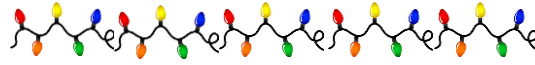




Callingwood-Lymburn Community Playschool

December 2019



Message from the Chair

It's finally here again, the most wonderful time of year, especially for families with little ones running around. In the spirit of giving and to help teach our children how important it is to think of others during the holiday season, we have chosen to collect donations in support of the **Kids Kottage Foundation** for yet another year. This is a crisis nursery for children in the Edmonton area that ensures children are safe and parents are supported while a family is going through a crisis situation. The needs of the nursery are wide and varied. We have attached a few things on their list of items from their "wish list" to the newsletter. Please visit their website for a full list and explore for further ideas and information. For the month of December, we will have a collection box in the classroom and encourage all families to help in our quest to make this a wonderful and joyous holiday season for all children in our city.

Kids Kottage Wish list:

- Toddler toothbrushes
- Baby wipes
- Children's 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner
- New or gently used children's clothes ranging in sizes
- Children's Tylenol

Please visit <http://www.kidskottage.org/view-our-wishlist> for a full list.

With winter weather comes questions around class cancellations. Please be advised that classes will only be cancelled if the temperature is -35°Celsius or below. For any other situations compromising safety, such as heavy snowfall with no road clearance, you will be notified by your class representative if classes will be cancelled. Classes cancelled due to cold weather will not be made up.

As well, a reminder to mind speed limits and always watch for pedestrians.

The office staff have also noticed a number of parent helpers not signing in and out at the office each day. It is very important that each parent helper does this in case of an emergency the office staff knows who is in the building. Your help is much appreciated!

Important dates in December:

December 2nd- Toy clean 6:00-8:00pm

December 4th - Committee meeting 6:30pm-8:30pm Lymburn Music Room

December 4th - Teacher planning afternoon – No 4 PM class

December 19th-T/TH Christmas Party 1:00-2:30pm for both classes at Willowby Community Hall (6315-184 St.)

December 20th-M/W/F Christmas Party 1:00-2:30pm for both classes at Willowby Community Hall (6315 184 St.)

December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020 (Inclusive) – No School- Winter/Christmas Break

Important dates in January:

January 5th- Bingo, West Edmonton Mall

January 6th- Toy Clean 6:00-8:00pm

January 6th- first day MWF classes

January 7th- first day T/Th classes

January 8th- Combo Meeting - Committee meeting (6-7pm) followed by the Parent Meeting (7-9pm) - Lymburn School Music Room **** will accept registration for Returning Families.**

a) Call for Volunteers: Our preschools success is built on our committed parent volunteers. At this parent meeting, we will discuss that we are looking for a variety of possible positions to be filled by June 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

b) Accepting Registration for Returning Families for the 2020-2021 school year at the January 8, 2020 - Parent Meeting

A complete registration must include ALL necessary forms and void cheque. Only complete registrations will secure your child's spot on the class list.

January 16th- **Alumni family registration** 9:00-9:30am outside classroom

January 23rd- CLCP Open House 6:00-7:30pm **will accept registration from new families**

Wishing you all a happy, safe and fun filled holiday,

Hilary Gordon



Joke of the Month

Question: What do elves learn at school?

Answer: The Elf-abet!



Message from the Vice-Chair

Hello Parents,

I can't believe we're already into December and the holiday season!

This month we have only a toy cleaning scheduled. I wanted to let everyone know that due to low registration in some of the classes we are at the minimum volunteers required (4) for the remaining Toy Cleanings this Playschool year. On your scheduled day feel free to bring family or friends along to help out! The more hands we have, the quicker the work goes!

This month's toy clean is **Monday December 2nd from 6pm-8pm**. A reminder that if you arrive at the school and the door is locked, there is a silver doorbell on the right-hand side (on the brick wall up high) that will notify the custodian to let you in.

The families signed up are:

- Mack (3pm)
- Kelly (4am)
- Williams (4am)
- Basemah (4am)

Thank you to everyone, and I hope you enjoy all the festivities this month.

Happy Holidays! ~Courtney Brebner

Donations Coordinator

Hello everyone,

I'd like to thank everyone on their support of our poinsettia and green planter fundraiser! I will be around as early as November 26th to hand out vouchers if I miss you please see your class rep. You can then take your voucher to Creekside home and garden to pick out your plant by December 13 for planters and December 21 for poinsettias.

It's never too early to think of our family dance and silent auction that's coming so fast. Please keep this event in mind when scouring through holiday sales. As well, if you are a regular with a service provider, gym, retail store, etc. or if your place of work has anything to donate please consider requesting a donation. It's good for the playschool, great advertising for them and it shows that you value their services and want to promote their business. We have already started accepting donations!

If you have a donation for the silent auction, you can please contact myself at donations@callingwoodlyburnplayschool.com or 780-719-4716.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season! ~ Jessica



Events Coordinator

Hi CLCP Families,

It's hard to believe that December is here already! Our Christmas party planning is well under way and the kids will be practicing all month long so they're ready to perform a special song. There will be two Christmas parties, one on Thursday December 19th for Tuesday/Thursday classes and one on Friday December 20th for Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes. Both Parties will be held at the Willowby Community Hall ([6315 - 184 St NW](#)) from 1:00 - 2:30. Students, parents and siblings are all welcome!!! There will be crafts, light snacks and a mini Christmas concert for everyone to enjoy!

The following is a list of the families that have signed up to be extra volunteers for the party days:

December 19th:

- Nelson
- Conway
- Mack
- Gaea
- Walstad
- Brundi Tkach

December 20th:

- Kainth
- Kolos
- Skirrow
- Saniszlo
- Greenslade
- Guittard



I will email all volunteers closer to the date but please be prepared to arrive 30 minutes early to set up and/or to stay 30 minutes after for clean-up.

Keep an eye out for a party snack sign-up sheet at playschool soon!

Happy Holidays!!!

Dinika

Events Coordinator

M/W/F Class News

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year in our preschool class! The kiddos have been excited to celebrate Christmas for many weeks and the time has finally come. December will be full of activity and energy...this truly is a magical time for preschoolers. Parent Helpers, make sure to get a good night's rest before coming to class (and maybe bring a coffee...)!

Just a couple of things to make note of for the month of December – please check to see when your child is Star of the Week. I will try and put their poster in their mailbox 1-2 weeks ahead of time. Also, we have some special activities planned for this month! We will have a red and green dress up day, and a fun day of making Gingerbread cookies! We will also learn about the importance of giving at Christmas and talk about this throughout the month. Please talk with your child about giving a gift to someone in need and bring in an item from our Kids' Kottage need list. Help them to put the item in the donation box at the entrance to the classroom

Did I mention December is a busy month? We are having 2 special days of In Class Activities. On December 11th, Creative Adventures Caravan will come into the classroom and help each child make a very special stained glass art project. Then on December 16th, Miss Cindy will come in and lead our class in a Musical Munchkins – Christmas Edition – celebration of music and all things Christmas.

On December 20th, we will be having our Christmas Party! There will be activities and crafts, as well as the children will be performing some special songs and poems. Feel free to invite Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles! Our 4 year old classes will celebrate together from 1-2:30pm. We will be having the party in the Willowby Community Hall (same place as the Halloween Party). For our snacks, I will have a sign-up sheet available in the classroom at the beginning of the month. If you are unable to come to the classroom, please email me (cathey.chisholm@callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com) and I can let you know what is on the sign-up sheet.

And just a couple of housekeeping reminders – please take your child's water bottle home at the end of each class. They can stack up and it does become confusing for the other classes. Also, parent helpers remember that your start time is 15 minutes before class begins and part of your assignment is to stay and help with clean-up. The job of the parent helper is so important!

I wish you and your precious family a wonderful Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

Teacher Cathey



Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 23 - Jan 6 – No Classes – Christmas Break
- Jan. 8 - Parent Meeting from 7-8pm – Registration for next year begins



- Jan 17 – In Class Presentation – Glow Yoga
- Jan. 27 – Snow Day



Tuesday/Thursday Tidbits

It's December - time sure flies when you are having fun! We started our Star of The Week program and the kids are enjoying sitting in a special spot and sharing their show and tell items and posters. Check the new calendar and watch for your student's special week (if it is hard to wait, remind them that their turn will come soon). Everyone should get a turn by the end of February. Don't forget to let me know if you are planning to be away for a holiday.

We are focusing on the holiday season for the whole month, with special attention on giving in the second week of school. We will talk about giving things to people who need help, like the folks who access programming or services at Kids Kottage (more information at kidskottage.org). We will have a donation box set up in our classroom and you are encouraged to send a donation item to school with your students on December 12th. There is a wish list on the website if you need some ideas for items that would be most useful for them. Thank you so much for considering supporting this organization.

Our Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 19th, from 1:00-2:30pm. As with the Halloween Party, we will be combining both classes at Willowby Community Hall. We will be doing holiday crafts, sharing food (potluck style), and your children will share Christmas songs they have been singing in class (feel free to invite extended family to share in the fun!). Watch your class mail boxes for invitations and I will have a food sign up sheet in the classroom.

Thank you so much for the commitment and support that you give to the playschool and to myself. You have created and continue to create a wonderful environment for you children to grow socially and intellectually. I continue to be amazed by you and your kids - I have seen such growth and changes in them in only three months! I wish you all a wonderful December, and if you celebrate Christmas in your house, a great Christmas season!

Teacher Lisa 

Happy
Holidays!