

Dalhousie Community Kindergarten



Classroom Newsletter

April 2021

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday April 6 – Return to classes
- Tuesday April 6 – 7 pm Parent Council meeting (Zoom)
- April 20th – SoGo orienteering activity (on DCA grounds)
- April 22, 23 & 26 – no classes (Early Childhood Educators conference)

Special Note

Our yearly calendar that was published at the start of the school year missed a non-instructional day in May. **Please note there will be no class on Friday May 28th.**

April Birthdays

- Lochlan - April 30th

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Teacher's Corner

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable spring break.

Looking back, March was a very busy month in our classroom as we took a look at some fairytales and did some learning about dinosaurs. We did a variety of crafts throughout these themes with a special focus on the process. Our crafts often incorporate many different skills that your child will use for years to come such as cutting, drawing, grasping different materials for gluing or painting and much more. These skills relate directly to your children's printing and fine motor skills while allowing them to be creative. During our dinosaur theme, we were able to gain more practice making 3D creatures and structures as well as incorporate measurement and counting.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join me for a conference! I know that phone and video chatting is not our ideal way to communicate but it is always important to me to hear your thoughts, questions, concerns and feedback. On that note, please reach out at any time if there is something you would like to discuss. I love hearing about what your children are enjoying at school too!

In April we will be exploring the changes we observe in the spring using our five senses. We will also be learning about various animals based on an author study of the books written by Laura Numeroff.

A quick reminder that our weather is still changing day to day and we will be going outside for gym daily. Our activities will include using both the playground as well as the fields so we ask that you please send your child with all the appropriate clothing and footwear. Thank you!

Warmly,

Mrs. Scherpenisse

Have Your Say - Alberta Curriculum Review

Alberta Education began a lengthy review of the Kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum several years ago. Under Stage 6 of the process, they have now released the new curriculum to the public and will be collecting input from the public and education partners through this spring. In September 2021 they will begin piloting the curriculum in classrooms, and then will implement it across the province in 2022-23.

You may have noticed initial public comments of both praise and concern in the media, and we strongly encourage all parents to spend some time reviewing the information provided on the government website. You can find extensive information at:

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx>

You will also find a survey link to provide your input:

<https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6//s?s=public2021EN>

Mrs. Scherpenisse has reviewed the proposed changes and can provide her observations at the upcoming parent council meeting (via Zoom) on Tuesday April 6th. We hope you will be able to join us!

Parent Planter Project

At the beginning of June, we will be releasing painted lady butterflies that we have hatched in our classroom. Painted Lady butterflies need nectar from flowers, and females need leaves as a place to lay their eggs - 5 to 7 days after emerging! As an extension of this project, we would like to build a planter box outside of our classroom with some flowers. We will keep it simple but would like help with getting supplies and building the planter.

Please email us if you can help coordinate the project or lend a helping hand!

