



# Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Hello Discovery families. My name is Rachel Hess and I am the new Administrator for Discovery Playhouse Children's Society. I have been a parent of the preschool over the course of four years and volunteered as Secretary on the Executive Board 2015/2016. I look forward to following in Mandy's footsteps and working with the wonderful staff. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be introducing myself to the families who don't know me. In my first week, I was amazed at the creativity of the Daycare kids with their rocket ship made from masking tape and riding in a cardboard train. The theme kids are embracing is transportation. On the Preschool side the kids are being Jr. Scientist. Lots of observation and questions (and food colouring).

If you would like to contact me feel free to stop by the office, or email me at [admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca](mailto:admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca). I have a history with Teachers Lori and Sonja from my time at Discovery Preschool and am excited to have a relationship with the Daycare and Adventurers staff. The 2016/2017 staff are as follows:

Daycare Team Lead: Tammy (ECE)

Daycare: Christina C (ECE), Christine H (ECEA), Sheryl (ECEA),

Adventurers Team Lead: Rob

Adventurers: Jane

Preschool Team Lead: Lori W (ECE)

Preschool: Sonja (ECE)

Preschool Support: Rachel & Laurel

Administrator Assistant: Lori Imai

Executive Dishwasher: Gord

Daycare lunchtime helper: Jodi



Thank you to everyone for attending the AGM in September. The next mandatory parent general meeting will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Rachel Hess

## DAYCARE COLUMN

Wow time is flying by! October saw us visiting the pumpkin patch and having our Halloween Party. A very special thank you to our parents for driving, bringing in treats, and helping with our party. You guys are Great!

We continue to visit our Pitt Meadows Library for "story time" and have two dates planned for November and one in December. The librarian is always excited to see us and this is an important community connection.

The Pitt Meadows Senior Centre is located just behind the Rec Centre and we have been connecting with them for years. We will be visiting them on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for a special craft and snack. (I may have heard something about Penguins!) We also usually visit and sing Christmas songs for their special Christmas lunch in December (date to be announced). It is wonderful to see how excited both the Seniors and the children get when working together. We love visiting the "Grandmas and the Grandpas".



Who wants to wear their Pajamas to school? On Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> we are having a Pajama Day. If your child chooses to wear their PJ's to school this day - great! We will be cooking pancakes to have for snack, but please provide a lunch for your child.

In December, we will be having our Buzzing Bees Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information to follow. Your child will need a lunch on Party Days.

The Kinders had fun on the last Pro-D Day as they hung out with the Daycare for Pizza lunch. On the next Pro-D Day, Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, please allow your child to bring their favourite board game to share.

### Reminders:

Label, Label, Label! - everything that comes into the classroom, including both boots, coats, hoodies, bedding, water bottles, and lunch kits. Both staff and children are having difficulty finding the owner of items. There are often duplicates or triplicates of the same item and when they are labelled it's much easier. Thank you!

Nov 10 - Pro D Day - No Buzzing Bees. Games Day for Kinders

Nov 8, 22 - Library Storytime

Nov 23 - Pitt Meadows Senior's Centre

Nov 24 - Pajama Day (remember to bring a lunch)

Dec 13 - Library Storytime

Dec 15 - Buzzing Bees Christmas Party

Dec 19 - Jan 1 - No Buzzing Bees

Dec 26 - Jan 1 - Daycare Closed

At Discovery Playhouse, we have an open-door policy. If you have a question or need to meet, please let us know. We continue to work together with you to help your child continue to be the best they can be.

Tammy, Christina C, Christina H, Sheryl

## PRESCHOOL COLUMN

September and October have been successful months. Most of the children have settled in well. It's nice to see the children learning their friend's names and making new friendships. We had a great time at the Pumpkin Patch and we were very fortunate with the weather. Our dress up day was fun; the children made witches broom fruit kebabs and pudding for snack.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the Rec Centre closure. Out of this change of routine I think the children learned some independence in putting their things away in their cubbies.

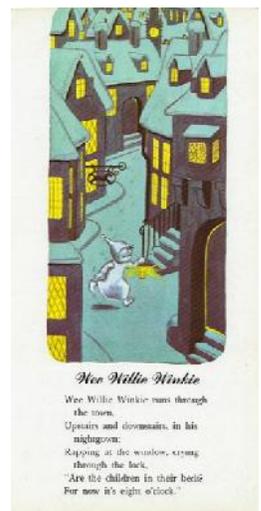
November will be a busy month. All classes will be making Nursery Rhyme books to take home at the end of the month. The children will be bringing "homework" (a colouring sheet) home. These sheets need to be returned to Preschool to complete their books. The sheets are a great opportunity to familiarize yourself and your child with the rhymes we do every day at Preschool.

We also have a fieldtrip to Angelic Voices in Maple Ridge on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This fieldtrip we will have regular preschool class so we will come to Preschool, have Show & Tell, then leave to go to Angelic Voices. The cost will be \$5.00 and please no siblings. Due to the space, only the duty parents will be able to stay. I suggest for the other parents that you can go for a coffee or bring a book, etc. We should be about 30-45 minutes.

To end the month, we will be doing the *Wee Willie Winkie* Nursery Rhyme, so we are going to have a Pajama Day on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please no slippers.

We will be holding informal Parent/Teacher interviews on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. These will be only 10 minutes in length. If you feel you need more time, then please see me and we can arrange another time and day to meet. Please sign up and if all times fill up we may hold another in February.

December also will be very busy with us going into Christmas. The Mon/Wed/Fri classes will be making Gingerbread Houses on December 9<sup>th</sup> during class time. We ask the parents to come back 35 minutes early to



help your child create their house. If you cannot make it, please let a teacher know. Every child will need an empty, clean, 250ml milk carton and candy that they would like to use to decorate their house on that day.

Our class Christmas parties will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Every child will need a wrapped Christmas tree ornament for our ornament exchange. Please label the wrapped ornament "To: My Friend From: *"your child's name"*.

Lots of stuff happening, so please look for reminder emails and notes in the sign in book.

Thanks,  
Lori & Sonja

## ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

Well, Fall's weather has hit us fairly hard. This means boots and other rain gear. Do you know that we have a place for your child to leave some slippers or comfortable shoes? We have a black bin for them just outside our room. That way your child has something warm to wear and we keep some of that mud and dirt out of the room. Even though the weather has changed, please continue to bring your child a water bottle.

Our Halloween party was a lot of fun. The pumpkins we carved looked great! Thanks to all the parents who brought food and other supplies for the party - it was much appreciated.

This month's Pro-D Day will be taking us to Captain Kid's in Langley. This indoor play area is a lot of fun and they always enjoy the public transportation ride to get there.

I look forward to more great months in the Adventurers program!

Rob and Jane

