



High River Daycare

Winter Safety Alert!

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The snow is finally here and so is the COLD. We are reminding all parents that we go outside twice each day (weather permitting). It is very important that the children come prepared for the weather. Your child should have a hat, mitts(2 pairs), a winter coat, snow-pants and boots EACH DAY! It is part of our programming requirements to go outside and therefore we cannot stay inside if a child has forgotten to bring warm clothing. *Weather permitting for daycare means that it is above -15degrees celcius.



BRRR! It's cold out!

Important Dates

November 11 - Remembrance Day—DAYCARE CLOSED

November 15 - Book Orders are Due!

November 20—National Child's Day

November 25—PD DAY DAYCARE CLOSED



School Age Transportation & Van Safety

Attention All Parents and Children who are being transported to and from school from the daycare.

We would like to bring to your attention to some very important safety rules for the transportation of your children.

ALL CHILDREN REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION IN THE MORNING MUST BE AT THE CENTRE BY 8:00 A.M.

PLEASE ADVISE KOBY IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ON THE VAN ROSTER FOR THE DAY OR FOR PICK UP!!!!

If Koby doesn't know if your child will be away she will have to assume that they are to attend and when they do not show up that they are missing. This is a very difficult time as she then has to start phoning, the schools, the daycare and the parents contact numbers to determine the location of the missing child. If she cannot reach a contact person to verify the location of the child within 10 minutes she must start phoning emergency services and begin the process for a missing child. Spending this time searching for a child when they are not in fact missing delay's the van from picking up children from the other schools on time and therefore leaves them unattended for longer than necessary .

PLEASE LET KOBY KNOW ANY CHANGES IN YOUR CHILD'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

The children have all been told and shown where they are to meet the van. It is very important that they hurry to this location and that they are ready to leave when the van arrives. We would really appreciate the parents assistance in stressing this to their children as well as to their children's teachers. The van is on a very tight time schedule in order to be able to pick up and drop off all the children in a timely fashion and not have them late for school or waiting for longer than necessary.

If you are going to be picking your child up at the school **please advise Koby before 2:00 p.m.** so she can plan out the seating arrangements in the van as well as how many trips she will have to be making. Otherwise we ask that you wait for child to arrive at the centre in order to pick them up. It is very import that we keep the children schedules and routines for pick up consistent so that we don't have children unsure of where they are supposed to go and who is picking them up.

Thank you so much for your assistance in making sure that no child is missed this year.



The Paper Bag Princess Project

High River Daycare has started a new program “ The Paper Bag Princess Project” the program will run for the month of November and all paper bags will be donated December 1st to Families and Community Support Services.

What is the Paper Bag Princess Project?

The Children will be reading the “Paper Bag Princess” by Robert Munsch; they will also be doing some activities that focus on self esteem and self worth. In the beginning of November they will be given a paper bag to decorate, and fill with the activities that they will be working on, the children will take home the bag and we ask that you go through the self esteem/self worth activities with your child. We also ask that you and your child purchase a few items from the list below and bring the paper bag back to the daycare. The paper bags will be donated to FCSS and be given to the residents of High River that are less fortunate. The cost should be around \$5.00, it is the thought and the process that count.

- Baby Wipes (travel size)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Body Wash, Liquid soap, Facial cleanser
- Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)
- Combs/Brushes/Bobby Pins (in original packaging please)
- Deodorant (travel size)
- Razors
- Shaving Cream /Shaving Soap
- Lip Balm / Chap Stick / Caramex / Blistex
- Baby Powder & Foot Powder (travel size)
- Tissues (individual packs; travel size)
- Hand & Body Lotion / Moisturizer (travel size)
- Sunblock SPF45, Zinc, Vitamin E, Aloe Vera Gel
- Bug Spray / DEET / Skin so Soft
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes & Dental Floss
- Breath Mints / Breath Strips
- Lozenges / Cough Drops
- Lorf fga Sponges / Buff Puffs / Washcloths
- Nail Files / Emery Boards / Nail Clippers
- Cotton Swabs (i.e. Q-tips)
- Cotton Balls
- Band-Aids, Gauze Pads, First Aid Kits
- Ace Bandages, Icy Hot or Bengay cream
- Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or Aspirin Packets
- Vitamins (multi- vitamins are always needed)



Special News from the Blue Room

The Blue Room is so excited to participate in the paper bag princess project. We will be doing some special self esteem projects throughout the month in honour of this great effort. We will be sending home lunchbox “you are special” notes. Please feel free to post some of your own and we will be sure to add them to the children’s “My Own” photo albums.

REMINDER please send in your family photos so that we can build your child’s album.

The Blue Room is also excited for this new season change and we will be doing some focus on cold and winter. Please remember to dress for the weather as we do go outside twice a day and it’s no fun to play in the snow if you are too cold! We will be building an igloo centre in our room and we are asking for donations of plastic containers for our ice-cubes. (yogurt, sour cream, ice cream, etc...) Thank you and Stay Warm!



Special News from Orange Room

Most Importantly.....

We are finding it a little chilly outside. Please ensure your child has a hat, mitts (2pairs in case one gets wet), boots, a winter coat and snowpants.

Please wear red on November 10th in recognition of Remembrance Day on Nov 11th.

This month our focus is going to be cooking, baking and general food prep. The children have been talking quite a bit about what we eat, what babies eat and have been role playing making meals /snacks, so we are going to run with this idea and test their skills !

Please remember Book Orders are due on Nov 15th.



Parent Board News

It is that time of year again for us to ask our parents to volunteer to be members on the parent board. Our parent board meets twice during the school year to discuss projects that they would like to implement in the centre and any changes to the program that they feel may be needed.

Our parent board is also invited to attend all our staff meetings and training sessions to further their knowledge of what quality childcare should look like.

We ask our parent board members to assist us in our party planning and parent involvement events.

Being a parent board member allows you to be closer the staff and the program that you have entrusted with the care of your child.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with our centre, the program and your child's care please see Koby or MaryAnn.

We would like to thank all our returning members and we look forward to seeing you at the next staff meeting





National Child Day is November 20th

And this years theme is:

The Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Health

For more information on this years theme please visit www.cccf.ca

Watch your child's classroom for their fun ways to Celebrate The Child this
November



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Preschool Calendar for November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Birthday 	2	3 3yr. Progress Reports go home	4 4yr. Progress Reports go home	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 No Preschool	12
13	14 No Preschool	15	16	17	18 No Preschool	19
20	21	22	23	24 Performance Night	25 No Preschool	26 Birthday 
27	28	29 3 yr. Movie Day	30 4 yr. Movie Day			

Preschool News November 2011

Some big learning has been happening in our classroom. Shapes and colours have been the focus for the three year olds. Use of scissors has been introduced and proper grip will be encouraged and practiced. Four year olds have been looking at shapes, letters, and recognizing their names. The water table, filled with coloured water and foam shapes, was a hit with both age groups. A few found it an opportune time to “wash up” hands, arms, and dishes! (Yes, the water was changed daily!) Many found the Wildlife Safari an opportunity to use pre-literacy skills, checking off animals and birds on a checklist as they discovered each one around the classroom. Having non-fiction books in the quiet corner interested them in the different animals in our area. The four year olds have had a chance to look at a wasp nest, bark, and pine cones up close with magnify glasses. They did some bark rubbings also. The last week of October brought pumpkins into our classroom. Each age group used their five senses to explore a pumpkin. It was interesting to watch those who were intrigued enough to go all the way and put their hands inside to have a feel.

A great big THANK YOU to all who had a part in our World Food Day collection. We collected 48 items as well as monetary donations. Way to go Preschoolers!!



Important Dates to Remember

November 1 : Birthday

November 3: 3 yr. Progress Reports go home

November 4: 4 yr. Progress Reports go home *November 11*: Remembrance Day/

NO PRESCHOOL

November 14: NO PRESCHOOL

November 18: NO PRESCHOOL

November 19: Birthday

November 24: Performance Night

November 25: No Preschool

November 29: 3 yr. Movie Day

November 30: 4 yr. Movie Day

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Other News:

For the month of November High River Daycare/Preschool is focusing on building healthy self-esteem/self-worth in all children using the Robert Munsch book *The Paper Bag Princess* as a spring board. In preschool we will have Ms. Koby come in and share some ideas with us from which we will launch into theme based activities around castles, princes, princesses, and the like. There are many ideas on how to build self-esteem in all children, no matter what age, on the parent bulletin board in the main building. Please feel free to help yourself to any of the ideas.

On another note.....

Any parents wanting to visit Ms. Alberta concerning the progress of their child are more than welcome to make an appointment, at

your convenience. Keep in mind that Ms. Alberta will not be available in the month of December for conferences, so please make your appointment as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support!!

