

Dalhousie Community Kindergarten



Classroom Newsletter May 2021

Dates to Remember

- May 3rd Duck eggs arrive in the classroom
- May 4th - Parent Council Meeting
- May 10th - Dalhousie Community Kindergarten Society meeting
- May 12th - Grad pictures and new student picture retake
- May 21st - No class
- May 24th - Victoria Day Long weekend - no class
- May 28th - No class

May Birthdays

- Heidi - May 1
- Vance - May 11
- Saffie - May 13

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Welcome, Laura!

Hello DCK parents!

My name is Laura Groulik and I am the new program administrator.

I am an educator, dog lover and a stay-at-home momma to a precious and long-awaited little girl. My degree is in Education and Leadership Administration and I have spent the last 10 years working with children of different ages and adults. I feel very fortunate to belong to the Dalhousie community and the DCK program. Wow! I am so excited to be part of the learning that takes place in kindergarten. I have had the chance to meet your lovely children and simply adore this age group. The kids are so spontaneous, welcoming, and fun to be around. I had a great morning running around locating landmarks with them during the SOGO day activity. I look forward to meeting you all! Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns or if you would like to meet.

Teacher's Corner

Spring has arrived and so has May! It is hard to believe we only have 7 more weeks left in the school year.

In April, we had a great time learning all about Spring and learning all about circle stories as we read the "If You Give..." series by Laura Numeroff. The children made some beautiful artwork this month that gave them the chance to be creative and practice their fine motor skills. We have also been working on recognizing beginning, middle and end sounds in words as well as how many syllables a word has in order to create a strong foundation towards reading.

Another highlight of the month was our outdoor adventure with the SOGO program. The children enjoyed searching for the flags on the map and were very active participants. I

was very proud of how much energy and effort they put into this program.

May is going to be a very exciting month for us! We will have our duck eggs in the incubator on Tuesday, May 4th with an expected hatch date of Wednesday or Thursday. After they hatch we will have opportunities for the children to watch the ducks eat, grow, waddle, swim and they will be able to hold the ducklings as well (don't worry we will take lots of pictures!). The ducks will be with us until Tuesday, May 11th approximately, depending on when they hatch and how fast they are growing. You would be surprised at how fast they grow!

Due to the current restrictions and case numbers with Covid we will be unable to host a Mother's Day celebration this year. While I know this is deeply disappointing, we will be sending home some special videos for all the Mom's. Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Mom's from Dalhousie Community Kindergarten!

On Wednesday, May 12th our photographer will be back to do a spring photo of each child as well as a new class photo. You will receive proofs of your child's photos but once again there is no pressure to purchase, the choice is completely yours and your child will receive a class photo either way.

We will also have caterpillar larvae arriving at the end of May. The children will have the opportunity to help and observe how the caterpillar's transition into butterflies. As a part of this, we will be learning about plants and flowers, how they grow, which flowers butterflies are drawn to... look for our garden being assembled and cared for outside of our classroom during May and June.

Warmly,

Mrs. Scherpenisse