

# Dalhousie Community Kindergarten



## Classroom Newsletter

December 2020

### Registration for 2021/2022 – You can help!

It may seem early, but we are already planning for next year's registration. You can help us: If you love the experience your child is having in our unique program, please spread the word to other parents considering their Kindergarten options for next year. We know that personal referrals carry tremendous weight with other parents.

Our Open House is scheduled for January 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Due to COVID, we hope to be able to welcome parents into our classroom, but it seems more likely that this year's event will incorporate videos and virtual Q&A sessions. Everything is different this year!

Registration dates are as follows:

Families currently registered for JK who would like to stay with us for their Kindergarten year can register now to hold their spot.

- Special needs students with PUF will be accepted starting December 1 at 9:00 a.m.
- Families currently attending Dalhousie Community Playschool will be accepted starting January 19
- General registration will open on January 26
- Junior kindergarten registration (if spaces are available) will be accepted starting

Tuesday, February 2.

Details about registration can also be found on our website.

If you have ideas of how we can better get the word out about our program to parents, what features of our program you feel we should emphasize, or how we can better adapt our communication tools to reach parents like you, we would love to chat!

## Skating Lessons

We continue to plan that skating lessons will begin on Wednesday, January 13 and will continue for five consecutive Wednesdays (January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10). Each child will need sharpened skates and a properly fitted helmet. There are a few pairs of loaner skates available at school that can be lent out if needed, but please let us know before the winter break to check to make sure we have something that will fit. Transportation will be via bus. Permission slips and additional information will be going out before the winter break, as we will not be returning to in-person classes until Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details!

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. If you know of a planned absence, please let Mrs. Scherpenisse know directly. Thanks for your help with this.



## December Birthdays

- Maddison - December 17th
- Raeanne - December 17th
- Leona - December 21st

## Dates to Remember

- Dec 1 – Registration for the 2021-22 school year opens for students with PUF funding. Help us spread the word if you know of a family looking for a program.
- Dec 4 – no class
- Dec 18 – Last day of classes
- Jan 4 – return to virtual learning
- Jan 5 – Parent council meeting

- Jan 11 – welcome back to in-person learning!
- Jan 12 – Open House for new parents (details TBD)
- Jan 13 – First day of skating lessons

## Teacher's Corner

Wow! November was a fast and busy month. We had a great time exploring our senses and having Mad Science come into the classroom was fantastic. We also spent some time looking at the Food Guide and learning about our external body parts and what they do. If you have been hearing about “Go, Yield, and Stop” foods that is great! We have added some more sight words to word wall this month, such as me, my, you, we, see, etc. Sight words are those words we see most often in print and use a lot when writing. Many sight words need to be memorized as they often can be tricky to sound out. We will continue learning and using our sight words in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone for taking some time to chat with me about your child's time in Kindergarten this year! I value your support and input on how we can help your child to succeed. If you were unable to attend the conferences, or have anything you would like to discuss with me at any time, please feel free to chat with me at the school or send me an email.

In December, we will be learning about holiday traditions around the world and in our own homes. We will be looking at both the differences and similarities of how we celebrate the

holidays, with an emphasis on caring, sharing and kindness to all. If there are certain traditions your family has please talk to your child about them so we can share them in class. Many of the students have already been describing their Christmas trees for us. I would like to encourage you to have your child take a photo of your tree and put it in Seesaw so that your child can show the class.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have an in-person Christmas Concert this year. We will be doing some singing outside with fresh air and space. In class, the students will be learning a poem that we will record and share on Seesaw to help us celebrate. On Friday, December 18th we will be having a fun day to kick off the holidays. This will be a day where the students can wear pyjamas or Christmas gear to school, we will have some fun activities and a special treat as well as watch a short Christmas movie. I know the holidays this year may look different for many of us but I would like all of you to know that I feel very blessed to be a part of your children's lives and Mrs. Tejada and I will do our absolute best to make this a special time of year for your children.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Scherpenisse

## Childcare Options:

Dalhousie Out of School Care has introduced possible options for full-time and part-time care for before and after school and day camps on non-instructional days and school breaks. For more information, please contact Sharon at [doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca) or check the community association's website at [dalhousiecalgary.ca](http://dalhousiecalgary.ca).

## PSAs

**Dalhousie Outdoor Rink** – as we begin our skating lessons in January, we hope that the small rink at the rear of the community center will be available for our families to practice their new skills. This rink is maintained by volunteers. If you can lend a hand by helping with flooding or use of the

snowblower please contact the DCA via [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca). Training will be provided!

### **A Chance to Give:**

Dalhousie Community Centre will be accepting new toy donations from November 12 to December 15 for Calgary's Inn from the Cold.

Dalhousie Community Centre will also be accepting non-perishable food items to donate to the Veteran's Food Bank until December 15th. Donations can also be made via cheque to The Veteran's Food Bank of Calgary and are eligible for a tax receipt.

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