



Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

March/April 2021

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COLUMN



Welcome March & April!!!! This always feels like the months of new beginnings, positive outlooks, and warmer weather. Encouraging all of us to get outside.

We are all anxiously wondering what will happen in 2021 and how our lives will be functioning with more variants and vaccines. Discovery will do their best to cautiously move forward with the current information that we have to operate safely. I have updated our COVID-19 Policy and you will find a link on our Website along with the CDC COVID-19 Symptoms "When to get tested" guide. Should you ever have questions, this is a good resource to look to.

March 4th is early dismissal at PME and we **DO NOT** offer afternoon care this day. On this day, the Preschool Class is in session.

March 5th there is no school at PME and we offer full day care for Adventurers. NO Preschool this day.

March 15-26th is Spring Break and there is no Preschool during this time. Out of School care is available for families who have signed up at a cost of \$25.00 per day.

Easter falls on Friday April 2nd & Monday April 5th and Discovery is CLOSED both days.

For our Graduating Preschool and Daycare children, your Grad photo days will be Wednesday April 21st. Please inform the teachers if you do NOT wish for your child to wear a grad cap.



Monday May 3rd, 2021 our mandatory General Meeting will take place via Zoom at 7:00pm. Please mark this in your calendar, I will be sending out the details, as per by-laws, 2 weeks before the meeting, on April 19th. If you wish to express an interest on sitting on the Board of Directors, please contact Rachel at admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca

Exciting news! Discovery Playhouse will be getting a new website in the next couple of months. We look forward to what our new online platform will look like.

In April we will be having a fundraiser just in time for Mother's Day and your Spring gardening. We will be partnering with Amsterdam Nursery and for every \$25 or \$50 gift card purchased, a portion of funds will be given to Discovery Playhouse. More information coming in March/April.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or our Centre, please feel free to contact me at admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca

Your Executive Director,

Rachel

DAYCARE COLUMN

Hey there daycare families! Can you believe we are in March already? We are so excited that spring is right around the corner and the warmer, dryer weather will soon be upon us.

During the month of February, the children celebrated Valentine's Day by doing a special art project with a friend. They worked together as a team making each other a marble painting Valentine's heart. They exchanged it with one another and enjoyed a special Valentine's cookie.



The children were also interested cars and trucks which moved us on to our transportation theme. They have enjoyed making planes, helicopters, boats, and cars.

Most recently, we noticed a few cupcake parties happening in the housekeeping area, as well as some children getting their hair styled by a friend {using forks and spoons}. Which moves us on to our next theme of hair and spa.



Grad photos:

Children that are moving on to kindergarten in September will have their grad photos taken on April 21, 2021.

Dates to remember:

March 17th- Dress up in Green Day
April 2nd - Good Friday – Centre Closed
April 5th - Easter Monday- Centre Closed
April 21st - Grad photo day

Any questions feel free to speak to any of the staff.

Christina, Cassidy, Abby, Victoria, and Emily

PRESCHOOL COLUMN

Time is going so quickly this school year! Spring break is almost here, and we are looking forward to some hopefully warmer weather. The children have been interested in “bones, teeth etc” so we have had an “ambulance” and Dr’s office set up, as well as a real stethoscope to explore. We will continue to talk about how to take care of ourselves and stay healthy as long as the children show an interest.

We have no Preschool Friday March 5th and March 15-26 during Spring Break.

After Spring Break, we are having a special event day on March 30th for Class One and April 1st for Class Two. This is going to be Hat Day and we will also have some Easter activities planned for those days.



We are starting to transition from not using our bins to hold our stuff to just using our backpacks. We are doing this when we go outside at the end of the day and hopefully when we need less gear, i.e.: boots, snow pants, etc.... we will not need to use the bins when we arrive as well.

Wednesday April 21st the kids will be getting their Grad Photo taken. Please mark this day on your calendar and let the teachers know if you do NOT want your child wearing a Grad Cap.

Thank you for making sure on Wednesdays that your child has their snack in their coat pocket. This has made the day go smoothly. The children have enjoyed exploring many different parks. Once again, your support during this very different school year has made the year a lot more manageable and for that we are appreciative!

Dates to remember:

March 5th – No Preschool Class TWO
March 15th–26th Spring Break – Preschool not in session
March 30th – Special HAT Day for Class ONE
April 1st – Special HAT Day for Class TWO
April 2nd – Good Friday Centre Closed
April 5th – Easter Monday Centre Closed
April 21st – Grad Photos

Your Teachers,
Lori, Sonja and Lisa

ADVENTURER'S COLUMN

This winter we added a new staff member to our team. Nikita started in February and will be working with us for the rest of the school year. We are super excited to have her on board.

The weather the last few months has been wet and cold, but that has not stopped us from being outside most days. Please remember to bring clothing for the ever-changing weather. Outside the children have been playing tag plus enjoying the monkey bars and slides. If your child does not need to be picked up from school, please let us know by phone, email or in person.

During our time inside we have been doing a lot of art. Drawing contests have been popular and the children make so many creative things with any art supplies you give them. They have been building with Lego and making forts with the blocks. It is incredible what their imaginations can help them create! Checkers have been extremely popular recently and they like playing games on our giant board. Checkers is a great game as it is simple to learn but offers the children a chance to plan and think ahead. They also like to play the game Spot It and to do puzzles.



Spring break is right around the corner and we have a lot of fun things planned. We will be doing art and game days as well as going to a few of our local parks. The summer is also coming up fast and we are busy planning what we will be doing.



Lastly, please remember to bring a water bottle for your child, even when the weather is poor, they get very thirsty playing. If you have any questions you can email, call or talk to us in person. We are looking forward to a great spring!

Dates to remember

March 4th – Student/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal at 11:30am **NO AFTERNOON CARE AVAILABLE**

March 5th – Student/Teacher Interviews Full Day Care Available – See Staff to sign up

March 15th–26^h Spring Break – Full Day Care available at \$25/day sign up required

April 2nd – Good Friday Centre Closed

April 5th – Easter Monday Centre Closed

Your teachers,

Rob, Jane & Nikita