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Cochrane Creative Playschool

Learning Through Play



FUNDRAISING

Yet again we have just wrapped up 2 amazing fundraisers for CCPS. Our school made \$1020 on Spolumbos and \$923 from the Bacon Sales. **WOW!** Thank you to all for your outstanding efforts on these! Watch your inbox for the pick-up information of these 2 products.

We have **THREE** remaining fundraisers for the year, watch for information in the next few weeks on a new fun Family Activity Fundraiser, Hanging Basket/Flowers sales and another new exciting campaign to finish off the year!



SAVE THE DATE!

On **Tuesday April 9th** we have a field trip to Butterfield Acres for their Easter Egg Hunt. Both classes will be attending in the morning and parents and siblings are encouraged to come along. Information and permission slips will be emailed out mid-March.



Chicken Scratch NY

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

CLOVER
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Save the Date!

In Class Visits

March 6&7
March 13&14

Local Community helpers (RCMP and Fire) visit our classroom

Wear Green Day

March 14&15

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green!

No School

March 18

PD day following Rocky View calendar.

Crazy Hair Days

March 28&29

Get creative and wild or get away with just not brushing it with crazy hair day!

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 15th** at 7pm in the Upstairs Hall at the Church. Your attendance at the AGM is required. We will be discussing Preschool business, making plans for next year and electing the 2019-20 Board.

Join the Board - Volunteers Needed

Hand in hand with the AGM comes our annual request for new Board Members. This year, with quite a few 'graduating' board members there are opportunities for new people to make their mark at the school. The following positions will be open:

- Co-Chair
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Secretary



Outdoor Play

A friendly reminder to please ensure you pack appropriate outerwear for the current weather conditions each day you drop your child off. On colder days please remember to include mitts, hat, boots and snow-pants. After this cold snap Miss Erin is ready to get out to the playground as much as possible!



More Exciting In-Class Events

March is packed full of exciting days! In addition to those listed on page 1, Snap Dance will be coming in for some movement fun on March 12/13th and Mad Science will be in on March 22nd doing some cool experiments with the 4AM class!



Registration Is Open – Help us share the news!

Please continue to spread the word about our amazing Preschool! There are currently still spaces in the 3AM class for 2019-20. 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! Unfortunately, I don't think the groundhog who didn't see his shadow was correct, but hopefully Spring will arrive soon.

The themes for this month will be: dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring.

Literacy

In March, we will be learning the letters: m, h, b, and p. All of these lowercase letters flow from left to right. 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.

Special Events

March is packed with special events and presentations. What fun! Local RCMP visit/presentation on March 6 (4AM) and March 7 (3AM).

We will be moving and grooving with Snap Dance Studios on March 12 (3AM) and March 13 (4AM).

Fireman Jeff will be presenting to us on March 13 (4AM) and March 14 (3AM).

Wear **green** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 14 (3AM) and March 15 (4AM).

Mad Science is coming to share some Bubbling Potions with us on March 22 (4AM).

Add some colour to your hair, or a crazy style, or don't brush it at all for Crazy Hair Day on March 28 (3AM) and March 29 (4AM).

We are working to schedule a nature related program for the 3AM class with Outdoors In. Stay tuned for details.

Professional Development

In February, I was fortunate to spend a Saturday learning at the annual SAPTA (Southern Alberta Preschool Teachers' Association) Conference. It was hard to narrow my session selections, but I attended two wonderful sessions on brain development and an active session on great activities to do with hoops, balls and beanbags.

The brain development sessions I attended were focussed on the importance of the first 2000 days of a child's life (<http://www.2000days.ca>) and the significance of brain development during that period.



Alberta Family Wellness Initiative

(<https://www.albertafamilywellness.org>) has amazing resources and information regarding resilience and serve and return interactions which can help shape our children for the rest of their lives.

The Hoops, Balls and Beanbags session was a lot of fun and I took away a great list of activities and games to implement with the classes, especially during our indoor gym times.

Zipper Club

Zipper Club is still accepting new members for children who show us their skills of getting ready independently. ☺

Illness

As I write this I am sniffing away and I feel like my family has covered all areas of illness in the last two weeks. I found this to be a humorous take on, but also a good reminder of, common illnesses we are exposed to.

I NEED TO STAY AT HOME IF....

FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	HOSPITAL STAY AND/OR ER VISIT
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO WORK OR SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.	Released by medical provider to return to work or school.
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General Reminder

It is greatly appreciated if you can call or text the school phone if your child is going to be absent. This helps us to know when to lock the door in an effort to keep the facility secure and safe for all.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at missrinteacher@gmail.com. I am also available before and 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 2019

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3	4 Cash	5 Elise	6 TBC RCMP Presentation	7 Adeline RCMP Presentation	8 TBC	9
10 Daylight Saving Begins	11 Griffin	12 Pheiffer SNAP Dance	13 Cale Fireman Presentation SNAP Dance	14 Tyler Fireman Presentation Wear Green!	15 TBC Wear Green!	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Evie	20 TBC	21 Aubree	22 TBC Mad Science	23
24/31	25 Yannis	26 TBC	27 Madilynn	28 Hudson Crazy Hair Day	29 TBC Crazy Hair Day	30

