

FIRE STATION

APRIL 2015

# Dalhousie kindergarten



## IMPORTANT DATES:

APR 3RD: NO SCHOOL

APR 7TH: FIREFIGHTER PRESENTATION - 11AM

APR 9TH: HD CARTWRIGHT VISIT

APR 13TH: CLAY FOR KIDS - 9AM - 10:45AM  
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 7PM

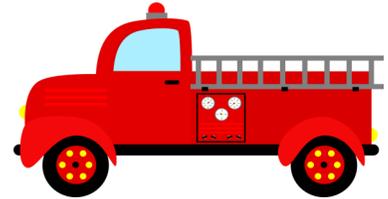
APR 17TH: NO SCHOOL

APR 22ND: BUTTERFLY WINGS 'N WISHES - 10AM

APR 30TH: MAD SCIENCE - 9:30AM

## FIREFIGHTER PRESENTATION

On April 7th, firefighter Dave is coming to the classroom to tell the children all about his role as a community helper!



## CLAY FOR KIDS

“Clay for Kids” will be stopping by the classroom on April 13th! The presentation will involve a demonstration followed by a short question and answer session. We would like to invite Dads and Grandpas to come help in the classroom on this day as the class will be making something special for Mother’s Day! If your child is unable to attend class, please let Clair or Catherine know in advance. Each child will be creating their own project, so it is important to know who will be in attendance.

## HD CARTWRIGHT

On Thursday April 9th, our friendship with the “big kids” at HD Cartwright continues. We have been invited over to their school for a portion of the morning to do buddy reading, participate in a special craft and enjoy a snack. Permission slips coming home soon.

## CLASS INFORMATION

**CLASS TIME: 9:00-11:50AM**

**PHONE: 403-288-1050**

**TEACHER: CLAIR BROWN**

**ADMIN: CATHERINE SPACKMAN**

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For more information

## MAD SCIENCE

The class will be engaging in a fun scientific experiment! Mad Science will be coming to the classroom on April 30th for a presentation on “Bubbling Potions”. There will be a hands-on activity sure to capture everyone’s sense of wonder!

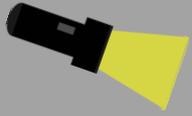
## BUTTERFLY WINGS 'N WISHES

In addition to all the other fun activities this month, we will also have an exciting visit from Butterfly Wings 'N Wishes, on April 22nd.

## DCA KIDS WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that the Kindergarten website [dcakids.com](http://dcakids.com) is currently being redesigned. It will have some cool new features and we are hoping the new and improved site will be launched in the next month or so. Stay tuned for more info!





# April

## DALHOUSIE KINDERGARTEN 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 *REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	7 FIREFIGHTER PRESENTATION (11 AM)	8	9 HD CARTWRIGHT SCHOOL VISIT	10	11
12	13 CLAY FOR KIDS (9 - 10:45AM) PARENT COUNCIL MEETING (7PM)	14	15	16	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20	21	22 BUTTERFLY WINGS 'N WISHES (10 AM)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 MAD SCIENCE (9:30 AM)		

**NOTES:** PLEASE NOTE - APRIL 6TH IS A REGULAR SCHOOL DAY.

\*NO BOTTLE COLLECTION THIS MONTH

\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MAY 8TH IS MOTHER'S DAY TEA!



## TEACHER'S CORNER

March has been another great month. The kids are really thinking about what they learn, and becoming more self-directed in their discoveries.

With the upcoming 'Community Helpers' theme, we will open up the 'hospital' center, and an amazing number of illnesses will be cured with the careful attention of the resident doctors. We will have an official visit from everybody's favorite firefighter, Dave Biglin, to talk about fire safety and show us his cool gear. We will bring in a Community Association Board member to tell about the bigger operations of our building and community. Clay for Kids will teach us to make a fused glass piece; Butterfly Wings 'n' Wishes will talk to us about reptiles and amphibians; and Mad Science will visit to show us some awesome 'bubbling potions'.

The class will continue to practice letter and number identification and formation, letter sounds, sequencing, categorizing, and counting. The vowels are the last of our letter of the week program. After they are discussed, we will begin a program of reading a "Morning Message" each day. Through it the children will begin to look at common patterns in words, common beginnings and endings for words, some handy sight words, and predicting in reading. Their writing practice will be done in journals, with pencil and paper rather than chalk. I encourage kids to make a note at home about any special events, then share the news from their journals. Often deciding what to write about is the hardest part, so your help in choosing this at home will enhance the process. You can provide a paper with the spelling of one or two key words. Please do NOT send a whole paragraph of news for them to transcribe. It reduces their learning if they do not need to figure out anything for themselves. Sounding out is encouraged, so if your child is ready to try this, don't be too meticulous about spelling. Invented spellings are the first step toward getting ideas on paper. If you can arrange to stay for a few minutes in the morning, you can be a big help.

Kindergarten aged children have been given an on-line home reading assignment (RAZ kids). This experience will be MUCH more valuable toward a good start to reading if you sit down with your child regularly for a short reading session. They are a talented bunch- help them celebrate their new knowledge!

In April we will begin the 'Spring' theme. We will talk about bugs, butterfly life cycles, rain and growing things. Watch for the arrival of caterpillars, which we will feed and nurture until they become butterflies! Then early next month, we hope to bring in some ready-to-hatch duck eggs. This is a wonderfully exciting and memorable learning experience, and even the teacher learns something new each year.

Here is a small heads up for those working Moms: you may want to arrange an hour off work on May 8, from about 10:45-11:45. The kids will present some Mother's Day entertainment, serve you tea, and give you their specially made gift. We have been told it is too cute to miss!

Remember to sign up for a day to help in the classroom. It really is meaningful to your child to have you there. Even if there are not any materials preparation jobs listed, it is very worthwhile to have parents visit. It is an opportunity for your child to feel very special.

Since there are no further formal parent-teacher interviews scheduled, I urge you to talk to me any time if you have questions or concerns, or if there is a change in your child that you think I should know about.

Happy spring!

~Clair