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# Cochrane Creative Playschool

Learning Through Play

## Indoor Play Day

January means winter and cold weather outside...so to keep warm and active we are going to the Spray Lakes Rec Centre to hit the bouncy castles.

From 12-2pm on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> all three classes will play on the large bouncy castles and with the indoor sporting equipment.

We will need parent volunteers to help out. However it is not mandatory to stay unless you are bringing another sibling. Permission slips and sign-up sheets will be available shortly.

Your child does not have to stay for the entire time but they must be signed in and out at the gym entrance.

There will not be an official snack time as there isn't anywhere to eat in the gym. Parent volunteers will be able to take groups of kids to the water fountains as needed.

**Please note: 3am class on Jan.28 will be cancelled and there are no classes Jan. 29 as per the Rockyview calendar**



## Christmas Party Fun!

What a festive way to celebrate the season! Our Christmas parties were very successful and everyone had a great time. The singing performance by the children was a definite highlight of the afternoon.

All in attendance had great fun singing songs, playing games, decorating ornaments, and eating treats and snacks. Perhaps the best part of all was a visit from jolly Santa Claus himself! It was a great way to end school for Christmas holidays.

A large, fun event like this takes lots of preparation and planning and would never have been so successful without Miss Patti and the parent volunteers. We truly appreciate all of the time and effort that went into planning the parties.

## Save the Date!

### First day of Class

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas break. Now it's back to classes!

### Indoor Fun Day

**Jan. 28**

Time to hit the bouncy castles to have some indoor winter fun!

### Registration

**Jan.25 & Feb.1**

Registration opens for current students and alumni & siblings, respectively.

### Open House

**Feb. 2**

We open our doors for new and prospective students.

### New Registrants

**Feb. 9**

Registration for 2015-16 opens to the general public.

## Message From The Board

**Happy New Year! We hope that your holidays were festive, fun and filled with wonderful memories!**

### Welcome!

A warm welcome to the new families starting with us this month. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions as you transition into the preschool.

### Upcoming Events

We have a fun field trip day planned at Spray Lakes Rec Centre this month – see the first page of the newsletter for details!



### Fundraising Update

Thus far our school has raised almost \$3000 through our fundraising efforts! Thanks to everyone who has helped and supported these endeavors. Currently the 3am class is the top earning class. Great job! Please note you will be receiving a note in your child's mailbox with a total of your earnings for the school this year if you have participated in fundraising.

### Class Volunteers

An important reminder to please don't be late on your volunteer days. For licensing purposes a parent needs to be in the classroom by 9am. Several times throughout the year we receive a surprise inspection and if we do not have the required number of adults in attendance we will lose our license. If you are running unavoidably late, please text the school at 403-651-7664 so we can have another adult stay until you arrive.

### Registration

Kindergarten registration for the Cochrane area begins in January. Check the local papers for information about the process for your school board.

Playschool registration for 2016/17 begins shortly. Registration of current, returning students will begin Jan. 25 with sibling/alumni registration beginning Feb. 1. If you know of someone thinking of registering, please let them know our Open House will be Tuesday Feb. 2 from 6-7:30pm and Open Registration Night will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 again from 6-7:30. Both nights will take place at the preschool, please use the southwest doors. For early registration of current students/siblings/alumni please hand everything into you class rep or email [registrarcochranecreative@gmail.com](mailto:registrarcochranecreative@gmail.com) to make alternative arrangements.



## What's Happening in Playschool



### Music

All classes will begin a music unit combining physical movement and music. Some songs will involve finger plays and others whole body movement. The children will have the opportunity for greater use of the ribbons which we explored briefly in November.



Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Thank you to everyone for their support and help with the Christmas parties and singing at Big Hill Lodge. The four year olds were well received and Big Hill Lodge has invited them to return in the spring.

### Language Arts

All classes have been participating in choral reading activities. As well, the children have learned the letters R, S, and C. This month, we will be resuming our "White Board Wednesdays" and practice writing the letters we have learned so far. The 4AM and 4PM classes will be completing "Have You Seen My Hat?" as their major project this month. The 3AM class will be busy completing their "I Like" book for class.

### Mathematics

The children are continuing to learn about shapes and some have completed their booklets to take home. All classes are practicing writing numbers 1-10 as well as 1-1 correspondence representing the numbers. Patterning, rote counting, and simple graphing are practiced during circle time activities.



### Gym

The children are becoming more adapt at following more complex instructions and are more aware of body space. The 4AM and 4PM class will begin to use stations during gym as well as more involved games. The 3AM class will continue circuits and musical activities in gym. All students completed a unit on Yoga as well.

### Social Thinking

The 4AM class has completed their time with Miss Ilona. We will be making some items from the program as part of a take home kit. The children will also be given certificates of completion.

### Science

With the arrival of snow and colder temperatures we will be completing our snow investigations (originally planned for November). Given simple experiments involving snow and ice, the children will be encouraged to explore how heat effects cold. The children will be given sand, salt, and corn starch to examine the effects of each on snow or ice.



### Looking Ahead

In February, the children will be learning about Community Helpers as part of our Super Hero unit.



# 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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Thanks to our students who submitted photos: pg1 Charlotte (3am), pg 2 Tilden (3am), Jake S (4am), Dillyn (3am), Ryan (3am), pg 3 William (4am). To see your child in the newsletter please send one or two high-res themed photos to [cochranecreative@gmail.com](mailto:cochranecreative@gmail.com). Next month's theme will be Family. Submission automatically gives CCPS permission to distribute photos in newsletter.



# January 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4 Henry 4am Bella 3/4pm	5 Hunter 3am	6 Nicolas 4am TBD	7 Dillyn 3am	8 Jake S 4am Audrey 3/4pm	9
10	11 Jonah 4am Sam 3/4pm	12 Braelyn 3am	13 Maelynn 4am Keenan 3/4pm	14 Logan 3am	15 Duffni 4am TBD	16
17	18 TBD 4am Asees 3/4pm	19 Alyssa 3am	20 TBD 4am TBD 3/4pm	21 Ramie 3am	22 William 4am Cassidy 3/4pm	23
24/31	25 <i>Current Student Registration</i> TBD 4am Kaycee 3/4pm	26 Charleigh 3am	27 TBD 4am Tahlia 3/4pm	28 <b>No Class</b> <b>SPRAY LAKES</b> <b>12-2pm</b>	29 <b>No Classes</b>	30



**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH!!**  
18 - Alyssa



**Jan. 12 Cleaning Rotation:**  
Committee Member: Megan Scheck  
Parents: Chelsey Berreth, Logan Sikina