



Please note, this is our last newsletter of the year!

Important dates for May & June:

- May 8 – Last Parent Council Meeting: at Essence of Saigon restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- May 8 – Climbing Wall field trip
- May 12 – Mother's Day Tea, 10:45-11:45
- May 18 – In-class presentation by Outdoors In
- **May 19, 22, 26 – No school**
- **June 2, 9 - No school**
- **June 3 – Mrs. Brown's retirement picnic**
- June 14 – Field trip to Butterfield Acres*
- **June 16 – Last day of school**

**more info to come*

Mother's Day Tea

Please join us for a Mother's Day Tea from 10:45 to 11:45 on Friday, May 12! The class has been preparing for this special occasion and the kids would love to have their mom, grandma or caregiver attend.

Inventory & Class Clean-up

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 27 at 10:00 or the final class clean up on Friday June 16 at 1:00. 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.

Mrs. Brown's Retirement Picnic at Bowness Park

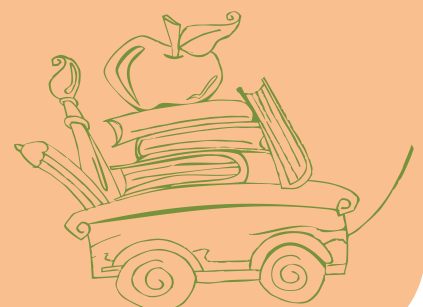
A couple of emails have been sent home about this event, with a link to our google form. <https://goo.gl/forms/1KOPhXyMYiOnlg2x1>. Please RSVP as soon as possible to assist with our planning and to obtain more information. You can also speak to Catherine or Destiny about this directly.

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 and tours. Pilot Rob told us a lot about those planes he flies; Firefighter Dave gave an awesome tour of the Bears Paw fire hall; Nurse Fiona discussed health and how nurses can help people when they are needing it – a great start to the hospital center; HD Cartwright leadership class showed us what reader's theater is, and invited the kindergartners to come up and help the readers. Swimming lessons were a big part of the phys. ed. program for the month. Clay for Kids helped us make a beautiful surprise to give to Mom at our up-coming Mother's Day Tea. Our talented Miss Destiny will be teaching us a good base of soccer skills in her dynamic soccer classes. With the SPRING theme, we started looking at a variety of life cycles, beginning with the arrival of duck eggs, and continuing with caterpillars of Painted Lady butterflies. We will do some spring walks to a nearby park, to look for natural signs of spring.

We have finished our letter-of-the-week program, and are now using the letters to make "newsy messages" in our journals each day. This happens first thing each morning (usually) and you are welcome to come in and help a child sound out some words. Often the kids need a few ideas to get them started, so it would be awesome if you can review interesting things that happened at home when you're on your way to school - what you did on the weekend, any new collectibles, lost teeth, a nature observation, something about their family, or just something they noticed and liked. Please do not send whole sentences to copy, since that puts a limit on the amount of discovery the kids can make about writing. The big message board will have a message from the teacher each day, which will provide reading experience with common patterns in words, word endings and beginnings, some sight words, and predicting in reading.



Teacher's Corner continued...

Special events in May include our Mother's Day tea. The Tea will be held Friday May 12, 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.



Later in the month (May 8) we have arranged a class trip to the climbing wall at Stronghold. Watch for a waiver to arrive home. Note that the climb is carefully supervised, with children taking turns and staff supporting each one. For the end of May and most of June, the theme is ANIMALS. We are planning a field trip that goes through lunch on Wednesday June 14, when we go to Butterfield Acres. For this field trip, we will be leaving in the morning (9:00 a.m.), staying through lunch and returning in the early afternoon (1:50 p.m.). Children will be bringing their own lunch. We will ride on a school bus, together with our parent helpers - no driving! Yay! More information will arrive with your permission forms closer to the day.

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 support you lent to the program. The kids are a super bunch, so I found the time spent with these personalities was tremendously rewarding. What a perfect group for me to spend time with to finish out my kindergarten teaching career. I call this 'my golden class'. I wish all of you a safe and happy summer!

With many thanks,

- Clair

Butterfield Acres Field Trip

The class will be going on a field trip to Butterfield Acres on Wednesday, June 14. Class time will be extended that day to spend a bit of extra time at the farm. Children will be back to the school at about 1:45 p.m.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Just a reminder that we are an organization that raises funds through Mabel's Labels. As your child heads to their new school next year, just like at kindergarten, everything will need to be labeled and the products available through Mabel's Labels are a great way to make this happen! Visit mabelslabels.com and select Dalhousie Community Kindergarten under the "Support a Fundraiser" button to support our school and to access great products

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Miss Destiny: May 5
Gwendolyn: May 9
Alan & Aaric: May 26
Fiona: June 11
Lamont: July 9
William: July 24
Victoria: August 15



May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Music	4	5	6
7	8 Climbing Wall field trip	9	10	11	12 Mother's Day Tea	13
14	15	16	17 Music	18 In-class presentation: Outdoors In	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL	23	24	25	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29	30	31 Music			

Notes:

Class Information:

Time: 9 – 11:50 a.m.

Phone: 403-288-1050

Teacher: Clair Brown

Administrator: Catherine Spackman

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June 2017

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				1	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Mrs. Brown's Retirement Picnic
4	5	6	7	8	9 NO SCHOOL	10
11	12	13	14 Butterfield Acres field trip <i>*back around 1:45</i>	15	16 Last Day of School	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	