



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Administrator Column



Happy New Year to all our wonderful families from the staff at Discovery; we are all looking forward to another fun packed year.

December was a busy month and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the kind gifts and warm wishes to the staff, not to mention for Lori and I in the office.

Well January is already up and running and we are now full steam ahead with programs and fieldtrips (see Preschool

for dates and details).

We have a few new friends who have joined us at Daycare and Preschool and I would like to welcome them all to Discovery. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions to any of the staff or Lori and I.

Registration

Internal registration will be open at **12:01am Monday 1st February**. You should have received instructions via email by now, and will see instructions posted on the doors of the programs.

- You would email your request for program, day and class after 12:01am and it will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We hope that everyone understands that we have to adhere to the rules of 'first come first served' and we cannot make exceptions; it is entirely up to each family to register at the time 12:01.

If you have any questions about this please contact Lori in the office.

External Registration

For new families who want to register their child at Discovery the registration will be open at **12:01am on Monday 22nd February**, if you know anyone who would like to register their child please let them know about this (the information is also on our website). Thank



you for sharing and recommending Discovery. It is because of our wonderful families giving our information out that we are fortunate to continue our amazing programs.

Preschool Parent Meetings

We have given the opportunity for Preschool families to sign up for a ten minute get together with Teacher Lori and myself just to chat about how their child is doing (although we always offer open dialogue and an open door policy). We have emailed each of those who signed up to confirm times. Please let us know if you are unable to make this as we have people on the wait list and would like to be able to offer them the chance if you are unable to attend.

Tammy and I have been discussing the possibility of offering a similar opportunity to Daycare/Buzzing Bees parents, watch this space.

PME Pro D

Monday 18th January, no Preschool/Buzzing Bees - a signup sheet is now available for Adventurers/Kinders to allow us to calculate how many will be attending this day. See Tammy and Rob's columns for details on the Kinder/Adventurers plan for the day.

New Board Member Nominees

If you are interested in being on our Executive Board next year we will be releasing the nomination forms in March. If you would like to find out more about the roles and responsibilities involved in this, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss it. If you would like you can also contact the Board through the executive email for more information: executive@discovery.ca.

Committee Reminder

I would like to remind parents who are on the following committees that meetings will be scheduled for February/March to get the ball rolling on various events. Not to be too harsh, but it is part of your commitment to the Society to be involved in these meetings and events, therefore PLEASE attend the meetings and respond to Jaimee (Committee Coordinator) when she emails with information.

Grad Planning

Grad set up

Picnic

Parade

Simply put, if we don't have committees we don't have the events as the teachers cannot provide this over and above the hard work they do in the classrooms.



This month we would like to introduce **Sheryl**

Many of you now know Sheryl as she started with us in September. Sheryl works as a support assistant in the preschool five afternoons per week. Her role is to work closely with some of our children and ensure they can participate and get the most fun they can out of the preschool class. Sheryl will also be starting as a support assistant with our Adventurers program this week. We like to keep Sheryl busy so she also helps out as a casual member of staff in all of our programs when we need her. She is a wonderful, warm person and she would love to say "Hi" if you introduce yourself.



Tax Receipts

Lori will be working on tax receipts for the Daycare/Adventurer families in January. If your child is in Preschool and you require a receipt, please email Lori by January 15th to request one. Please note Daycare and Adventurers families will automatically get a Tax receipt.

Thank you,

Mandy

Adventurer's Column

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a great break. I would like to thank all the families who gave us kind gifts over the holidays, it was much appreciated.

We are back into it now. The next Pro D day will be on January 18th and we now have a signup sheet soon. We will be going on a fieldtrip with the Kinders to Hollywood 3 movie theatre (movie to be determined). We ask that you pay \$5.00 for this fieldtrip and complete a fieldtrip permission form as soon as you can.



This is a wet and muddy time of the year and many of the children are wearing boots. If your child does not have any inside shoes please can you bring some in.

In the New Year we will be continuing to go to the library; during last month's visit we had a Lego building day which all of the children enjoyed.

If you need to talk to me feel free do so during our open time or email/call the office. 2015 was a great year and 2016 is going to be much the same.

Rob



Preschool Column

Happy New Year!! We hope everyone had a well-rested break as January will be busy. We were lucky to have snow the first day back so we are currently doing a winter/snow theme. With the colder weather we have more 'gear' to put on to go outside. We know it is hard to label everything so if you have toques, mittens, gloves and/or scarves it is best to tuck these into the sleeve of your child's coat; that way when they take their snack out of their cubby these don't end up on the floor.



Please remember if you have signed up for a parent/teacher interview to please confirm you are attending and please keep in mind that we do not have child minding so we ask you to find alternate care for your child.



We will be going to **Angelic Voices January 21st and 22nd**. We will meet at preschool and then leave from here. The fieldtrip is an hour and with the space being small we will ask only the duty parents to stay with the group and everyone else to come back at the end of the fieldtrip.

Reminder that we would ask you to provide healthy snacks and no chips, candy, juice or yoghurt drinks.

You may want to update your child's change of clothing as we have noticed that the children have grown a lot and the clothes may no longer fit.

Again thank you for all that you do.

Teachers Lori and Sonja

Daycare Column

Happy New Year to all of our families! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your children. I know from experience that children 'grow up sooo fast' so it's important to make these special memories together. The staff and I would like to thank you for all the generous gifts.

January is now upon us and our first day back was very exciting with our first snow fall. The children made snowmen inside at the project table and played outside in the snow. The weather is wet and cold and we do still go outside, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately (warm coats, boots, etc.)

We are continuing to observe the children and their interests and implement those interests into our program planning. This month we are looking at weather/winter and will



be starting to talk about our families and 'All About Me'. Over the next few weeks we will be asking your children "Who is in your family?" "What do you like to eat?" "What do you do to keep your body healthy?" I will be sending home some 'homework' so please help your child to cut out the foods they like and glue them to the paper plate I will provide (grocery store flyers work best). I will also be sending home a 'Live 5210' pamphlet on nutritional facts for you to read with your child to encourage them to identify healthy foods etc.

Sign In and Out

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. We would also like to ask that if you put an indication of pick up time that as much as possible can you stick to that time. Children do ask us during the day when their mommy or daddy is coming and we refer to this time; it makes it easier for a child if you can pick up at your indicated time. If you are going to be late it would help to let us know and we can explain to your child. We do understand that traffic and trains can sometimes make it difficult.

Just a friendly reminder that by 9am we will be in the gym each day, if you arrive with your child after this time and we are already there it is your responsibility to bring your child to the gym once you have signed them in. Thank you.

On Monday January 18th there is no Buzzing Bees program.

Thursday January 28th we are having a Pyjama Day. Please have your child come to school in their PJ's. If your child does not want to wear their Pyjamas, that is ok; its completely their choice. We have planned some fun activities for this day including hot chocolate and marshmallows for snack.

Kinders



Pro D Monday January 18th - Both Kinders and Adventurers will be doing a joint fieldtrip to the Harris Road Hollywood 3 cinema. We ask you to complete a permission form with \$5.00 and give it to Rob. Any questions please see Tammy.

Thank you,

Tammy and the Daycare/Buzzing Bees Team, Christina C, Christina H, and Emily