



Dalhousie Community Kindergarten

February Newsletter



Valentine's Day:

Reminder: Since Valentine's Day lands on the Teacher's Convention weekend this year, we will be celebrating and exchanging valentines on **Wednesday, February 10**. If your child would like to bring valentines for their friends, we would like to have them brought to class by Friday 5th or Monday 8th latest. An email has been sent home with a name list that can be used when completing valentines.

Skating Lessons

Our next three skating lessons will be held indoors at the Crowchild Twin Arena. This will give our hardworking skaters a chance to be on the ice each week regardless of weather conditions. The outdoor rink has been a wonderful option and we encourage you to visit with your children so they can show you what they have learned. We will also try to use it during class time as the winter continues. We are so grateful to the community volunteers who have been maintaining the rink behind the community centre!

On skating days we will travel by bus from the community centre to the rink, with the bus leaving at 8:55 am after we have taken attendance. **If you are running late, please text the classroom cell phone at (403) 875-8783** and let us know so that you do not delay the whole class. You can meet us at the arena. We will return to the community centre in time for regular pick-up at 11:45.

Skating days are Tuesday Feb 9, Wednesday Feb 17 and Wednesday Feb 24.

Dates to Remember

🌀 Feb 9th – Skating. Bus will be leaving at 8:55 to take us to Crowchild Twin Arena



🌀 Feb 10 – Valentine's Day party. Wear red, pink or purple!



🌀 Feb 11 – No School, Teacher's Convention ❌

🌀 Feb 12 – No School, Teacher's Convention ❌

🌀 Feb 15 – No School, Family Day ❌

🌀 Feb 17 – Skating. Bus will be leaving at 8:55 to take us to Crowchild Twin Arena



🌀 Feb 24 – Skating. Bus will be leaving at 8:55 to take us to Crowchild Twin Arena

🌀 March 2 – Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm - plan to join us!

Swimming Lessons

Organization of our April/May lessons continues to be on hold while pools evaluate their ability to offer a program to us. We will keep you posted!

Happy Birthday!

Two of our friends celebrated birthdays this month! Griffin (Feb 3) and Leah (Feb 5).
Hooray for birthdays!



Donation of Outgrown Skates or Helmets:

If you or someone you know has skates (hockey or figure skates) that are outgrown in the 11 – 2 size range, or helmets for small noggins, consider donating them to our “loaner” collection. We may be able to put them to good use!

2021 – 22 School Year

Thank you to all the families who helped us spread the word to promote registration for next school year. We are pleased to let you know that our class for next year is currently full. We will maintain a wait list, as it is not uncommon for families to have to make changes to their plans. Please continue to encourage families that may be interested in our program to get in touch with us. Your recommendations are the best advertising that we have, and we are always happy to promote our program!

Families who are moving on to community schools for grade 1 are encouraged to get in touch with the school you plan to attend to let them know you would like to register. You can do this at any time - schools are always planning ahead to so they can best accommodate their new families, and with many families choosing not to take a kindergarten year, planning for Grade 1 is a bit of an unknown for many schools. Your kindergarten children have been registered with Alberta Education and have an existing Alberta student number. Schools anywhere in Alberta can access that information, and at the end of the year, we will forward school records to any school that requests them from us.



A Note from the teacher...

Just like that January has come and gone! The students did a great job learning all about winter. A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings who helped during our first week back with online learning. I really enjoyed seeing all the learning that took place at home. Back in the classroom the children worked hard on some patterning, printing, cutting and learning a poem about a silly snowman. The highlight for many was our snow volcanos! We were excited to find a way to begin our skating lessons in January. We have children at all different skill levels so it was wonderful to see how well they all did in their first lesson.

Our theme for February is Community Helpers. We also learnt about Groundhog’s Day, Valentine’s Day and will celebrate the 100th day of school. We will have a Valentine’s party in class on Wednesday, February 10th as it is our last day of school before the long weekend. Children will be welcome to bring Valentine’s for their classmates that day. I will send out a list of class names as this is a great opportunity for your child to practice their printing by writing their friends' names as well as their own.

My door and email are always open so please get in touch if you have any questions or feedback.

Warmly,
Mrs. Scherpenisse