

Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd.

December/ January Newsletter 2017/18

Director's Messages

Hello Parents.

We are now in the middle of winter even though the weather has been very nice. It is important that the children come to the center dressed for the cold weather. I know that it can be pretty nice in the mornings, but the weather can change very quickly. Please keep this in mind when leaving the house in the morning. The children can get very cold walking to and from school. The children must have appropriate outerwear each and everyday, this includes boots even if there is no snow when you leave home. All the rooms like to take the children outdoors to play each and everyday, but this is very difficult when not every child has the proper gear to take part.

Christmas Celebration Fundraiser

We are very happy to announce that our fundraiser was a great success. We have raised \$3000.00 to date. We would like to thank all of you that participated in this event. Due to your gracious support The Women's Shelter will receive a cheque from us all. Thank You very much!

Important Information

Gymnastics Spring Session

Online registration opens in March: www.tuckntumble.ca Heather
Session starts: April 16th and run until the end of June, this session will run the same as the fall classes
If you have any questions e-mail: info@tuckntumble.ca

Dance Spring Session

For those of you interested in taking dance lessons at Cottage on Tuesdays please contact Devon information is listed below and on the attached poster. Classes will run March-June
Devon Maillot at www.springbankdancers.com or 403-276-7918. We have attached the spring poster for the dance classes.

Important Dates:

End of the Year family skate December 22 Friday, information listed on second page of newsletter

Christmas Break:

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Movie Nights: December 15th, Friday

Our first movie night of the new year will be January 26th

The Third Annual General Meeting – will be planned for February

End of the Year Family Skate

We had so much fun last year at our family skate night that we thought that we would bring it back again this year. We know it is a very busy time of year, but even if you would like to meet us for a quick hot chocolate before we all depart for the holidays we would love to see you--the more the merrier! We will be closing the center at 5:00 pm on December 22nd – all children must be picked up by 5:00 pm.

What: Family Skate complete with Hot Chocolate and Treats

When: December 22nd – 4:30pm – 6:00 pm (or whenever your feet get sore!)

There will be staff members to meet you at the rink at 4:30

The rest of the staff will be joining after we close at 5:00 pm

Where: Springbank Park for All Seasons Outdoor Rink – it is public ice time so there may be others at the rink

Cost: **FREE!!!!**

****Please be advised that there will be no transportation between cottage and the rink. All children and families must make their own travel arrangements****

We would like to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy 2018!!!!

Kathy, Melissa, Melody, Sholeh, Rachel, Flor, Roberta, Neda, Taiya, Tasia & Gracie

Daycare December/January Newsletter 2017/2018

Hello Families! The Daycare children have had a wonderful Fall playing, making friends, discovering and enjoying their days. We have all been enjoying the mild Fall temperatures and going outside each day to run, play and develop an awareness of the environment around us! The children have enjoyed “themes/interests” each week as these are planned on the children’s interests, needs and abilities providing a number of opportunities to help children grow while introducing challenges! We will enjoy a Multicultural week in January; if you have a family custom or tradition you would like to come in and share with us, please let us know.

CLOTHING

With the cold and potential for snowy weather here, please ensure your child comes each day prepared for playing outside: Hat, long mittens that go past the wrist (no gloves – they fall off and little fingers get cold faster), winter jacket, snow pants, and warm winter boots. Please take inventory of your child’s extra clothing bag left in their cubby – ensure clothing items are replaced as they are used – thank you!

Lunches- Please remember to put an ice pack in your child’s lunch to keep it cold

FAMILY WALL

We are still looking for a few family photos for our Family Wall. The children love looking at family pictures and talking about their families. Please help us complete our family wall and send in a cool photo – thanks!

BirthdaysEmerson- December 5

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Wishing all of you MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! All the best in 2018 – we look forward to a 2018 full of fun and discovery!

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Room

December /January Newsletter

Hello Families,

We have passed a few months of the school year! The children are doing such a wonderful job learning and cooperating in the class with the teachers. They are happy and are enjoying our activities in the cottage. Every one is excited for Christmas. We are going to be celebrating and making lots of beautiful crafts.

Birthdays:

Kaitlin-December 3 Mya – December 27
Sawyer – January 6 Kieran - January 28th William - January 29

If you would like, you are welcome to bring in treats for the class on your child's birthday. Please ensure they are 100% nut-free.

Children's Interests:

All of the blocks for building, Games and Puzzles
Housekeeping, Doing Paper art
Cars, tracks,
Playing Outside & Crafts

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Reminder:

As we know the weather is getting colder. Please make sure your child has snow pants, mittens, a hat, boot, and a warm jacket in their backpack.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Before and Afterschool Grades 2-6

It is hard to believe that we are merely weeks away from Christmas Night. The children have been excitedly preparing Christmas crafts, making plans with friends and discussing all the family traditions that are celebrated at home. Some of our families will be flying somewhere tropical or simply staying cold in Calgary. Whether you are away basking in the sun or trying to stay warm here, we in the BAS room would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

We have implemented a zero-tolerance policy for play fighting in our room (and any other kind of fighting as well). We love all the creative games the children come up with to play however, we have been noticing that these games are becoming quite physical. As we always say to them when they are play fighting it only takes one mistake for someone to get very hurt and due to some accidental incidents, we have implemented this policy.

Also, you may be noticing some fresh faces around the room. We are working with a work experience program through the high school have two students working with us on different days of the week. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to Gracie and Tasia if you see them around.

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Julia - December 6
Tiarnan - Jan 14

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***Please Let the Before and Afterschool staff know if you will be requiring care January 2 to January 5th**

From all of the BAS staff we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and A Safe and Joyous New Year!!!!