

# Dalhousie Community Kindergarten



## Classroom Newsletter

November 2020

### Parent Council

Our Parent Council plays a vital role in our program, and we encourage all families to participate. Parent council members provide feedback and help us make decisions about activities in the classroom. Positions are not demanding in terms of time commitment or responsibility and allow our families to get to know one another.

Meetings will take place each month on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on November 3rd at 7 pm, and at this time, we are planning that you can attend either via Zoom or in-person in the classroom. We generally try to keep these meetings to 1 hr in length. If attending in person, we will be maintaining social distance. Watch for an email with a Zoom link!

We are still looking for someone to take on Chairperson's position to help run our meetings and acts as a critical liaison between parents and the program.

### Upcoming Parent Survey

Our program has operated for over 40 years as an Independent ECS Program (we can't fact check it, but we suspect we may have been the first!) Alberta Education oversees our operations, and as such, we are subject to regular monitoring and evaluation.

Because we have not had quite enough unusual tasks on our plate so far this year, we have received notified of a review at the end of November. The process includes a survey for parents, which provides valuable feedback for our program and helps Alberta Education evaluate our ability to

meet the children's needs in our program. We will be sending an email to you by mid-November with a link to the survey. Your participation is anonymous and voluntary, and we will be grateful for your time spent in providing your honest feedback.



### November Birthdays

- Aubrey November 12th

### Dates to Remember

- Nov 3 - Parent Council Meeting 7 pm
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - no class
- Nov 12 - "Mad Science" in the classroom
- Nov 20 - no class
- Nov 26 - evening parent-teacher interviews (sign-up information will be sent out)
- Nov 27 - no class, morning parent-teacher interviews (sign-up information will be sent out)
- December 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

### Teacher's Corner

October is coming to an end and the students have been 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 move into autumn. Our fall walk was a playful learning adventure where we used our five 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 were able to add some great words to our word wall, learn about bats and continue our work on numbers.

As we move into November we will be working on learning more 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 teach us all about our sense of touch and help us make our very own Flubber! We will continue our work on printing our names beginning with uppercase followed by lowercase letters, our letter sounds, letter and word printing practice and introduce more sight words.

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 settling 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 at all I would already have been

in touch. This report just gives you a small window into the classroom. I will be offering in-person distanced

parent-teacher conferences or phone conferences, if preferred, to any parents who are interested. 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!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Scherpenisse

### PSAs

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 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.

### Feedback Please:

Let us know if you only want to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter by sending us a note: [dcakids@telus.net](mailto:dcakids@telus.net)

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