



February 6, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the child, parent and teacher conferences; we appreciated the Opportunity to share your child's/ren work with you. If you were unable to attend the conferences we would be happy to schedule a time to review your child's portfolio.

Sabrina Conway, Northern Lights College student will be volunteering in the preschools on Wednesday afternoons 12:30 -4:00 for the month of February. Sabrina is completing her ECED 210 Diverse Disabilities Practicum.

Farewell to Tammy Greer; over the past few years Tammy has provided casual relief to the CDC Preschool and Supported Child Development Program, she has also provided relief at other centres in our community. Tammy has decided to accept a permanent position at one centre. We would like to thank Tammy for the many hours she has worked for us and wish her all the best!



Talent Show

We have started to prepare for our preschool performance at the CDC Talent show which will be held Friday March 2, 2012 at the North Peace Cultural Centre. All children are welcome to participate in the performance. This year the children will be performing a dance. During the month of February we will be practicing with Shauna Milne on Mondays and Tuesday in the conference room. The morning classes will be dancing to "Big Red Car" and the afternoon classes will be dancing to "Walk, Walk Walk,"

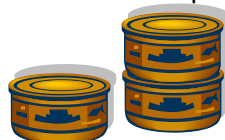
If your child is participating in the talent show, we are asking that children gather in the 'dance room' prior to their performance time (please watch for signs or ask at the performer check-in table if unsure where this room is). Cindy and volunteers will be supervising the dance room, while the other ELP staff & volunteers will be assisting the children to the stage. Children will need to be picked up from the 'dance room' following their time on stage. At this time we have tentative times for the children to meet in the room so that they do not miss their chance to perform with their peers. We will be implementing sign in/out sheets in the 'dance room.' Please ensure to sign your child in and out during the evening of the Talent show.

Mon/Wed/Fri AM: meet in room by 6:10 (approx. performance time of 6:15 pm)

Tues/Thurs AM: meet in room by 6:25 (approx. performance time of 6:30 pm)

Mon/Wed/Fri PM: meet in room by 6:40 (approx. performance time of 6:45 pm)

Tues/Thus PM: meet in room by 6:55 (approx. performance time of 7 pm)



We will be accepting food donations as an admission fee

Telephone Messages



When your child will be absent from their class, please call and let us know. Please leave a message directly on the classroom extensions.

Tree Fort is 234

Sunflower is 242

ELP office is 251 - messages directly for Cindy only.

Upcoming Events:

February 14 & 15 - Valentines Exchange - Your child is welcome to bring 20 valentines with To: blank and From: your child's name. Please no chocolate or other edible treats as many children have allergies. Edible treats will not be distributed in the classroom.

February 23 & 24 - Wacky Hair Day

February 28 (Tuesday) - ELP closed for afternoon session ONLY

February 29 & March 1 - field trip to the Cultural Centre on a school bus departing at 9:00 & 1:00. More details regarding the field trip to follow.

March 8 & 9 Costume days Please avoid masks and weapons - we will play in the gym on these days

March 30 - ELP closure

April 2 - April 5 ELP closure Spring Break

April 6 - CDC closed Good Friday

April 9 - CDC closed Easter Monday

The 5th Annual Parent Conference will take place Saturday, April 21, 2012 at North Peace Secondary School. Click the link below to view the workshops and online registration.

https://docs.google.com/a/prn.bc.ca/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dE12Y2pfUzNLUW03M2IMWi1teXJqWIE6MQ#gid=0

Quick Reminders:

Please remember to label ALL of your child's articles of clothing and to send them in **appropriate indoor clothing** as when we practice fire drills we often walk outside or to the entrance way and it is often cold.

Tree Fort Room News:

Morning group 9:15 - 9:45 and afternoon 1:10 - 1:30. Please note we will be playing in the gym 8:45 - 9:10 and 12:30 - 1:05 rather than going outside. February 29 & March 1, we will be going on a field trip to the Cultural Centre on a school bus departing at 9:00 & 1:00. More details regarding the field trip to follow. We will resume our playing outside March 2, 2012. Lyndsay is away the morning of Feb 6 & 10 - Bliss Gilmore is here.

Cindy will be away February 16 - 29 returning March 1 and Sandy will be away Feb 21 - 28th.

Kim will be the lead teacher in Cindy's absence, Andrea Rogers-Bell and Tammy Greer will be providing coverage.

Happenings in the Sunflower Room:

Kids Have Stress Tool! (KHST)

We have started implementing some strategies outlined in the Kids Have Stress Too Preschool Program. KHST is designed to help promote effective social-emotional development and stress-management strategies within the children around us. The aims of the program are to empower children to: ~ be able to recognize their own feelings of stress ~ choose and apply a stress-reduction tool with assistance: gain a sense of control and learn how to relax ~ feel the positive results of being capable of doing something to effect change: develop a "can-do" attitude and build capacity for self-regulation.

There are 7 colored hand outs on top of the children's cubbies for you if you are interested in learning more about KHST and what you can do at home with your child. When we start a new activity, we will have a few print outs related to that activity on top of the cubbies closest to the door for your own information.

If you have any questions with regards to this program, please feel free to come and talk to Tammy or Heather. Tammy is away Feb 16 & 17 and Sandy will be away Feb 21 - 28, Andrea Rogers-Bell and Tammy Greer will be providing coverage.

Website:



The CDC website has an Early Learning Program page that has links to our newsletter, *Parent Handbook*, our *ELP 2011 - 12 Calendar* as well as our *Parent Guidelines on illness*. You can also access monthly ELP events through the *Our Calendar* link that is found on the left side bar.

Please go to, www.cdcfsj.ca to check out the site, we'd love to hear what you think.

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