we will start our planning for the summer months. Summer survey will be sent out with the April & May newsletter.

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#### **March**

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### **Movie Nights**

**February 14, Friday - Movie night has been changed from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> due to the request of quite a few parents.**

**March 21, Friday**

## Kindergarten and Grade 1 News

### February and March

#### Happy Birthday Form the cottage!

Molly Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Aniya Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Ella March 24<sup>th</sup>

Easton Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Alexie Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

Hannah Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

Anna March 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Children's interests (May Change)

- Vacations
- The Ocean
- Painting
- Transportation
- Science
- Hockey
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#### **Parents Please Remember.....**

- Ice packs in kindergartens lunches please
- Make sure you are packing the four food groups in you kindergartens lunch
- The weather is on again and off again warm and our snow pants can sometimes soak through please send in extra clothing or keep it in there backpack
- Please check your child's indoor shoes some of our friends have grown and they may not fit

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February 14<sup>th</sup> is a Pd day but we will be having lots of fun all-day with games and art activities that revolve around valentines. If your child would like to bring in cards please make sure that they have enough for all of our friends. We have 38 children in the program 16 grade ones and 23 kindergarten combined Am and Pm. We will be doing valentine activities both Thursday Feb 13 (Same as Kindergarten) and Feb 14<sup>th</sup> the Pd day so they will not miss anything if you are taking a trip.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> - we will be playing in the gym and doing lots of science because the kids are crazy for science experiments

If you have any ideas for our Pd days please let us know.

Thanks Lee, Matthew and Rachel

## Daycare/Preschool Newsletter

February/March - 2014

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Van (5) – Feb. 3

Mazzy (3) – March 2

Carter (4)- March 20

Connor (5) – Feb. 16

Dawson (4) – Feb. 22

Daycare/preschool children have been busy playing, discovering and learning each day at Cottage. We look forward to having fun in the coming months as the children develop interests and confidence in recognizing letters, their names and how to trace and print their names.

Please ensure your child is well equipped for each day with: backpack, complete change of clothing (shirt, underwear, pants, socks and Velcro running shoes). For outdoor play: hat, long mittens, warm jacket, snow pants and winter boots. Also, please send a water bottle to Cottage each day or leave one here for your child to enjoy each day.

*The schools are closed from Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, however we are closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for Family Day. The center is open this week, please let us know if you require care. We will have tons of fun each day over this week.*

### **Valentines Day – Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (is also a PD day for school children – do you require care?)**

We will celebrate Valentines by wearing red or pink! The children will exchange Valentines (16 children) in the morning before lunch. We will create our own Valentines boxes earlier in the week to hold all of their Valentines. At snack (around 2:30) we will have our little party – we will enjoy some fun snacks and open our Valentines.

### **St. Patrick's Day – Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

We will celebrate this fun day by encouraging the children to wear green. Hopefully that naughty Leprechaun will be up to his usual mischief, we'll follow his trail to see if we were able to catch him in a trap! We'll enjoy green snacks and have plenty of stories and fun throughout the day!

Thanks very much!

Nina, Brandy and Rachel

## Before and afterschool Newsletter

### February/March

#### February Birthdays:

- Aaron Feb. 21
- Kyra Feb.2

#### March Birthdays:

- Anika March.2
- Gianna March 2
- Angelina March.2
- Lauren G March. 7
- Kaden March.21

The Before and Afterschool program would like to welcome our friend Naomi back to our program. Naomi worked in the center a few years back and we are happy to see she loved us so much that she has returned. During the month of February we are once again offering Art Club with Cathy.O as the children have eagerly asking for it. The class will run for 4 weeks if interested please have your child ask Cathy to sign up. Cost will be \$10.00

The children have decided it would be fun to start a yearbook club. We will be working on capturing the fun times and many faces of Springbank Cottage for 2013/2014. The children involved in the yearbook will be taking pictures of the children in the entire center ( all rooms). We will be having a cover page contest, which all the children can participate. After much research we have found that Costco offers a yearbook package that works well for us and what we want it to look like. The cost if you desire will be \$25- \$30. We are hoping to have the book completed by the end of March and orders completed by this time as well. If you have any questions please forward them to Naomi.

For our Valentines this year we have decided that you are more than welcome to provide your child with Valentines for the group but we are also offering for them to make them at the center for their BAS friends.

The group meetings on Wednesdays have been a great success; it has allowed the children and staff the chance to discuss anything about the program or even issues at school. We brainstorm and help each other find solutions to help ease any problems.

**Important Dates:**

The Children will be out of school from Feb. 14- Feb. 21

The Daycare is closed Feb.17 for Family day

During the break we have a science day, circus day, western day, sports day and beauty day. If your child has anything at home that they would like to bring in during these activities they are more than welcome. The only thing we ask is that they try to share things that go with our themes.

Please have your child dressed properly for the weather, we play outside as much as we can and it makes it difficult if some of us aren't dressed for the weather. Although it may be warm outside in order to play in the snow you need gloves and snow pants to do it more comfortably.