

SPRINGBANK COTTAGE CHILDCARE LTD.
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

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 upcoming months and the changes in our weather. Even though our weather has been nice lately we have to keep in mind that fall is here. 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. We all know that our weather can change in no time. You must make sure to pack the proper clothing that your child will need to walk to school as well as play outside – appropriate outdoor footwear is also mandatory.

We are very happy at how well the extra activities are going here at the center. There are still spots available in some of the activities. I have listed the contact information for all of them.

Dance Classes:Tuesday afternoons at the center- Devon – 403-276-7918
www.springbankdancers.com

Karate Classes:Tuesday & Thursday – the children are picked up here for the 4:15 class Trevor –
www.arashido.com403-990-0482

Gymnastics classes:Monday afternoons at the center - Tuck N tumble - HeatherLight -info@tuckntumble.ca

Piano Lessons:Sharon Cameron - 403-797-9889

Sharon has mentioned that she offers a variety of options for lessons, including adding another day to her time here at the center. She also does lessons at your home if you would prefer.

Movie Night– We are happy to continue with our movie night in October which will be on **October 27th** It will be a Halloween themed night. Dinner will be Chicken Nuggets and Fries with a special spooky treat for dessert. Each child is welcome to bring a friend if they so choose however this is on a first come basis.

In **November** movie night will be on the **24th**.More info to come closer to the date!

Important Dates

October 6 - Friday- no school – center is open

October 9th– Monday Thanksgiving – center is closed

October 10th- Tuesday - no school – center is open

November 13th- Monday - No school – center is open

Head Lice: It is that time of year again. Please let us know if you have received a note from the school regarding head lice in your child's class at school. We have not been informed of any cases from the school at this time. We will continue to check your children on a weekly basis here at the center however, it is important for you to check at home as well.

Christmas Celebration - SAVE THE DATE

We are very happy to announce that we will be having our Christmas craft Day. It was missed so much last year that we felt we had to bring it back. 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 meet your neighbours. We are raising money for the 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.

Asking for Auction Donations

As part of our craft fun day we will also be having 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 being said you would probably like to know the date and time of this fun packed event!!!!!!

Date :Saturday, December 2

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 some enjoyable conversation and lots of treats to sample. There will be a photo section set up in the gym for that beautiful family photo. The crafts and ornaments the children create with family and friends will be their gifts from the cottage to take home. What a nice way to start the Holiday Season!

We are asking for a minimum donation of \$35.00 per family, but if you would like to donate more it would be greatly appreciated. **100% of all money raised will be donated**

We will be sending out our invitations in the first part of November

Please mark the date on your Calendar so you won't miss out

This is our way of helping the children understand to true meaning of Christmas – TO GIVE!!!

Hello families!

We have made it through September, the children have settled into the daycare routine. They have started to develop new friendships. With all of this beautiful weather that we have been having the children have enjoyed a lot of outdoor fun. We do use the gym on a daily basis but it is so nice when we can get out doors. Each day they are learning about literacy, music, art, math and science through a variety of activities. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with us. We also have the cell phone that we can be reached at 587-830-0076 or the main number listed below.

The phone number for Springbank Cottage Childcare (SCC) is 403-242-1244. If you need to get hold of us during the day, please call the center and staff will ensure messages are relayed to us, even if we are outside. Please let us know if your child is sick or will not be at Cottage by email or phone call, thank you! Also, if please let us know if any of your contact phone numbers, home and business addresses, email addresses or people who may pick up your child has changed – anyone who is new to us will be asked for identification to ensure safety for your children. With the cooler weather here, it is very important each child has a warm coat, hat and mittens to keep them warm outside. We try to go outside everyday and we need to ensure each child is warm and happy, thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 7 – Friday – no school – center is open.

October 11– Tuesday – no school – center is open.

October 10 – Monday – Thanksgiving – center is closed.

October 31 – Tuesday - HALLOWEEN – Halloween party in the Daycare Room. Children are welcome to dress in costumes – no weapons please – (arrows, knives, guns, spears etc.) Please keep in mind costumes should not be too bulky or hot and not too difficult for going to the bathroom – thank you!

You are welcome to bring in treats to share with the class

November 13 – Monday – Professional Dev. Day – school closed, center open.

Birthdays

Aisling October 3rd Keegan October 10th Audrey October 21st

Show and Share: Each Wednesday is our show and share day, your child is welcome to bring in one item to share

Lunches:

Please provide your child with a lunch that contains a variety of nutritious foods. Don't forget to put an ice pack in to keep their food cold

Weather:

The weather will soon be getting cold. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for playing outdoors. (gloves, hats, coat and pants)

Family Picture Board:

Thank you for all the photos that have been brought in. If you have not provided a family photo please bring one in soon so we can make our Board complete.

Children's Interests :

Puzzles, Audio Books, a variety of building materials, House keeping, trains tracks

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Sholeh and Flor

Kindergarten Newsletter October/November 2017

September was a challenging month for everyone. We had to learn the school and cottage's routine. Also we started to get to know each other, in the class. The children learned about fall birds, friendships and feelings, and how they can express themselves in appropriate ways. We worked on letters and learning the children's names. The children are really becoming more independent. A big thumbs up to all of you parents for helping us by sending in healthy lunches with ice packs, snacks in a different bag as well as clothes for all of the changing weather.

Family Pictures

We are pleased to show you our family picture board in the kindergarten/ grade one room. We are still looking for a few more family photos if you feel that you have not sent one in yet please send one in and we will add it to our board.

Birthdays:

Carson and Gage - October 1
Taylor – November 15

Shea - November 19

Important Dates:

October 6th Friday - P.D Day, No school, Cottage will be open

October 9th Monday - Cottage will be closed for Thanksgiving
October 10th Tuesday – P.D. Day, No school. Cottage will be open

November 13th Monday- PD Day- Center open

Children Interests:

Board games, puzzles, beads, playdough, Barbie playhouse, arts and crafts, building towers, building train and car tracks.

Weather:

The weather is getting colder. Please ensure your child has all the warm outdoor clothing for when we are playing outside (gloves, a hat, a warm coat, snow pants, boots, and a scarf). As well as walking to and from school. We need to be prepared for all kinds of weather.

Lunches:

We have noticed that some of the children eat their growing food during the recess at school. Please make sure your child knows which snack is for school. Please don't forget to add veggies and fruits in their lunch bag, its nice to have healthy choices

Show and Share:

Show and share is on Thursday every week. Please remind your child to bring in one toy.

Halloween:

Halloween will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31. We will be dressing up for our party. If your child would like to bring a treat to share please remember that it must be nut free.

Reminders:

Please read our weekly newsletter to find out what are our theme and our activities for the next week. Also please make sure your child has a water bottle with their name on it and indoor shoes.

Happy Halloween!
Roberta and Neda

Before and After School October and November 2017

September has flown by this year. It seems like yesterday we were getting the kids geared up for back to school. Now it is already time for Thanksgiving, Halloween and soon Christmas (we know—too early). All of our programs and routines are falling into place and everyone seems to be adjusting well.

We are slowly getting back into the swing of things and we are looking to start more mini activities in the room. If you or your child has any suggestions of things they would like to see/do in the room please let us know. We know a lot of the time the kids just want to hang out and relax with their friends after school however, if there is something specific they would like to do we are all ears. We have recently brought in an air hockey table as well as a portable ping-pong table to add even more fun to our room

We have also had to start a sign-up sheet for the children to play in the floor toys as we have noticed that our toys are not being treated with respect and are not being put away properly. As we are such a big program it is really important that we try to stay organized out of the respect of everyone in the room – no one likes to clean up other people’s mess and it is also frustrating not being able to find a toy you’re looking for if it has been hidden, broken or put away improperly. We do not intend for this to put a damper on play time, we are only asking for the children to treat the room and toys with respect. We really appreciate your patience as you wait for your child to clean up before they leave for the evening.

As the weather begins to change it is imperative that your child has proper clothing and footwear to play outside. With such a large group, the children really benefit from staying outside afterschool and we try to do so every day. We want everyone to have fun and that can be a hard task if they are cold! Also, please ensure your child has a separate pair of **indoor shoes** – as the rain and the snow begins to fall we will be strictly enforcing our shoe policy. Thank you!

Upcoming Closures and PD Days

- October 6th – PD Day – Center is open
- October 9th – Thanksgiving – Center is closed
- October 10th – PD Day – Center is open
- November 13th – PD Day – Center is open

Upcoming Birthdays

- Quinn – October 8th
- Lexi – October 20th
- Alex – October 30th
- Gabriela – October 31st
- Easton – November 8th
- Milan – November 9th
- Kamdyn – November 1

Show and Share

Show and share is on Fridays – Each child is allowed to bring ONE toy or game into the room. Items from home are to remain in their lockers during the rest of the week.

Halloween

Halloween is on a Tuesday this year! Children are encouraged to wear their costumes. We will be having a Halloween “dance” in the room – your child is welcome to bring in treats to share(no nuts please!).

Thank you!

Melissa and Melody