

Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd.
April/ May 2016 Newsletter

Hello Parents,

We are into spring, even though our mornings can be a bit chilly! We love playing outdoors on these nice days that we have been having. I know that it is tough to figure out what your child needs each day as our weather can change so quickly. Please keep in mind that even though it maybe calling for nice weather in the afternoons it is still chilly in the mornings and that walk to school will require a jacket. The children love to go outside each day but this is difficult when children come to the center without coats and proper outdoor foot wear. If you are not sure it is better to send more than not enough.

I would like thank all of you for returning your fall survey in a timely manner. As part of the fall survey you were asked to fill out the new registration form for each of your children. This registration form was designed to be used instead of having two different forms for Daycare and BAS. Some of you have not filled out the new form if you require one I will have some in my office . We have such a long waiting list and receiving calls on a daily basis. I am happy to announce that most of you will be returning in the fall. If this changes for you please let us know immediately.

Our Summer Survey is attached to this newsletter. We are asking for all summer Surveys to be returned to the center by April 30th, 2016. At this time we have a waiting list of families that require just summer care. If you feel that you do not require it please let us know so we can offer it to these families this will not effect your fall spot.

Once we have received all of the summer surveys we will begin our planning. It is very important that your child have a Calaway Park Pass as we go to the park on a weekly basis. You can purchase the passes at a reduced rate until the end of April.

Watch for your invitation to our year end event coming soon !

Important Dates

April 11th – April 15th - Easter break No school- we are open
Do you require care during this time

May 20 Friday no school – we are open

May 23- Victoria Day- no school – we are closed

Movie Night: April 22 & May 27

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We have had a wonderful past couple of months in our room. We enjoyed playing, exploring and learning about the great outdoors. We also enjoyed learning about growing & planting flowers, zoo animals, sports, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Sholeh gave a presentation in March about her 'Persian New Years' which is called Norooz. The children really enjoyed learning about it and asking insightful questions. We also had a presentation by a community Health Nurse who educated the children about proper hand washing techniques.

The children are having fun listening to books on CD's and learning how to read by practicing there letters and small words. Some of the children have even been able to receive a free book because they have read 20 books throughout the past couple of months.

We are looking forward to exciting new learning experiences in April/May months. We are planning on learning more about spring, superheroes, storybook characters, and dinosaurs.

Birthdays:

Diarmaid- April 4

Levi- April 8

Ila- May 20

Children's Interests:

- Building with the Lego, blocks and other materials within the room
- Board games and card games.
- Dinosaurs
- Listening to books on CD & storytelling
- Superheroes, imagination play and dress up

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April 11-15: **Easter Break** –There is **no School** but the **Cottage will be opened** Please let us know if you will need car for your children.

May 20: **No school** –Cottage is opened Please let us know if you will need care for your children

May 23: **Victoria Day** –No School & Cottage will be closed.

Daycare Newsletter – April/May, 2016-03-30

Happy Spring everyone! We are all very happy to have warmer temperatures and more sunshine so we can go outside each day, have fun, lots of fresh air and exercise! With the warmer weather here, please ensure your child comes equipped with a large brimmed hat for protection from the sun, and a windbreaker. The weather out in Springbank is extreme and can be cold and windy compared to the city. We do not keep extra hats for health reasons. Please ensure your child has a water bottle each day and an ice pack in their lunch.

We were fortunate to have a health inspector into the Daycare to give a little seminar to the children on the importance of washing hands. The children really enjoyed Jacquie's presentation and we will invite her back in a few months. Thursday, March 31 at 9:00, we enjoyed a visit from the local fire department to give a lesson on fire safety. The children really enjoyed the presentation and they were able to ask many questions. As the weather gets warmer, please ensure a pair of shorts or leggings are worn under dresses and skirts as we encourage pride, self-respect and privacy for all children.

Please take a moment at the end of the day to check the contents of your child's cubby to ensure they have a complete change of clothing in a Ziplock bag – shirt, pants, underwear and socks. Some items of clothing have been used or are too small for our growing friends. Please help your children remember that Show and Share is on Wednesday – mark this important occasion on your calendar with your child so they are prepared and involved. Toys should not come to Cottage on other days of the week, thank you.

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May 20: **No school – Cottage is open, please let us know if you will need care for your children.**

May 23: **Victoria Day – No School & Cottage will be closed.**

In the coming weeks, we will be making bird house-feeders out of 2L cartons. We are looking for any extra cartons you may have so all of our children can make a bird house-feeder.

With the warmer weather on the way, we will be applying sunscreen and bug spray to protect the children. If you have a specific brand of sunscreen or bug spray you would prefer us to use, please leave it in your child's cubby with their name printed on the bottle/tube.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Nina, Sholeh and Flor

April and May 2016 BAS Newsletter

Happy spring! The weather is finally starting to warm up and in the afternoon the sun is starting to shine! However, the mornings and some afternoons can still be quite chilly. Please remember to send your child(ren) with an extra sweater or a light jacket. We also recommend keeping a set of hat and gloves in their backpacks, as it is Calgary and the weather can change at any minute. We found that the children like to play after school in the middle school field for soccer and at their playground. We try to stay outside until at least 4pm, unless the weather is really bad. It is also a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes in your child(ren)'s locker or cubbie as the weather is starting to get wet, and accidents happen.

During "spring break" in April, we will be having a science week. At the end of the week we plan on having a science fair to show our friends and family the experiments we've learned.

As a part of our leadership program, we are planning a BAS family fundraiser dinner on Friday May 13th. All the children in our room will be involved in preparing, serving and running the "restaurant." Reservations will be limited, more info to come.

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| April 8th-15th | No school. Cottage will be open. <u>Please let the staff know if you require care.</u> |
| May 20th | No school. Cottage will be open. <u>Please let the staff know if you require care.</u> |
| May 23rd | Victoria Day. No School. Cottage will be <u>closed.</u> |

Birthdays:

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| April 7th | Brodie. L | May 5th | Eric |
| April 10th | Zach | May 19th | Riley |
| April 15th | Angil | May 19th | Christo |
| April 16th | Aubry | May 21st | Mackenzie |
| April 23rd | Hayley | | |
| April 21st | Emily | | |

Reminders:

Please sign your child in and out each day, as well as your name at the end of each week.

A new registration form was sent out with the fall survey. Every child is required to have a new and updated form, as we are trying to blend all the forms into one. If you have misplaced your new registration form, copies can be found in the office with Kathy A.

The summer survey was sent out recently, if your child requires summer care, we ask that you fill out and return the survey no later than April 30th so that we can plan all the fun for your children! Also be mindful that your child will require a Calaway Park pass, as we go weekly. You can purchase a pass at a reduced rate until the end of April!

Melissa, Cathy.O, Taija, Melody, Carly & Patty

