

Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd.

October/November Newsletter 2014

Parents,

We have made it through our first month of school, how different from our fun packed , relaxing summer .The children have settled into the routines of school and daycare. Now we are looking towards the activities of the up coming months and the changes in our weather. Even though our weather has been amazing lately we have to keep in mind that fall is here. With fall comes the change in the weather, it is important that we make sure that all of the children are dressed properly. The afternoons may be warm but the mornings are still quite cold. Please keep in mind that as we all know the weather here can change in a minute. Please make sure to pack the proper clothing that your child will need to walk to and from school as well as play outside.

So much has happened this past summer. We have expanded our program to a new center. Our 3-4 yr.old children are now over at the Westlife Church across the street. This gives us the opportunity to expand our school age programs. With the large waiting list we were able to reduce it quite a bit. We are very happy that the new cell phones are working out so well. It is just another way to reach the staff regarding your children. With all of these changes we have increased our staffing as well.

New Staff

You may have noticed a new person here at the center. We are very happy to welcome Lorraine to our team. She will be working in the 4YRS- ECS Room. She comes to us with a preschool background and a Child Development Supervisor Certificate. She will be replacing Lee who will be leaving in the Christmas Season to have her baby. We are all excited to welcome the new addition to their family in the New Year.

We have Taija in our Grade 1&2 room with Rachel and Max. She happens to be Cathy's daughter. We are keeping it in the family. Taija has been apart of our programs right from when she came to the preschool that Melissa ran and Cathy worked at. Taija has just completed her Child care Assistant Certificate.

Finally we have Sholeh joining us at the other center with Nina and Flor. Sholeh comes to us with her Child Care Supervisor Certificate as well as a great deal of experience in preschool.

Please take a few minutes to say hello to all of our new staff.

Head Lice

It is that time of year. We have begun our daily checks of all of our children. We are asking that you please check your child everyday. This will be a year of no more lice at the daycare or school.

Please join forces with us and stop this before it has a chance to get any worse !

Dance Class

As some of you may have noticed we do not have a dance class running this year. Devon has approached me to see if anyone would be interested in a ten week class in the New Year. If you are interested please let myself as well as Devon know and we will see what we can work out.

Karate

We do have a number of children that go to Karate at the center just behind us and we have made arrangements with the instructor to pick up the children here at the center on Tues. & Thurs. for the 4:15 class. If you are interested in looking into the classes you can reach Trevor – 403-990-0482.

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

email- sharoncameron@hotmail.ca.

We have a few very important dates in these next few months. Please mark them down we wouldn't want you to miss them.

Movie Night – October 17 November 14

Dates to remember :

October 10 - no school – center open

October 13 – Thanksgiving Day- center closed

October 14 no school – center open

October 31- Halloween Day We will be serving the children a hotdog ,a bag of chips and a drink before they leave to go treating. This will help you out with not having to worry about feeding you child before they head out for an evening of trick and treating. We will have a party right after school .

November 10 – no school- center open

November 11 – Remembrance Day – center is open

November 22 – Christmas Fun Craft Day

We have set the date for our annual **Christmas Fun Craft Day. Information can be found on the next page**

We did it 20 Years strong in the Springbank Community

Christmas Celebration and 20 Year Anniversary

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 craft and visit while enjoying a cup of coffee and a sweet treat. This is a great way to meet your neighbours. We are raising money for the YWCA Women's Shelter. Every Year around Christmas time the shelter experiences an increase of women and children needing their help. We try to offer these families a little bit of joy in an otherwise difficult time. As part of our fun day we also have a silent auction. **We are looking for donation items for the auction. If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated.**

With that said, you would probably like to know the date and time of this fun event.

Date: Saturday, November 22

Time : 12:30 – 3:30

Place : Springbank Cottage

Coffee, Juice and treats will be served. You will be involved in a variety of art activities as well as icing cookies. There will be a photo section set up in the gym for that beautiful family photo that you will want. The crafts and ornaments the children create with family and friends will be their gifts from the cottage to take home. We are asking for a 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 the end of October. Please mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss it.

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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. Please review our closure dates, we will be sending out our Christmas Survey the beginning of November.

Daycare/Preschool October/November 2014 Newsletter

Hello Families! We are settling in very nicely in our new Daycare/Preschool room. The children are really enjoying the room, gym and outdoor play. We are pleased to welcome Sholeh to the SCC team! Sholeh has many years of experience working with children in childcare and preschool and she will be starting on October 1st.

We are pleased to provide you with an email and phone number for SCC2:

Springbank-westside@springbankcottage.ca

Phone Number for SCC2: 587-830-0076

FAMILY POSTER - SCC2

We are asking families to send in a picture or two of your family for our "Family Poster." The Family Poster is a great source of pride and comfort for the children.

HALLOWEEN – (nut free treats please)

Halloween is fast approaching! We will be holding our Halloween festivities on Friday, October 31st!! The children are welcome to come to Cottage wearing their costumes. We will play some fun, spooky games, a Halloween Dance in the dark with spot lights and spooky stories by flashlight! We will go trick or treating in the room – we set up buckets and the children can collect candy. If you would like to send in a food item for our party – we will put a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. There are 18 children in the room for our trick or treat count. We do not permit weapons or claws that are accessories to Halloween costumes. Our snack party will be at 2:00, we will be serving hot dogs, chips, rice crispy squares and juice and any Halloween food treats you send in!

WEATHER

With the cooler weather here, please ensure your child comes each day with appropriate, safe footwear, warmer jacket, mittens and a hat. Outside play is always fun so long as the children are warm and safe.

SHOW AND SHARE is on Thursday. Please help your child remember this activity by helping them select one item the night before. With safety being our priority, Lego, weapons or items consisting of small parts are not permitted.

ILLNESS Please remember, if your child is ill and has a fever, diarrhea, upset stomach or lethargy, please keep your child home so we can avoid spreading illness to other children and staff. We will continue to model and guide proper hand washing throughout the day. If your child ends up on antibiotics, talk to your doctor about the contagious factor of the illness and keep your child home for 24-48 hours after taking their first dose of antibiotic. We do not administer Tylenol or Advil unless it is in conjunction with an antibiotic. Antibiotics need to come to Cottage in a plastic baggy, in the prescribed bottle with an applicator. We will ask you to fill out a Medication permission form giving us times and dosage.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

The SCC2 Team ☺

4 ½ years & Kindergarten

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families! We are settling in to our new room and routines very nicely. We are looking forward to the activities we have planned for this fall.

Children's Interests

- Lego
- Submarines
- Cars & Trucks
- Barbies
- Titanic
- Board Games
- Puzzles

Birthday Wishes!!

October 7- Brynn

November 6- William

October 18- Mackenzie

November 11- Sienna

October 24- Nyah

Important Dates

October 31- Halloween Party. Wear your costume! Please don't bring small accessories that can get lost, and label their costume.

November 22- Annual Christmas Craft Day!

Show & Share

Show and share is every Wednesday. Your child is encouraged to bring something from home that goes with the theme of the week. You can find the theme on the chalkboard as you walk into the room. Please label your child's show and share so it doesn't get lost. We love reading, if your child would like to bring a book from home, they are more than welcome to bring it on any day.

Lunches

If your child is in kindergarten, please send their snack in a separate container. Some of them have been eating their lunch during snack time at school, and have nothing left to eat when they get back to cottage. We follow the Canada Food Guide. Please send your child with a growing food (sandwich, pizza, pasta, soup etc.), some fruit, some vegetables, and a dairy product. You can also send a treat or snack for them. Please remember we are a nut free centre. You can send a water bottle for them to leave here to use during the day, we will fill it up with fresh water every morning.

Lee, Naomi & Lorraine

Before and After school grades 1 & 2

Welcome to all our new and returning friends within the Before and Afterschool program grades 1 & 2. We are excited that Taija has joined our team within the BAS program. We have been learning a lot of interesting things the past month about conflict resolution, importance of exercise and strategies for dealing with bullies. In the next couple months we will be starting our Clubs, Club meetings and helping with the program planning.

Happy Birthday:

October 4th Myles
October 15th Kaleb P
October 30th Alex

November 28th Jacob

Children's Interests:

- Board games
- Outdoor/indoor sports
- Pokemon
- Star Wars & the Solar system
- Dress Up
- Arts & Crafts

Halloween:

-We will be having a Halloween party/dance on Friday October.31. Your child/children will have their costumes at school and are welcome to wear them over to cottage. We will not worry about extra treats or food as they will be getting plenty during the day and that night. We will have a dance in the gym and hot dogs, chips, and a drink will be served to the children before they leave to help the parents out.

Show & Share:

-Show and share will be every Friday, since there is more time to play with our friends. Please do not bring your Ipad or DS system on these days, because you will not be allowed to play them. However, children will be allowed to have technology for 30 minutes one PD day a month.

Technology:

We have a technology policy (parent handbook) that states that we allow the children to bring in a personal device and they can play it for 30 minutes once weekly. This however is being changed to 30 minutes one PD day a month, which you will find the revised policy in our January Newsletter but we are implementing it now. We feel that cottage is a time to be engaging with friends and cottage activities rather than something that can be done at home on their own time. However the children will continue to have access to the computer for any homework. This applies to both BAS Rooms.

Reminders:

- Please bring in a family Photo for our family tree
- Indoor and outdoor shoes – your child must have a pair of indoor shoes that are separate from their outdoor shoes
- Please bring back the Multicultural forms since we will be planning a week based around multiculturalism
- Please return your Registration forms if you have not received one then please ask a staff for one.

Important Dates:

- October 10 & 14 PD day (Cottage will be opened regular hours)
- October 13th Thanksgiving Day (Cottage will be closed)
- October.31 Halloween Party
- Christmas Craft Day November.22

Thank you Rachel, Max, and Taija

Before and After school grades 3-5

The children in the Before and Afterschool program grades 3-5 have been busy getting to know their program, new and old friends and staff. Now that the children are familiar with the program we are going to begin the start up of our Clubs/Club meetings, helping in the program planning, understanding and implementing with the conflict resolution, developing strategies for dealing with bullies and most of all ensuring that the program is a fun place for each other to be.

Happy Birthday:

October 8- Quinn

Childrens Interests:

- Candy
- Gym
- Lego
- Monster High
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- Star Wars
- Dress Up
- Arts & Crafts

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Thank you Melissa and Cathy O