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**Dalhousie
Community
Kindergarten**

Digest

News for parents from the classroom and the community centre

November 2021

November Calendar

November 7	Daylight Savings Time change
November 9	Music class
November 11 & 12	NO SCHOOL 🌸
November 16	Mad Science in class presentation
November 22	Coco Brooks Fundraiser starts 🍕
November 23	Music class
November 25	Class Photos 📷
November 25 & 26	Parent teacher conferences
November 26	NO SCHOOL for PT conferences
December 2	Last day to order Coco Brooks
December 7	Parent Council Zoom Meeting 7 pm

School Attendance:

If you're keeping your child home, **please tell the teacher on Seesaw** or **call/text the classroom cell: (403) 875 - 8783**

Please join parent council meetings first Tuesdays

You can subscribe to our google calendar: dalhousiekindergarten@gmail.com



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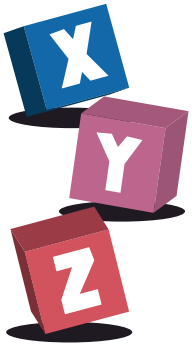
Class Highlights

In October the children were hard at work in the Kindergarten classroom. With the beautiful first weeks of October the students had the opportunity to observe all the changes that take place as we moved into autumn. Our fall walk was a playful learning adventure where we used our senses to explore the changing leaves and trees, smell the freshness of the air, feel the cooler temperature, listen to the leaves crunch and laugh out loud as we tossed leaves into the sky. As we moved into all things Halloween, we had the opportunity to continue our number practice, learn some new songs and begin some work on patterns. Our Halloween party was fun for everyone!

What's Up Next



As we move into November, we will be working on learning about our 5 senses, how to make healthy food choices, and begin to learn about how our bodies work. I am excited to have Mad Science coming into our classroom to support us in learning about our sense of hearing! We will continue working on our letters through singing, printing in our booklets, and building words. November will see us practicing recognizing small groups of objects without using one to one correspondence and recognizing, extending, and building patterns.



In November, you will also be receiving a Progress Report for your child. The Progress Report allows me to provide you with information about how your child is setting into our classroom and what skills they are demonstrating up to this point in time. Please rest assured that if I have had any concerns about your child I would have already been in touch. This report just gives you a small window into the classroom. I will be offering parent-teacher conferences to any parents who are interested via Zoom, phone, or in person with masks and distancing. Please note that in order to attend an in person conference a parent will be required to show proof of vaccination or exemption to the front desk staff of the Dalhousie Community Centre. More information and an online sign up tool will be sent out around the middle of the month.



Thank you for your continued support! I look forward to each day that I get to spend learning with your children!

Warmly, Mrs. Scherpenisse

Special Talent or Interest?

Do you have a special talent, interest, or occupation that our class would find interesting? Our program is enriched by the variety of unique experiences that our greater community can contribute. Please talk to Mrs. Scherpenisse if you have any ideas you might like to discuss.

One spot left! DCK has one open space available for a tuition-based K or junior K student. If you know of any parents looking for an option, we appreciate your help with spreading the word about our program!

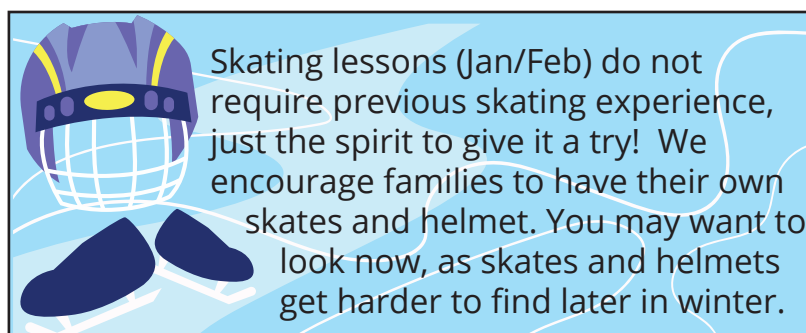


Class Photos

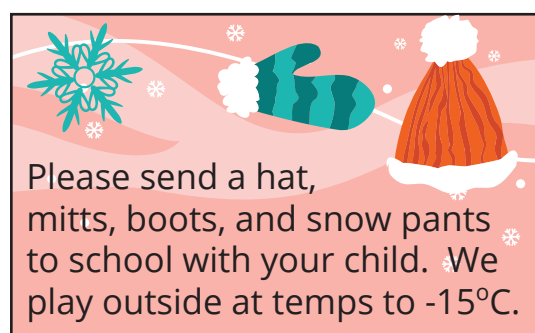
Individual and class photos will be taken on Thursday, November 25 by Ken Stewart Photography (kenstewartphoto.com). Each family will receive their proofs by Monday, November 29, and orders placed by Friday, December 3 will be received the following week. In the spring, we will be offering the option of individual "graduation" photos.

Parent Council Meetings Everyone is welcome to attend parent council meetings and we encourage you to drop in! It is a great way to meet other parents and have a voice in our program, and so easy by Zoom. Meetings are on the first Tuesdays of each month.

Parent Council Fundraisers Parent Council is planning to offer **two fundraisers** to support the kindergarten. From November 22nd to December 2 the parent council is running a **CoCo Brooks** frozen foods fundraiser. These frozen pizzas are a Calgary specialty! Who doesn't need a freezer meal or two in the rush getting ready for the winter holidays? Please save space in your freezer for CoCo Brooks foods and support your child's field trips. In January we will ask each family to help collect donations of refundable beverage containers (cans, bottles, cartons) in a **Bottle Drive**. Bring your containers to the community centre parking lot on January 7, and Vecova Bottle Depot will process them. 100% of the proceeds will go to classroom activities, so please save some of your holiday bottles for the kindergarten.



Skating lessons (Jan/Feb) do not require previous skating experience, just the spirit to give it a try! We encourage families to have their own skates and helmet. You may want to look now, as skates and helmets get harder to find later in winter.



Please send a hat, mitts, boots, and snow pants to school with your child. We play outside at temps to -15°C.

Dalhousie Community Association Calendar

to November 12

Donations collected for Veteran Food Bank

November 12 to December 20

Inn from the Cold Toy Drive donations collected

November 16 3:30-7:30 pm

Indoor Farmer's Market

November 27 10 am - 3 pm

Holiday Craft Market

December

Get ready - the Christmas Light Competition is coming!



Read Along with Kindergarten

Books we love in line with the school monthly themes

*Follow Up with **October**: fall, numbers*

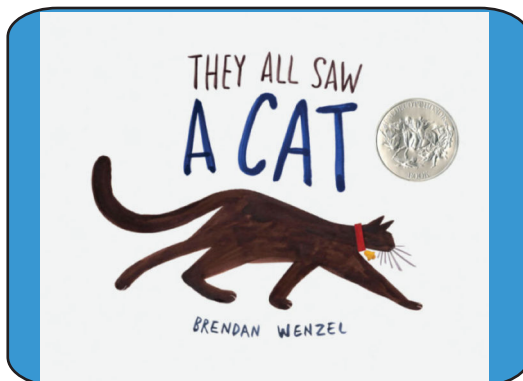
*Follow Along with **November**: senses, health, our bodies*



Ten Red Apples

Pat Hutchins

See how many groups of apples your child can name without counting. This is called subitizing. Try the challenging and fun unicorn subitizing videos on YouTube, too!



They All Saw A Cat

Brendan Wenzel

A great easy to read starting point for discussion of how animals sense the world differently from us, including snakes (sense heat) and bats (echolocation). Accompany with the fascinating YouTube videos about how different animals see the world.



Happy Birthday this November!



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