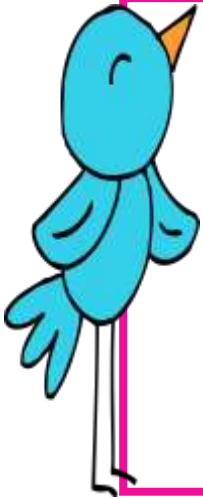


# Dalhousie Kindergarten Newsletter

MAY & JUNE 2016



## Save the Date!

- May 6 – Mothers day tea @10.30am – Moms invited!
- May 10 – Outside In visits the classroom
- May 11 – Zumba in class (comfortable clothing req'd)
- May 16 – Last parent council meeting
- May 20, 23 – No School
- June 3, 10 – No School
- June 11 – Year-end Family picnic
- June 16 - Last day of school (save the date, in class celebration and you're invited)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May  
Genevieve, Miss Destiny

June  
Fiona

July  
Dylan, Harry, William

Summer birthdays will be celebrated in June.



## Mother's day tea

Moms, hope to see you for this very special event where the students will pamper their Moms! It will be on Friday, May 6 starting at 10:30. We hope to see you there.

## Inventory, class cleanup & your deposit

By now, a lot of parents have either completed their mandatory volunteer requirement at the Christmas classroom clean up or committed to an upcoming event.

These include the book inventory, the regular inventory on **Saturday May 28** at 10:00 or the final class clean up on **Friday June 17 at 10:00**. Once you have fulfilled this volunteer requirement, the \$50 deposit collected in September will be returned.

Catherine will be contacting those who have not committed to an event to see what works best for their family.





## Year end family picnic

Celebrate the end of the Kindergarten and all the special friendships made by coming together at our Year End Family Picnic. It is slated for **Saturday June 11**. We will need help with this special event (Food coordination, family activities, clean-up crews, etc) so watch for more information to come home.

*This is our last Newsletter...*



*Have a great May, June & Summer!*

## TEACHER'S CORNER

Can you believe that the kindergarten year is rapidly drawing to an end? It seems like just yesterday we watched the children come tentatively through the door for the first time. They have grown so much in confidence and competence!

April was a great month for in-class visitors. Clay For Kids, Nurse Fiona, Firefighter Ed and Police Officer Roy all came by. We also did another round of yoga stretches and we visited the University of Calgary climbing wall. Wow, what strong climbers!



With the SPRING theme, we started looking at a variety of life cycles, including the metamorphosis of caterpillars into butterflies as well as the hatching of duck eggs - our little duckling Rose hatched a short while ago! In May, we will go on a spring walk to a nearby park, to look for natural signs of spring. "Outdoors In" will be our guide. Miss Destiny will also have some soccer skills lessons, now that her leg has almost healed.

We have finished our letter-of-the-week program, and now we are using the letters to make "newsy messages" each day. This happens first thing each morning, so please help us keep a quiet working space by saying good-byes outside the door, unless you are coming in to help a child sound out some words. The kids have been given journals for their messages, and news items are encouraged (what you did on the weekend, any new collectibles, lost teeth, a nature observation, or just something they noticed and liked). It is very helpful if you talk about what your child may write before they get to school, maybe even provide them a key word on a small paper, so they don't forget. The big message board will have a message from the teacher each day, which will provide experience with common patterns in words, word endings and beginnings, some sight words, and predicting in reading.



Special events in May include our Mother's Day tea. The Tea will be held Friday May 6, and guests are invited from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Class times remain the same. If Mom is unable to attend, perhaps a Grandparent, aunt, family friend, or nanny can come. The children often feel disappointed if they have no one to fetch goodies for. Please try to arrange babysitting for younger siblings (except babies) as this is a special occasion for you and your kindergarten child to enjoy. More than one adult can attend if you let me know ahead of time. Just leave a note on the mailboxes.

For the last part of May and the start of June, the theme is ANIMALS. There will be a family picnic at Bowness Park on Saturday June 11. Watch for more information, and a sign-up sheet for what you can bring or how you can help. This event is headed up by your Parent Council, and I am sure they would appreciate any offers of help.



We will need parent volunteers on June 17, to clean up the classroom and sterilize all the toys, so don't plan your summer get-away too soon, and I won't either!



The last day of classes for the children is June 16, the Year-End Celebration. Friends, family and yes, siblings are invited to help celebrate the success this lovely group of kids have had in kindergarten and junior kindergarten.

**I would like to thank all the families for a terrific year.** I appreciate the energetic support you lent to the program. The kids are a super bunch, so I found the time spent with these personalities was tremendously rewarding. I would do it all over in a minute, if they hadn't all learned so well that they are more than ready for the next step. I wish all of you a safe and happy summer!

**With many thanks ~ Clair**





