



January 9, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great winter vacation. This first week back has brought some warm weather which we are enjoying to the fullest during outside time! Please be extremely careful of the ice.

Thanks to The Credit Unions of BC in support of Success by Six for the 2012 Early Childhood Development Calendar which was distributed to all families. If for any reason you didn't receive a calendar, copies are available in the waiting area across from the receptionist.

There is a new schedule for Cindy & Heather's prep/office time; on Tuesday morning Heather will be out of the classroom from 10:00 to 11:30. Cindy will be out of the classroom 9:00 - 10:00 AM and then 12:30 - 2:30. Andrea Rogers-Bell will be providing coverage in the classroom.

Mark Friday March 2nd on your calendar - the CDC Talent Show will be at the North Peace Culture Centre. ELP staff and children have started to plan for their performances - more details to follow.

Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences:



Our Parent/Child/Teacher conferences are scheduled for January 26th and the 27th. Regular classes will resume on Monday January 30th.

A sign-up sheet will be posted outside each classroom for Parents/Guardians to choose a time to meet. Each conference will be approximately 15 minutes, if more time is needed, another meeting can be scheduled. Parents, Preschool Child and Teachers will be present at the meeting to share child's progress by reviewing the portfolio which contains a sample of your child's work from September to January. We look forward to meeting with you and your child.

Thank You:

To everyone who participated in the Tupperware fundraiser, we made \$560.00 dollars. Money from the fall fundraisers were used to purchase 15 sleds.



Upcoming Events:

January 11th & 12th - Wear a hat to school 🎉

January 24th & 25th - Children are making friendship fruit salad for snack -**children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit to add to our salad.**

January 26th & 27th - Child, Parent, and Teacher conferences **NO regular classes** these 2 days- sign up sheets will be posted by each classroom. Each conference will be approximately 15 minutes, if more time is needed, another meeting can be scheduled. Parents, Preschool Child and Teachers will be present at the meeting to share child's progress by reviewing the portfolio which contains a sample of your child's work from September to December. We look forward to meeting with you and your child.

January 30th & 31st - Costume days. Please avoid masks and weapons

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 28 (Tuesday) - ELP closed for afternoon session ONLY

February 24 & 25 - Wacky Hair Day

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.

Parking - Please **Park** in the designated parking spaces, when you park in front of the sidewalk it blocks other vehicles from pulling in or out of the parking spaces.

There are 2 designated spaces for Handicapped parking by the main doors of the CDC.

As we are an inclusive environment all staff share the tasks and duties in the classroom, this includes supporting the children with special needs.

PAC has two on going fundraisers underway the first is 5% program at M & M meets. The 5% program runs all year round. M & M has been running the program locally for about 10 years. If you need copies of the 5 % coupons you can pick them up at the reception desk. Please share them with your family and friends and each time you present the coupon when shopping at M & M the CDC PAC will receive a donation of 5% of your purchase.

The second fundraiser is Mabel's Labels. Visit www.cdcelp.mabel.ca to place your order while helping our fundraiser!" Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! More about these Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! Personalize your labels with names, nicknames, initials - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings.

Tree Fort Room News:

We will be implementing a new form of communicating with families regarding our weekly /daily activities. Weekly planning sheets are posted - we choose 2 books, 2 nursery rhymes and 4 -5 songs for the months and then list any daily art or small group activities. Please watch for our message board that will be posted on the bulletin board beside the classroom. We will document daily the songs that we sing, Nursery rhymes and which book we read. If you have any questions please ask the staff.

Website:



The CDC website has an Early Learning Program page that has links to our newsletter, *Parent Handbook*, our *ELP 2010-11 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.cdcsfj.ca to check out the site, we'd love to hear what you think.

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