

Dalhousie Kindergarten Newsletter

- JANUARY 2016

Save the Date!

Jan 8, 22, 29 – No School

Jan 12 – Open House

Jan 12 – Bottle Drive (BRING YOUR BOTTLES!)

Jan 13, 20, 27 – Skating lessons

Jan 14 – Yoga (remember comfortable clothing)

Jan 25 – Hip Hop class with Infinite Creations.
(remember comfortable clothing)

Jan 26 – Kindergarten registration



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Tara

Erica

Volunteers Needed!

Parent Drivers Needed – Skating & Swimming Lessons

We need parent drivers to take children to and from lessons and to assist once there. If we do not get enough volunteer drivers, we will not be able to run these lessons and the kids will not benefit from these unique program experiences. **Please advise Catherine if you or a family member can help with any part of:**

- ✓ Skating - Wednesdays Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3 and 10.
- ✓ Swimming – Tuesdays and Thursdays – March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17.
 - **Volunteers are also needed in the change rooms** – are there any Dads or Grandpas that can make these dates to help the boys out?

In Class Volunteers

A sign-up calendar will be placed on the bulletin board outside of the classroom. Your child really values you coming into the class so please try to find time this school year to spend a morning (or more!) in the class.



We want your bottles!!

The bottle drive is the morning of Tuesday January 12th. Bottles will be collected at the school.

All proceeds go to supporting unique programs for our kids, please bring your bottles as well as those from family/friends/neighbors if you can!





Skating Lessons - update

Lessons will be held at the Brentwood Sportsplex (leaving the school at 9:15 am). Please remember to pack your child's helmet and skates along with a warm sweater and snow pants. If your child is under 40 pounds, they must be transported in an anchored car seat.

Parent drivers are needed for this activity

Hip Hop with Infinite Creations



A big THANK YOU to Infinite Creations for teaching our Jan 25th Hip Hop Class!

Infinite Creations offers various dance programs for ages two through adult in their spacious studio. Classes are fun and exciting, and the programs aim to enrich the life skills of children and youth by encouraging positive self esteem, confidence and fostering life long friendships. You are invited to check out the studio at their open house Saturday February 6, 1-3pm.

For more information or to enroll your child in lessons please contact info@infinitecreationscalgary.com!

Registration & Open House

We will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday January 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm for prospective families to view the class, meet Mrs. Brown and have their questions answered.

You are our best form of advertising though! If you know any families with kindergarten aged children that are looking at their options for next year, please send them our way!

Tell them about the Open House, direct them to our website at www.dcakids.com and / or tell them to contact Catherine on Monday / Wednesday mornings. Kindergarten Registration v Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



TEACHER'S CORNER



Happy New Year everyone!

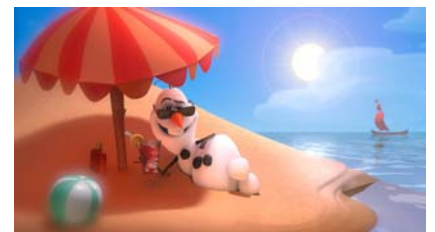
Our Christmas Concert and Party were great fun, and I was very impressed with the ability of the kids to sing right out with no holds barred! A special thank you to all those who assisted in making our Christmas theme one to remember: to Wendy Kondrat, our accompanist; to the Parent Council who arranged for construction of gingerbread houses and made up frosting and candy bags; and to those volunteers who cleaned all the equipment to insure a "flu-free" room for January. Please be aware we will need more help for the June clean-up and inventory, which are much bigger projects. Each family is expected to help in one of the tasks.

For the month of January, we will work on the theme 'Winter'. We would like to go outside most days, so please arrange those snow pants, boots, mitts, hats and helmets. Please **PUT NAMES IN ALL BELONGINGS!** Our skating lessons take place largely during the 'Winter' theme. Please try not to be late on skating days, as this would hold up the other children. If you should arrive and find us gone, bring your child to the Brentwood Sportplex, by the Sir Winston Churchill swimming pool. All we need now is a set of authorized drivers to get us to the arena. If this proves impossible some days, you will each be asked to take your own child there and back! We hope that Dalhousie's own skating rink will be ready for skating fun, then we will head outside for the last half hour of class on selected days. This is a great way to reinforce what we've learned at our lessons, and just have fun. Watch for notice of chosen fun skating days and be prepared to send skating equipment.



The letter of the week program continues until Easter, so ask your child which letter is being studied and reinforce learning by doing activities at home. Remember to send in an item to show on Tuesdays, especially if your child is not outspoken. This casual sharing opportunity does great things for their confidence. A reminder too that it is really important that you be prompt on regular school days. Late arrivals are missing some essential writing and reading practise, and they make it more difficult for those children who are already working to focus on their writing.

Writing activities are on-going, with such practices as making lists, invitations, cards in the house center; chalkboard practice every day; developing perceptive visual discrimination by copying shapes for artwork; improving fine motor skills with dot to dots and mazes; writing words in our own stories; dictating stories for paintings and pictures; and writing little messages for the teacher or each other. In math we will continue to build on patterning and sequencing skills, making and matching sets and number recognition 0-9. In science we will be looking at the characteristics of winter and changes in matter - melting and freezing. We will likely have an in-class Winter Beach Party, a fun way to compare the seasons.



If you have any suggestions to enhance our themes please do not hesitate to talk to me. Some of you enjoy doing crafts with children, and you would be welcome to show one to the kids any time. Or you may play an instrument you would like to demonstrate, or bring in some nifty science related thing from work that you think would interest the children. Cultural heritage talks are always very enlightening. We welcome all involvement.

- Clair



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 No School	5 Classes Resume	6	7	8 No School	9
10	11	12 Bottle Drive Bring your bottles!	13 Skating Lessons start	14 Yoga (remember comfortable clothing)	15	16
17	18	19	20 Skating Lessons	21	22 No School	23
24	25 Hip Hop with Infinite Creations	26	27 Skating Lessons	28	29 No School	30

Notes:

Themes this month:

- Winter

Class Info:

- TIME: 9:00-11:50AM
- PHONE: 403-288-1050
- TEACHER: CLAIR BROWN
- ADMIN: CATHERINE SPACKMAN
- MORE INFO: www.dcakids.com

Birthdays:



Tara, Erica