



Discovery Playhouse  
Children's Society

Jan / Feb 2019

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Great news from the City of Pitt Meadows. Our lease will be renewed and we will be staying inside the Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre. This would not have been possible without the families speaking on behalf of our Centre and voicing their disapproval. Discovery Playhouse touches a lot of families that have made Pitt Meadows their home. Discovery has serviced 3 generations now and we hope to continue this wonderful non-profit child minding centre and creating memories. It is the families and the community that we have to thank along with Mayor and Council who were willing to listen.

So, on behalf of Discovery Playhouse we thank you, the families and the community!!!

Thank you also for all of the contributions and donations over the holidays and we welcome the start of an exciting 2019!

In Daycare we have a new staff member, please help me welcome Vesa to our group of amazing daycare workers.

Preschool In house registration for 2019/2020 will open February 4<sup>th</sup> and external registration opens February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website for up to date information.

Rachel

THANK  
YOU!

## DAYCARE COLUMN

Happy New Year Daycare families! We hope everyone had a joyful holiday! We are getting back into our routine here at Daycare and Buzzing Bees. Just before Christmas, we observed some of the children applying "make-up" during free play using crayons, so we have set up a Beauty Salon in the Daycare. The children have been enjoying giving themselves, their friends, and some of the teachers, make overs.



We have a new addition to our team. We would like to welcome Vesa, she is a fabulous early childhood educator and she has been busy getting to know us and your children.

We will be having our Valentine's party on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>. We have 23 children in the daycare and Valentines cards should say To "My friend" From "Child's name".

Crib sheets- we are in desperate need of extra crib sheets and are happily taking donations if any family is no longer in need of them.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak to any one of us,

Christina C, Emily, Victoria, Jen, and Vesa



## PRESCHOOL COLUMN

Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope everyone had a great break. Since December was a very busy month with us preparing for Christmas, we are hoping to start off January very casually. We will be listening and observing where the children's interests are before we decide what theme to explore. We have though, decided to have Crazy Hair Day on Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind we will still be going outside so if the weather is really wet you may not want to use any color that could run. Also, on Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> we are going to cook another hot lunch--Pizza with salad. So the children on this Friday will only need to bring a snack and their cup.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>. These are very informal and if you wish to have a very brief update on your child you can sign up for a 10-minute slot. If these fill up and there are a lot of names on a waitlist, we will hold another interview day at a later date. Please remember you can always request to set up a time to talk with us after classes - Mon/Wed/Fri after 1pm and Tues/Thurs after 2:30pm.

In February we will have our Valentines parties on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There is no school on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.



For the Valentines parties the children can, but do not have to, bring Valentine cards for the class. To make this much easier for the parent helpers please do not address the cards to specific children but do have your child put their name on the "from: spot". This is a great opportunity for your child to practice printing their name. Even the 3yr olds can practice this as well. I would recommend that you do a few cards a night, so it does not seem like such a daunting task.

Thank you everyone for a great 2018 and we look forward to what 2019 brings us.

Your Teachers,  
Lori, Sonja and Rob

## ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

2019 is here already! We had a fantastic year last year. Thanks for all the cards and gifts during this holiday season; they were much appreciated. The weather this winter has been rainier than normal, so we have been spending extra time inside. The children have been using this time to create. The art table has been super busy, so much so, we often have 2 or even 3 extra tables open for it. They have been drawing and creating art. Making their own comics and stores has also been very popular. Besides art the children have been building, playing board games and developing their own shows.

In the morning our gym time is full of hockey and soccer and playing tag. Please make sure your children have inside shoes, since we can't take boots into the gym. Also, with all the running the children need to have a water bottle. When we do get outside, they have been playing soccer and creative games based on their favorite books, movies and video games.

Please be sure to let us know if you do not need us to pick up your children. It saves us looking all over the school and ultimately phoning you.

We have a lot planned for the next few months. Including spring break which we are busy working on. There will be a sign up for it in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us or send the office an email. Thanks again for a great 2018 and we look forward to the coming year.

Rob and Jane

