



## Teacher's Corner

February was a short month, but it was packed with action and excitement for the class. I was impressed with the writing some kids did on their Valentine cards. Thanks to those parents who provided special snacks for Valentine's Day. And wow! Thanks to the whole group who arranged to drive, lace and help out for skating lessons and for our outdoor skating times. You are all very supportive, and help make this program wonderful. The kids finished lessons feeling very proud of the new skills learned. Even the tentative skaters worked hard and grew in confidence! What a team!

In March we begin to talk about Dinosaurs, always a real favorite and highly motivating for Kindergarten kids. I am a bit of a rock hound myself, in the summer months, and I will share some of my finds as well. If your child comes home with a fossil, it is legitimate. The laws are that people can collect what is eroded out to the surface on crown land, fossils can be taken home, and they can be given away but not sold. They are technically still the property of the province, and the collector is acting as custodian. In this way, the children are helping to prevent our provincial treasures from eroding away to nothing. We look forward to some great field trips and visitors in March, including Hip Hop dance with Infinite Creations; Climbing at Stronghold; and another visit with friends from HD Cartwright Junior High, who are preparing a readers' theater presentation for us.

March is another reporting period for Kindergarten-aged students. I will see some of you in the evening on March 22, and some during the morning on March 23. (Junior interviews were completed in January.) Don't forget that you are always welcome to arrange to talk to me after class if something comes up that you are wondering or excited about.

## Important dates for March:

- Mar. 6 – Parent Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 1, 8 – Music lessons
- Mar. 2 – Special project with Miss Destiny
- **Mar. 3, 17, 23 24 – No school**
- Mar. 22 – Stronghold climbing wall field trip\*
- Mar. 22, 23 – Parent teacher interviews\*
- **Mar. 27-31 – Spring Break**  
(Classes resume Apr. 3)

*\*more info to come*

## Swimming Lessons

A reminder that in-class swim lessons will begin immediately following Spring Break on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, and 20. Again, we will depend on parent drivers to get the kids to the pool and to help in the change rooms. As lessons go twice a week, please see if you are able to help out. Lessons this year will be at Foothills Pool.

## Registration Update

Next year's kindergarten class is now full, but we are accepting registrations to join our waitlist. If you know of any families that are still considering the Dalhousie Community Kindergarten for next year please have them contact us.

## Mark your Calendars!

We will celebrate Mrs. Brown's retirement with a special family picnic at Bowness Park on Saturday, June 3 in the afternoon. More details will follow closer to the date.



**Teacher's Corner continued...**

In April, we begin swimming classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Prepare ahead so you can send children to school with their swimsuit on under their clothes, and with a towel and underwear in a bag for after the lesson. **EVERYTHING MUST HAVE A NAME LABEL!!** Thanks to all of you who can arrange your busy schedules to help us transport the children to this important set of lessons. There is nothing like learning together with friends to motivate children, and we could not do it without drivers and helpers.



I would also like to remind parents that it is VERY valuable for children to see their parents at their school. It emphasizes that school is important to the people closest to them, and they develop their respect for learning. Parents or grandparents are very welcome in the classroom as volunteers, and the kids will be thrilled to show you around. Destiny and I will be glad to see you.

- Clair



# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Music lesson	2 Special project with Miss Destiny	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4
5	6 Parent Council, 7 p.m.	7	8 Music lesson	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	18
19	20	21	22 Stronghold climbing wall field trip Parent teacher interviews (p.m.)	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Parent teacher interviews (a.m.)	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	28 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	29 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	30 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	31 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	

Notes:

**Class Information:**

**Time: 9 – 11:50 a.m.**

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