

SPRINGBANK COTTAGE CHILDCARE LTD.
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

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 okay 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: Wednesday afternoons at the center- Devon – 403-276-7918
www.springbankdancers.com

Gymnastics classes: Monday afternoons at the center - Tuck N tumble - Heather Light - 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.

Spanish Lessons: We have also been offered the chance for the children to take Spanish lessons right here at Cottage. Right now, we are trying to gauge interest in such lessons. If this is something you would be interested in enrolling your child in, please let us know ASAP and we hope to have them up and running soon. There would be an additional cost to the lessons.

Movie Night – We are happy to continue with our movie night in October which will be on **October 26th** 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 **30th**. More info to come closer to the date!

Important Dates

October 5th - Friday- no school – center is open

October 8th – Monday Thanksgiving – center is closed

November 12th - 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.

Registration Forms- It is that time of year to review all the children's registration forms. If you have any CHANGES TO BE MADE TO YOUR CHILD'S FORM PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MADE THEM WITH THE STAFF IN YOUR CHILD'S ROOM OR BY EMAIL. If there are a few changes to be made we will ask you to fill out a new form.

Christmas Celebration - SAVE THE DATE

We are very happy to announce that we will be having our Christmas craft Day. 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.

Date: Saturday, November 24

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!!!

Daycare Newsletter

October/November 2018

Hello Families!

We have made it through our first month of the school year! The children have almost settled into the routines of the daycare room. Fall is here, and we are looking forward to the many fall activities. With Fall, comes a change in the weather, therefore, please make sure to pack your child with the proper clothing (hat, gloves, rubber boots or snow boots, and a warm jacket). All of these clothes are needed so your child can comfortably play outside.

Extra Activities:

Gymnastics classes - Monday 3:30 -4:00

Dance classes - Wednesday 3:15 - 3:45

Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 5 - No School (centre is open)

Thanksgiving - Monday, October 8 (centre is closed)

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

Monday, November 12 - No School (centre is open)

Birthdays:

Happy Birthday Lilianna - October 13th

Show and Share:

Each Wednesday is our Show and Share day. Your child is welcome to bring in one item to share with the class (please no lego, or very small toys).

Family Picture Board:

If you have not provided a family photo for our class, please bring one in soon so that we can complete our board.

Lunches:

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

Children's Interests:

Puzzles, Games, Gym, Cars, Trains, House centre, and Barbies

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sholeh and Roberta

Kindergarten/Grade one

October/November 2018 Newsletter

Hello Families,

We made it through September! PHEWF! September can be a month of new challenges and adjustments while learning new classroom rules, routines, and expectations. The children are adjusting well and we are excited about the rest of the school year to come! We have been jumping into some weekly themes based off the children's interests such as fairy tales, autumn, and fall. The Children have been particularly interested in the floor toys, drawing, play-dough, and pretend play.

We are excited to carry out our weekly themes! If you are interested in getting updated about what we are doing in the classroom, a newsletter is sent out each week- let Kathy know if you are not on the email list. We also have our weekly planning sheet on the wall above the sign-in sheet for you to see.

Family Pictures:

If you haven't already, please feel free to bring in a family picture for our classroom family wall. We love to include everyone's family into our classroom and the children love having a piece of home at school with them!

Happy Birthday!

October 1- Joshua October 6- Gage

October 19- Beth October 21- Audrey

If you wish to bring anything special in to cottage for their birthday celebration, please feel free. Please make sure it is peanut free!

Important dates:

October 5/2018: PD-Day- Cottage is open

October 8/2018: Thanksgiving Day- Cottage is closed

October 31/2018: Halloween – come to Cottage dressed up!

Halloween

Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday, 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.

November 12/2018: PD-Day- Cottage is open

Weather:

A reminder that we do try to play outside everyday, it is important that you please send your children with the appropriate clothing. Gloves, Snow/Rain pants, toque, boots and an extra change of clothes are important to have with them at school and cottage

Lunches:

At cottage, we like to help teach the children food that is important to eat first and last. 1st: Growing food (Sandwich, pasta, wrap, meat, etc), 2nd: Veggies, 3rd: Fruit, 4th: Dairy, and last is the treat. This will be helpful for when they reach grade 1 as the children will not get as much time to eat. Please remember to send a separate snack in the children's backpack for Kindergarten.

Show and Share:

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

Happy Halloween and Take Care!

Taiya, Flor, and Marcy

Before and After School October and November 2018

Can you believe it is already Fall?! Where has the time gone? We are back in the swing of things and working towards building a wonderful community in our program. We have started up a point system within the room to work towards having a Wii Party at the end of each month. The children need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the rules in the room and participate in a positive and altruistic ways to earn points - it is entirely self driven. At the end of the month the children who have reached above a certain point threshold will be invited to play the Wii in the back room. The rest of the room carries on as normal. The points reset each month and the children will once again have an opportunity to work towards the goal at the end of the month. We hope that the children start to think about their actions and their role in our classroom community.

We have also started a family selfie wall. Please take a moment to take a selfie of your family (or portion of your family – as we understand it can be hard to have everyone in the same place at the same time... it can even be as simple as using the cottage cell phone and taking one at pick up or drop off. Please ask one of the staff for the phone if you would like to participate. We hope we can fill the wall with silly photos of the children and their families.

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 5th - PD Day–Cottage open**
- **October 8th – Thanksgiving – Cottage closed**
- **November 12th – PD Day – Cottage open**

Upcoming Birthdays

- Brynn – October 7th
- Carson – October 16th
- Lexi – October 20th
- Bennett – October 21st
- Quaid – Oct 25th
- Alex – October 30th
- Gabriela – October 31st
- Tesla – November 3rd
- Easton – November 8th
- Milan – November 9th
- Kamdyn – November 13th
- Jack – November 14th

Jones

Once again, if you are able to contribute to our Jones fund it would be most appreciated. Her food, litter and other necessary materials come out to be about \$25 per month. Thank you in advance.

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 Wednesday 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!

Melody, Melissa and Sydney