



# Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

January / February 2018

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Happy New Year!!!! I hope everyone had a restful holiday break with family and friends. I'd also like to thank everyone for their lovely gifts and cards. It's very much appreciated!!!

With the start of the New Year, we start our planning for September 2018. If you are in Daycare or Adventurers and haven't received an Intention letter, you should shortly. Please make sure to have them submitted ASAP. If you are registering your child for Kindergarten at PME and require KinderCare, please let us know once you have received your approval of acceptance. We only provide KinderCare for children going to PME and last year unfortunately not every child was accepted.

Most of you have had the chance to meet our casual employee Kaelyn. I'm happy to announce that she has accepted a full-time position with us working in the daycare. Starting the end of January, she will be officially part of the Discovery full time family.

**DAYCARE SPACES AVAILABLE** - In September a lot of our daycare children are moving into Kindergarten, so we will have full time spaces available for 3-5 year old children. If you know of anyone needing care, please have them email Lori I at [office@discoveryplayhouse.ca](mailto:office@discoveryplayhouse.ca)

Our Preschool programs are changing, and we have updated our website to reflect those changes. In house registration will open February 5<sup>th</sup> and external registration will open February 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 classes with 20 spots each. Please see Rachel or Lori in the office if you have any questions. [www.discoveryplayhouse.ca](http://www.discoveryplayhouse.ca)



Dates to remember in January and February:

- January 26<sup>th</sup> - Pro D day; No Preschool. Kinders and Adventurers must sign up for care
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - Preschool registration opens, in house only
- February 9<sup>th</sup> - No PME; No Preschool. Kinders and Adventurers must sign up for care
- February 12<sup>th</sup> - Family Day, centre is closed
- February 13<sup>th</sup> - Pro D day; No Preschool or Buzzing Bees. Kinders and Adventurers must sign up for care
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Preschool registration opens externally
- February 27<sup>th</sup> - Preschool New Parent meeting
- February 28<sup>th</sup> - PME early dismissal; Kinder and Adventurer care NORMAL hours. Please advise staff if care is required.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - No PME. Yes to Preschool and Buzzing Bees; No Kindercare or Adventurer care this day.

Rachel

## DAYCARE COLUMN

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. I know we did, and we are ready to get back into the swing of things here in the Daycare/Buzzing Bees program.

The children have been hammering blocks while building towers, making beautiful art pieces at our free choice art center, "painting" furniture in the housekeeping center, and there were even a few snakes slithering around the room while a scorpion chased a horse!



We have exciting news to tell you - we have two new members of our Team! You will recognize Kaelyn, she has been one of our casual staff who has taken on our full-time position. Ellica has taken our part-time support position. We are excited they are here and are enjoying working with them as much as your children are!

Dates to Remember:

January 26<sup>th</sup> - PME ProD Day - Kinders can sign up for all day care

January 30<sup>th</sup> - Library

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Library

February 9<sup>th</sup> - PME ProD Day - Kinders can sign up for all day care

February 12<sup>th</sup> - Family Day - our Centre is closed

February 13<sup>th</sup> - PME ProD Day - No Buzzing Bees. Kinders can sign up for all day care

February 20<sup>th</sup> - Library

February 28<sup>th</sup> - PME dismisses at 11:30. No KinderCare is available until 2:20pm

March 1<sup>st</sup> - PME not in session. No KinderCare is available.

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Library

Christina C, Christina H, Emily, and Kaelyn



## PRESCHOOL COLUMN

We hope everyone enjoyed their winter break. January hopefully brings us some drier weather, but regardless, we will still go outside so please dress for the weather and remember inside shoes. We are excited to be back in class and have lots of ideas for the coming months. We are currently exploring Community Helpers.

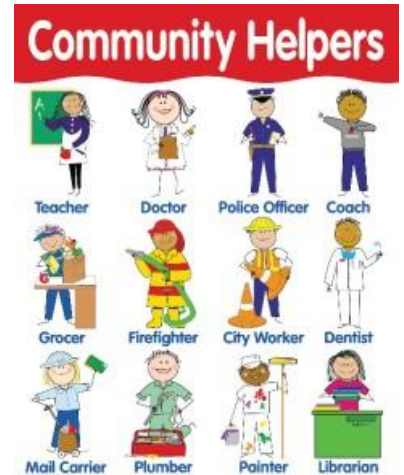
We are planning on walking to Hoffman Park the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. All classes will walk there during their class time and we will explore the "forest".

We are going to have Crazy Hair day January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no school January 26<sup>th</sup>, and February 9, 12, 13. Valentines parties will be February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are doing Valentine cards, please do not fill in the "To", this makes it much easier to distribute the cards during class time. Each child will need an empty tissue box on the party day. Sign up sheets will go out at the end of January.

The Mon/Wed/Fri classes will be walking to the Firehall on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

The first couple of days back the children have pleasantly settled back in and have been full of exciting stories to share. Stay tuned for pictures on Facebook!

Your teachers,  
Lori & Sonja



## ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a great holiday season. 2018 is set to be one of our busiest years to date. We are already planning Spring Break and our Summer. We are looking to find new places to go and new activities to do. Part of our planning involves looking at our numbers for September 2018. So please return, to the office, your forms for your care needs. If you have any questions concerning this ask Rob or the office staff.

Now that the days are starting to get longer again we will be looking to be outside more and more. Please bring clothing appropriate to the weather. This winter the children have been playing a lot of soccer outside and have enjoyed digging for worms and ants. In the Gym the children have been playing a lot of hockey and playing with the hula hoops. Gym time is one of the most popular parts of the day.

In the room the children have been playing with marbles a lot. They have created the NML or National Marble League. The NML is all about racing different marbles down a track. They also draw a lot and like to have drawing contests. The Rainbow Loom remains popular and some of our parents have generously donated Rainbow Loom elastics. Board games like Battleship and card games like Uno are popular as well.



Winter break was a lot of fun. We went bowling and decorated cookies.

Thanks to all the parents who gave us cards and gifts. We look forward to 2018!

Rob and Jane

