



Discovery Playhouse
Children's Society

September/October 2019

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Welcome to our new families and returning families. I hope you all had a lovely summer and are now ready for the September madness to begin.

What a difference new paint can make! I hope you all like the new, fresh look to our Centre. New floors and new walls, that should be the end of big projects for a while.

Our mandatory AGM will be held this upcoming Monday, September 9th @ 7:00pm @ the Seniors Centre located across the gravel parking lot. Kids are welcome but we ask that they remain quiet and with their parent so that we can conduct the meeting without interruptions. If you are unable to attend, please email Julia at office@discoveryplayhouse.ca and the Board will make the decisions regarding missed meeting fees.

As always, we expect September to be crazy and exciting. New families and new faces. My door is always open if you have any questions or concerns.

Please check our website at www.discoveryplayhouse.ca for a calendar of events, and all other important information, such as our Policy's and Procedures.

We update our Facebook Page showing the daily activities of the children in our Centre. Please check it out!

Rachel
Executive Director

DAYCARE COLUMN



Hey there daycare families! We hope everyone had a fabulous summer. We are busy getting back into our daily routines, programs and activities.

We have some young ones with us, and some have never been in daycare or away from Mom and or Dad for a long period of time. What a big step it is for these children to get to know so many new faces. This can be a bit overwhelming for them as well as parents, but I promise it gets better 😊 The staff are busy making them feel better giving lots of snuggles and hugs and engaging them into different activities around the room...whether it be snuggles and a story, playing with playdough or cars...gluing, painting or creating at the art table etc. If you are worried, feel free to call us 5-10 minutes after you leave to see how your child is, we are happy to update you because chances are, they are okay. If your child is having a particularly rough day, we will call you.

Show and Tell:

Each child will have a show and tell day. When it is their day, they are welcome to bring something from home to show their friends and talk about what they brought. Each child has the option of sharing with their friends during free play or keeping it safe in their cubby until it's time to go home.

Outside time:

Cooler, wet weather is around the corner. We go outside rain or shine through-out the day and the daycare is lucky to have muddy buddies for each child in the center, so no need to bring your own. Ours are bright yellow with "Discovery" written on the back, and we use these instead of pinnies in the wet weather. Please pack 2 sets of extra clothes for your child, as we have learnt, muddy buddies don't keep the children fully dry when they are having a blast puddle jumping.

Allergies:

Please be aware that we have serious allergies in the daycare. Nuts and sesame. Just be mindful, and if you send your child to daycare with these items, can you please inform staff at drop off.

Fridays:

Hot Lunches are Back!

Every Friday from September to June the staff and children cook lunch. Parents get a day off from preparing lunches these days.

Home Toy Day:

Every Friday children may bring in a toy from home to play with and share with friends. Don't forget to label it as staff are not responsible for finding these toys at the end of the day.

Lost and Found:

Label! Label! Label! Everything! Shoes, boots, extra clothes, toys, bedding, mittens and jackets. I know it seems like a lot, but the staff are busy looking after and caring for your children, we can't keep track of all their belongings.

We do have a small lost and found basket under the sign in book for items that turn up in the center.

Class Photos will be October 21st

October 29th evening, we will be hosting a pumpkin carving social for the daycare families. This is a fun evening where daycare families get to meet each other and make a pumpkin mess with your child and we clean up! Pizza and drinks will be served.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask!

Christina, Emily, Victoria, Jen, and Abby



PRESCHOOL COLUMN

Welcome to a new school year! Sonja and I are excited to be apart of your child's preschool experience. We are looking forward to a great and fun school year. With this said the 1st few weeks may seem chaotic, but it is organized chaos and things will settle down quickly.

You should have all received an email with what things you will need to bring into us at preschool:

- ~ Change of clothes (everything labeled)
- ~ 2 photos of your child (the 2 pictures we would like as soon as possible, one goes on their cubby and the other will be for show and share which starts in October)
- ~ 1 Hilroy Studio Green scrapbook, size 30.4cm x 25.4cm

Please remember to always sign your child in and out. For the first month in Class A & B if you are leaving the rec centre after drop off, please make a note of that in the sign in book and a number we can reach you if needed. If you are not picking up, please indicate who will be picking up.

Class C will need an empty recyclable water bottle with cap on September 18th.
Class A & B will need one September 26th.

We will have no preschool classes on September 23rd
(PME Pro D day)

Thanksgiving is Monday October 14th and Discovery Playhouse Centre will be closed

Class Photos will be October 21st & 22nd

No Preschool classes on October 25th (PME Pro D Day)

Halloween Parties will be October 30th & 31st. Children may come in costume but please keep in mind we may have glue & paint out. Also, no masks or weapons. Please have your children wear running shoes (no boots, fancy dress up shoes, slipper etc) as we will still be having gym time on the party days.

Class C will have a pajama day on November 1st with a hot lunch. This day your child will still need a snack & cup but not lunch.



Please remember no boots are allowed in the gym or classroom so please change into running shoes before class starts. Boots can be left under cubbies for when we go outside.

Please **LABEL EVERYTHING** - coats, boots, muddy buddies, back packs, lunch bags etc

Don't worry if you forget something, it is a bit overwhelming to start. We will help you as we go through the first few weeks.

We look forward to a great year!

Your Teachers,
Lori, Sonja and Rob



ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

The summer has come and gone already. Our summer camps this year were fantastic. A lot of time was spent outside, exploring parks like Harris Road and Lion's Park in PoCo. We also went on field trips to Wayland Sports, Captain Kids and the Pitt Meadows Museum, all of which the children loved. The children spent some of their time giving back to the community by baking muffins for the local police and fire departments. A major highlight of the summer was that the Pitt Meadows Firefighters let the children use the fire hose. Thanks to all our summer staff they did an incredible job running these camps, it would not have been the same without them.



With the summer behind us it is now time for back to school. The start of a new school year is always exciting for parents and children alike. Weather permitted, we will be spending a lot of time outside after school so please continue to bring your child's water bottles and weather appropriate clothing. Early September can still be very hot, so hats and sunscreen are needed as well. As we move into the wet weather your child will also need inside shoes. We have many fun activities planned from this school year and we are looking forward to seeing what it will bring.



In the morning we have the gym from 7:30am to when we go to school. If you drop off after 7:30am please go right to the gym. Also, there is no food in the gym so any child dropped off after that time can not eat breakfast at the center.

We do provide care for Pro D Days and other days which your child is not in school. A week or so before the day in question, we will have a sign-up sheet out so you can let us know if your child will be coming. Please sign up for these days if needed.

It helps us plan staffing and the activities we will be doing with the children.

If you come to pick up your children from the centre and we are not there, there will be a sign up on the door that tells you where we are and what time we plan to be back. Also, if you pick up your child from school, please let us know so that we do not go looking for them. If you need to get a hold of us about this or any other concern you can email or call the centre. We look forward to great new school year!

Rob and Jane