



Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

January/February 2021

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COLUMN

Welcome back and happy New Year!!!! Thank you to everyone for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts.

What a way to start off the new year, with wet, cold yucky weather! Please make sure that your child has enough layers, hats, coats, toques, gloves to keep them warm throughout the whole day. We still have our outdoor activities that the kids love..... until they get cold.

We've been receiving a lot of inquires regarding our September preschool registration for 2021. The Board, teachers, and I have decided that we will postpone registration until after Spring Break so that we have a better idea what we want our programs to look like given COVID. Once we have made the decisions regarding class composition and size, we will update our website and Facebook page. It's hard to plan for September when things are changing monthly.

If your child was born in 2016 you will need to register them for Kindergarten September 2021. Make sure to follow the SD42 website or FB page for dates. If you require a form from Discovery proving enrollment in our Centre, please email office@discoveryplayhouse.ca

As we return to school, daycare, and preschool, please remember to do the daily health assessment for your child and family before sending them. If there are any signs of sickness as per the CDC Daily Health Check:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough
- Breathing difficulties
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

you must stay home and not attend Discovery Playhouse.

Also, if you have returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days OR confirmed to have had contact with a person COVID-19 positive, you must not attend Discovery Playhouse.

If you receive an exposure notice, or a positive result email Rachel at admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca.

Dates to remember:

January 25th, Pro D Day - Adventurers sign up for care/No preschool Class One

February 15th, Family Day - Discovery Closed

February 16th, Pro D Day - Adventurers sign up for care/No preschool Class One

Take care and stay healthy!

Rachel
Executive Director

DAYCARE COLUMN

Happy New Year daycare families! We hope you all had a great holiday season. The staff want to thank you all for the lovely gifts and special treats. You have spoiled us.

We have a new staff member in the daycare. Emily started with us at the beginning of December and has been busy getting to know the children and our routines. Emily is a fabulous ECE and she has a nice quiet, and calm demeanour about her that the children are very comforted by.

Before we left for the holiday season the children were busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas, we went on a Santa hunt, although we never did find him, he left his sack that had a gift for each child.

Now that we are back, we are starting off the new year with our winter theme. So far, we've made snow fluff for science, we have been splatter painting and creating snowflakes.

Label! Label! Label! I know we have mentioned this before, but just a friendly reminder to label your children's belongings. Even their bedding.

Dates to remember:

Feb 15th Family Day (center closed)

Any questions feel free to speak to any of the staff.
Christina, Cassidy, Abby, Victoria, and Emily

PRESCHOOL COLUMN

Good riddance 2020 and Happy 2021!!!!

We are looking forward to a New Year. Thank you to everyone for making the first part of the school year go so smoothly!!!

January can bring some colder weather so please make sure your children have appropriate outdoor wear, especially when we go for our walks on Wednesday's. Speaking of Wednesdays, please make sure your child is wearing a coat that has a pocket for their snack. Also they may bring a water bottle but please do not fill it all the way up, we are finding they are too heavy for them to walk with. We have started to venture to other parks in Pitt Meadows and new that they are doing great "following the leader" we will continue to explore other parks.

January's special even day will be Crazy Hair Day. Class One will be on January 19th and Class Two will be January 22nd.

There will be no preschool January 25th (PME Pro-D Day) February we will be having another special event day but please stay tuned to when and what that will be. In February we typically hold our registration for the upcoming school year (Sept 2021-June 2022) but we are postponing this until the spring. If you have any questions you can email the office.

Typically parent/teacher interviews are held in January but due to these "new" normal, we can not hold these like before. If you feel you would like an update on your child I can speak with you after class with the exception of Wednesdays. Just email the office and set up a day and time with Rachel. Please keep in mind these will be held outside the playground, very informal, and be about 10 minutes in length.

Dates to remember:

January 19th & 22nd Crazy Hair Day

January 25th Pro D Day - No Preschool; Adventurers sign up for care

February 15th Family Day - Center is Closed

February 16th a Pro D Day - No Preschool; Adventurers sign up for care

Your Teachers,
Lori, Sonja and Lisa

ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful winter break and a happy New Year. Thanks for all the cards, gifts and well wish over the holiday season. They are much appreciated.

With the crazy weather, we have been having, we need the children to come prepared for both the rain and the cold weather. Even on days when its to wet to go outside we still have to walk back to the room so appropriate clothing is a must. If your child does not need to be picked up after school, please let us know by email or by calling the centre.

December is always a busy month for us and this year was no different. Our outdoor time was a little less as the weather started to change, but with the time we do get the children enjoyed tag, playing zombies and climbing on the monkey bars. Back in the room, playing board games like Spot It is very popular. The art table is always busy as they draw, make books and over creations. The children have also enjoyed playing with marbles and the tiny skateboards.

Thanks for all your patience this falls as we have had to change the pick up and drop of routine. We are busy working on planning our Spring Break adventures and we'll keep you posted what they will look like this year. If you have any question or concerns, feel free to email the office or talk to me. We are looking forward to the new year with you and your family.

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Your teachers,
Rob and Jane