

Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd.
December 2023/ January 2024 Newsletter

Director's Messages

Hello Parents,

We are now in the middle of winter even though the weather has been genuinely nice. It is important that the children come to the center dressed for the cold weather. I know that it can be 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 exceedingly difficult when not every child has the proper gear to take part.

We would like to remind the families that we are still experiencing quite a bit of sickness throughout the Cottage. If your child has a fever, cough, and overall feeling unwell please keep them home until they are feeling better. We have also had several staff members that have come down with the illness and it has been difficult to run the programs with limited staff members. If your child must be medicated to attend Cottage or school, it is probably best that they are home recovering. Reminder that if children are sent home sick from either Cottage or school, they are to be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning.

***SAVE THE DATE: CHILDREN'S ART SHOW**

WITH CHRISTMAS APPROACHING WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE FAMILIES ON DECEMBER 14TH, TO COME MEET THE STAFF THEY HAVE YET TO SEE AND THE CHILDREN'S ART CREATIONS. WE WILL ALSO BE OFFERING FAMILY PICTURES BY THE TREE. THIS EVENT WILL GO FROM 4:00 PM- 5:45 PM. PLEASE COME AND ENJOY WITH YOUR FAMILY AND CHILD/CHILDREN.

Dance Classes

We have attached the next set of classes starting January 9. You will find the poster attached.
Devon Maillot at www.springbankdancers.com or 403-276-7918

Important Dates

Christmas Break **Please let us know if you require care on these days**

Christmas Break Center Closure Dates- December 25th – January 2nd - the center reopens on Jan. 3rd

If your child will be attending during these days, please make sure to send appropriate indoor and outdoor clothing. The children love to play outside. All activities will be at the center. We have lots of fun activities planned for these days.

No School Jan.3-5 Please let us know if your child will require care this week.

We would like to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

Daycare December2023/January 2024Newsletter

Hello families!

Fall went by so fast. It was a fun season. The daycare children enjoyed the mild weather, playing and having a lot of different activities outside! The children developed their social and emotional skills. The children have enjoyed “themes/interests” each week which help the children to grow while introducing challenges!

Please read the Directors Message on the first page.

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 – Also Please label clothing items as well as outdoor clothing_ Thank you !!

Lunches- Please remember to put an ice pack in your child’s lunch to keep it cold. Please remember to pack one AM snack, one PM snack and lunch. With all of the fresh air each day the children, get hungry in the afternoon.

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!

Important Information

December 14th - Art Show as well as Food bank donations 4-5:45pm – please read directors message for more information.

CHRISTMAS BREAK SURVEY

The last day before Christmas is Friday, December 22nd - we are making this day a PYJAMA DAY

Christmas Break Daycare Closure Dates - December 25th – January 2nd.

*****The center reopens on Jan. 3rd with regular hours of 7am-5:45pm**

Please let us know if you require care on these days.

The school age children are out on Christmas Vacation January 3- 5. The center is open.

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Wishing all of you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! All the best in 2024- we look forward to a New Year full of fun and discovery.

Flor Emma & Melinda

Kindergarten Room

December /January Newsletter 2023/24

Hello Families,

It has been such a great first three months into the school year and it is hard to believe we are just a few short weeks away from Christmas! The children are really enjoying playing outside on the snowy days as well as the gym on those very cold days. They also are loving the floor toys area, participating in arts and crafts as well as reading books in the quiet center.

Please read the Directors Message on the first page.

Birthdays: December 13th- Sadie
January 11th- Isabelle

Important Dates:

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CHRISTMAS BREAK

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Please let us know if you require care January 3-5 No school

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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!

Melissa P, Brandy, Gurjot

DECEMBER 2023/ JANUARY 2024

Hello families, we have had such a fun start to our year. We are looking forward to Christmas and the new year. We have continued to plan many fun activities and art for the upcoming months. Our children are excited to decorate our room with the amazing artwork.

We are also very excited to spend lots of time outside in the snow. On that note, please ensure that your children have proper snow gear for the winter months (snowpants, snow jacket, snow boots, gloves/mittens, and toques). It is also good to have an extra set of clothes for the children to keep in their lockers in case they get wet outside (pants, t-shirt, socks, underwear).

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Birthdays and Other Important Dates – please let us know if we forgot a birthday!

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
5 th – Emerson	16 th - Cooper
5 th – Elsie S.	2 nd - Ruby
10 th – Violet	16 th -Aubree
12 th Connor Y	19 th - Bella
13 th - Christian	8 th - Lyla
23 ^d – Cole F.	19 th - Maverick

Important dates:

December 14th - Art Show 4-5:45pm – please read directors message for more information

Dec 25-Jan 2nd – COTTAGE CLOSED

Jan 3 - CENTER RE-OPENS no school Jan 3 -5 (Please let us know if you require care during these dates)

School classes resume Jan.8th

Please let us know if your child(ren) will be in attendance during those days as we want to plan appropriately for the children who will be here! Please ensure your child comes prepared with proper outdoor gear!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your BAS Staff:

Alanna, Skyler, Laura & Rowena

FROM ALL OF US AT SCC – We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Calgary Food Bank Donations

This year we would like to donate to the Calgary Food Bank and are hoping that our families at Springbank Cottage will help support us!! Here are a few things that the food bank is looking for as well as their wish list:

Cereal - Canned Beans

Canned Meat - Baby Formula

Canned Veggies - Pasta Sauce (no glass jars)

If you are interested, we would like to have these items at the center ready for drop off by December 15th, 2023.

CANNED FOOD

VEGETABLES: Carrots, Peas, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Tomatoes

FRUIT: Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Mixed fruit, Oranges

PROTEIN: Ham, turkey, chicken, salmon, tuna, beans

SOUPS

GRAINS

Pasta

Macaroni & Cheese

Rice

Cereal

OTHER ITEMS

Pasta Sauce

Juice

Peanut Butter

ITEMS WE CAN'T ACCEPT

Expired food items - Dented or unlabelled cans

Supplements - Broken or opened packages.

Candy and pop - Homemade food