

# Classroom Newsletter

Dalhousie Community  
Kindergarten  
October 2019



## What's Happening

### Fundraisers

Your Parent Council has already talked about a couple of fundraising ideas this year – More information will be sent home late October. Money raised by fundraising efforts goes DIRECTLY back into programming for the kids. Money raised by previous classes has helped pay for bussed fieldtrips to places like Safety City, Butterfield Acres, in-class visitors and subsidized skating and swimming lessons. Thanks in advance for your support!

### In-Class Volunteers

A calendar has been posted outside of the classroom for parents/grandparents to sign up for volunteering in the classroom. Your child values your participation in our class so please try to find a morning or two (or more!) to visit us. Grandparents welcome too!

### Special Talent or Interest?

Do you have a special talent, interest or occupation that our class would find interesting? Our program is enriched by special visitors and we encourage parents / grandparents to share their talents. Please talk to Mrs. Scherpenisse.

## Dates to Remember

- Oct. 1 – Parent Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 – Picture Day
- (Oct. 9 – Picture Day for those who missed)
- Oct. 11 – No School
- Oct. 14 – No School
- Oct. 17 – Music Class with Mrs. K
- Nov. 1 – No School
- Nov. 5 – Parent Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

## Financial Need

Through the course of the year, there are various extra charges for fieldtrips and activities. Given our current economic climate, we do not want any families to experience any additional financial pressure for kids to participate in our activities. If this is a concern for your family at any time during the year, please speak to Heather in confidence.



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## Questions to Get Your Child Talking

- ❖ What made you smile today?
- ❖ Did you learn any new words today?
- ❖ Who did you play with today?
- ❖ What centers did you visit today?
- ❖ Did you help anyone today?
- ❖ What was the book about that your teacher read?
- ❖ What did you do at gym time?
- ❖ What was the best thing that happened today?
- ❖ Who did you sit with at snack time?
- ❖ What made you laugh?
- ❖ Did you learn anything you didn't understand?
- ❖ What was your least favourite part of the day? Why?
- ❖ What is something you heard that surprised you?
- ❖ What is something you saw that made you think?
- ❖ Did you like your snack?
- ❖ What questions did you ask at school today?
- ❖ Tell us your top 2 things from the day.
- ❖ What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- ❖ What is one thing you would change about your day?
- ❖ Teach me something I don't know.
- ❖ What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- ❖ What made you feel happy?
- ❖ What made you feel proud?
- ❖ What made you feel loved?
- ❖ What was your favourite center today?

*Adapted from [herviewfromhome.com](http://herviewfromhome.com)*



Our busy classroom!



Printing in Rainbow Books



We had a great time at Safety City!



### Reminder

If your child is sick or will be missing school, please let us know as soon as possible. You can leave a message on the school phone, 403-288-1050 or text the classroom cell, 403-875-8783. A planned absence, let Mrs. Scherpenisse know directly.

Thanks for your help with this.



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## Teacher's Corner

September was an exciting month for all of us! We have been working hard on getting to know one another by sharing our 'All About Me' posters as well as learning about things that make us unique and things we have in common with one another. The students continue to learn how to follow our classroom routine and why it is important we have one. They have also done a super job exploring shapes and colours using classroom materials and their imaginations.

Our first field trip was a wonderful adventure where we learned all about how to be safe in a kid-friendly environment.

Thank you to all the families who came out to our Pizza Party and Open House. It's always nice to see the students take pride and ownership of their classroom. Throughout October we will be learning about the season of fall and all the changes we see around us. Hopefully, we will make it out on a fall walk before Mother Nature brings too much snow! We will also be working on our Rainbow Books which will provide the students with a 'colourful' way to explore printing letters as well as beginning journaling using pictures, letters, words and sentences to express our thoughts and learning. As we near the end of the month we will be using some fun Halloween games to practice our numbers and powers of observation.

Thank you to all of you for your support and patience with both the students and the teachers as we have worked through our first month together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Scherpenisse

