



Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

March / April 2018

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative from the NDP Government

This news will only affect our Daycare families at this point. We have just received an information email from the government outlining this new initiative. There are lots of questions and once I know more I'll let you know. As is stands right now we apply to "opt in" to the program and once we are accepted and meet their criteria we will be able to notify you of any fee reduction. We will definitely be applying to "opt in". Trying to save families money is what we do!!!! Having said that.....

DAYCARE SPACES AVAILABLE - Starting summer we will have spaces in our daycare ages 3-5 years. If you'd like to be put onto the waitlist, please email Lori Imai at office@discoveryplayhouse.ca

Fundraising -

Purdy's Fundraiser is currently under way!!! Online ordering at purdysgpp.com until March 12th with the customer code **30428**. Orders will arrive at Discovery March 26th for delivery. 25% of all orders will go to Discovery and it's just in time for EASTER!!!!

The Fundraising Coordinator, along with the Board, have decided that we will not be having a pub fundraiser this year. Instead, we will be doing a **50/50 draw**. Tickets will go on sale starting April and the winning tickets will be drawn at our AGM May 8th. Tickets will be \$20 for 10 tickets. More details to come. It will be an exciting fundraiser that is simple and with wonderful chances of winning. The money raised will go towards replacing the old circle time carpets in the two rooms.



Summer camps for your school-aged kids - we will be releasing the Summer Schedule after Spring Break.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS! We are in search of new board members for 2018/2019. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Rachel in the office. We are meeting again April 13th if you'd like to attend a meeting and see what it's all about.

Rachel

DAYCARE COLUMN

Hello Daycare & Buzzing Bees Families!

We have spent a lot of time in the gym over the last month. The children and teachers are happy to get back outside for our much-needed fresh air! Bugs & insects are back out, birds are chirping, and we are hoping it's safe to say Spring is finally almost here!

Over the last few weeks the children have shown interest in "Things that Fly", from paper airplanes to parachutes to rocket ships! There have been a few kites flying around the room today.

In April we'll be taking Graduation photos of any child going to Kindergarten in September 2018. For the photos the child will wear a cap and gown. If you choose for your child to wear the cap, please keep it in mind when doing hair - no high ponytails!



We have a new staff member - we are excited to welcome Victoria to our team! Please say "Hello" when you see her.

Dates to Remember:

- March 8 - Green Day
- March 11-23 - Spring Break - No Buzzing Bees
- March 21 - Daycare is visiting the Senior's
- March 27 - Library (Group 1)
- March 29 - Easter Party
- March 30 - Good Friday - Centre is Closed
- April 2 - Easter Monday - Centre is Closed
- April 18 - Grad Photos will be taken of any child going to Kindergarten in Sept 2018.
- April 30 - PME Pro-D Day - No Buzzing Bees

Another exciting piece of news - a new family member is coming this summer. Yes, Christina H is expecting her first child!!! We are all SOOOO excited for her!



Here's looking forward to sunny days!

Christina C, Christina H, Emily, Kaelyn

PRESCHOOL COLUMN

It is hard to believe, but we only have three more months of Preschool after Spring Break. These will be very busy months ahead!

Lately the children have been enjoying our grocery store in the dramatic play area. Thank you for bringing things in for this. The children have also been interested in frogs, turtles, etc. We learned that only boy frogs make sounds, and that a mommy frog lays 2000 eggs.

This Friday, March 9th, the children in the M/W/F classes will need to bring an uncut fruit. We are going to make Friendship Salad.

Preschool will not be in session March 12-23. When we return, our Easter parties will be March 28th and 29th.



On April 18th the children who are going into Kindergarten this September will be having their Grad photos taken. If you are in the Tue/Thu Afternoon class, please come at either 9:30 or 12:30 on the 18th for your photo. In these photos the children will be wearing a cap and gown. We will assume your child can wear the cap unless you tell us otherwise. With the cap in mind, please do not put a high ponytail in your child's hair as the cap will not sit correctly on their head.

We are also looking into a fieldtrip this month but just waiting to hear back to confirm. Please watch for permission slips in your parent slots.

Our Mother's Day Teas will be May 10th and 11th.

- May 10th - T/Th Morning class - 9:30am
- May 10th - T/Th Afternoon class - 12:30pm
- May 11th - M/W/F Morning class - 9:30am
- May 11th - M/W/F Afternoon class - 12:30pm



On these days we do not have regular Preschool. Moms, please come with your preschooler at the above day and time. These teas usually last 1-1.5 hrs. We ask that no siblings come for this event. If you cannot make it to this special day, please let us know. Also, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

We hope everyone has a fun Spring Break and is well rested for the busy months to come!

Thank you,
Teachers Lori & Sonja

ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

2018 is now in full swing and the year has started out wet. Even though we have this rain the Adventurers have spent a lot of time outside. They have enjoyed playing soccer, basketball and a variety of tag games. The group has also liked to dig for worms and make homes for ant. Most afternoons our group comes back muddy but having a great time. As we move into Spring please make sure your children have their water bottles. Also, as it gets warmer and lighter in the afternoon we will be staying outside longer. If we are not in the room please check at the school park or look for the sign beside the sign in book; it will tell you where we are and approximately when we will be back.



Our monthly library time remains very popular. The children look forward to it every month. They want to know what the Lego building contest will be and they take great pride in being the winner. Each month their creativity impresses us. In the Centre the group is very active at the art table. They like to have drawing contests and draw their favourite toys or characters. Blocks and games are very popular and the children have been playing The Game of Life and Catan Jr. Hand Hockey in the room and floor hockey in the gym continue to be popular. The children like to play as their favorite NHL teams and for the Stanley Cup.

Spring Break is almost here. Our fieldtrip days to Captain Kids and Rock Climbing are very full. We have a ton of other great activities planned and are looking forward to it.

If you are picking your child up for school please let us know; it saves us time and you a phone call from me. It's time to start thinking about the summer already and our camp schedule will be released in the next month. If you have any questions you can talk to me anytime or contact the Centre.

Rob and Jane

