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Cochrane Creative Playschool



Learning Through Play

FUNDRAISING

We have just wrapped up another successful fundraising campaign with Spolumbo's Sausage which raised over \$570 bringing our annual fundraising total to \$4430. Big Thank you to Meghan Klassen, our fundraising coordinator for all her efforts with organizing and doing above and beyond fundraising for the preschool!



We have **THREE** remaining fundraisers for the year, watch for information in the next week on BACON (round 2). Then the year will finish with HANGING BASKET/PLANTS and our BEER SURVIVOR game.



Chicken Scratch NY

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Save the Date!

No School

March 8

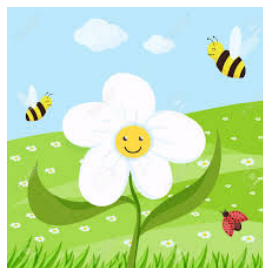
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Wear Green Days

March 16 & 17

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green!

SPRING!



Hat Days

March 24 & 25

Wear your favourite Hat to school!

Message From The Board



Annual General Meeting

For returning families it's time to mark your spring calendar. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday May 12th** at 7:30pm by Zoom. Your attendance at the AGM is appreciated.

We will be discussing Preschool business, making plans for next year and electing the 2021-22 Board.

Join the Board - Volunteers Needed

Hand in hand with the AGM comes our annual request for new Board Members. This year, we are lucky to have many board members returning, but there are always spots for those interested. For 2021-22 the following positions will be open:

- Co-Chair
- Registrar
- Newsletter

Unicorn Poop!

Miss Erin and the 4-year-old class had a lot of fun making Unicorn Poop (Borax Slime) this week!

Here is the link to the recipe that they used:

littlebinforlittlehands.com/how-to-make-borax-slime-easy/



2021-22 School Year

Please continue to spread the word about our amazing Preschool! There are currently spaces in both our classes for the 2021-22 school year. Encourage anyone looking or inquiring about preschools to check out our website: cochranecreative.ca



In The Classroom....



It's hard to believe that March is upon us already. Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17!

Literacy

In March, we will be learning the letters: R/r, M/m, N/n, and H/h. As we learn more letters, some children may start to get b and d, and p and q confused since they appear quite similar. This is a normal part of their learning and development. You can work on letter shapes and sounds to reinforce the work we are doing at school.

I am trying to link our activities to the letter of the week to as much as possible. This creates more connections for their learning and will, hopefully, help it to "stick" in their memory.

Easter/Spring

We will be spending the week prior to Easter/Spring Break doing lots of fun Easter and Spring activities.

St. Patrick's Day

With St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 17, we will celebrate by wearing green. For the 3AM (T/R) class, we will be wearing green and celebrating on Tuesday, March 16.

H is for hat

We will be learning about the letter H/h from March 22nd – 26th. We will be wearing hats on Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25. This is a fun way to learn about the letter H/h. Wear a baseball hat, sunhat, western style hat, toque, a crazy hat, or any type of hat on this day!

Special Events/Important Dates

- Monday, March 8 – No School
- Tuesday, March 16 & Wednesday, March 17 – wear green for St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday, March 24 & Thursday, March 25 – Hat Day (Letter H/h – "hat")
- Easter/Spring Break – April 2 - 9

We Thinkers

The 4AM (M/W/F) class is working through the We Thinkers program. We have already completed the first two sessions: Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings, and The Group Plan. This month we will be working through the next two sessions: Thinking with Your Eyes, and Body in the Group.



"The *We Thinkers!* series helps children build foundational social competencies and essential life skills through stories, lessons, and play activities. The teachings help kids better understand themselves and others, develop self-awareness, perspective taking, social problem solving, and supports students' social-emotional learning, relationship building, classroom learning, and academic performance. The material is designed to be used with both typically developing children and those with social emotional learning challenges."

Sensory Bins

We have increased our sensory exploration by incorporating more sensory bins into the classroom. This is not as easy as pre-COVID times. Each child must have their own bin for sensory exploration and it must be discarded at the end of the week. For this reason, we are alternating weeks between the two classes. We have had fun with water beads (also known as orbies) and we will be trying play snow and others in the future.

Zipper Club

If your child is already a member of the Zipper Club, congratulations! Their name is displayed as a part of the Zipper Club in our classroom. If your child is not yet a member, keep working and practicing. You can do it!

Illness and COVID Screening

Thank you to everyone for continuing to be diligent with daily screening of your child before sending them to school. We appreciate you keeping them home when they are not feeling well.

General Reminder

It is greatly appreciated if you can call or text the school phone if your child is going to be absent.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at misserrinteacher@gmail.com. You can also try to snag me before or after class each day. ☺

Talk to us!

We want to know what you think, good or bad. Please let us know what we need to improve as well as what we are doing well. And we always love to hear new ideas!

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Board member's personal email addresses follow and are posted in the boot room. Minutes from previous meetings will be posted in the boot room and include dates for upcoming meetings. Please join us, the atmosphere is casual and you are always welcome.

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Thanks for sending your Winter photos this month. To see your child in the newsletter please send one or two high-res themed photos to cochranecreative@gmail.com. April's theme is **Silly Faces/Poses**. Submission automatically gives CCPS permission to distribute photos in newsletter.





March 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Zayden	2 Maddy	3 Bode	4 Celeste	5 Allie	6
7	8 NO SCHOOL	9 Scarlett	10 Lucy	11 Viya	12 Heidi	13
14 Daylight Saving Begins	15 Noah	16 Wear Green Mathaios	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear Green Allie	18 Dax	19 Carter	20
21	22 Kyla	23 Braelynn	24 Hat Day Zayden	25 Hat Day Colt	26 Lucy	27
28	29 Layla	30 Victoria	31 Heidi	1 Maddy	2 Good Friday	SPRING BREAK APR 2-9



March Birthdays

Bode – March 4

Celeste – March 4

Layla – March 29