

DECEMBER NEWS

Upcoming dates

Dec. 13th- Children's Commons Ecological Society **Annual General Meeting** - 7pm RDL location (Dance Studio)

Dec. 11th and 14th- Winter Celebrations in the Park.

Dec. 20th- Jan. 3rd- Winter Break. No school

Jan. 4th- Classes Resume

Jan. 25th- 2018-2019 Kindergarten Orientation Night

Clothing Reminders:

Please check your child's bin before the winter break so that any missing items, such as extra socks, mittens, underwear and warm base layers can be replaced for the new year. Please make sure your child has two pairs of waterproof mittens in their backpacks and that they are coming with a hat and neck warmer to protect their faces against the cold wind. Also please remember that a proper based layer of wool or synthetics are best to wick moisture and keep bodies warm and dry.



Winter Celebrations

As we enter December, we would like to honour and celebrate the many festivals and traditions each of our families have during this time of year. We invite each child to share the traditions their family celebrates with the rest of us. This could mean your child brings in an artifact, a song, a picture or shares a story with the class. We will be sharing some other traditions from around the world such as the Tomten from Sweden. We will be making some felted crafts in class and mixed media forest and winter scene. December 11th and 14th, we will be having a winter celebration with a fire and hot drinks where families are welcome to join us from 2-3pm at the main shelter in Lloyd Park. If the weather gets cold enough and it is safe to do so, we will finally have the chance to try and skate on the frozen lake at Red Deer Lake.

School Closers:

As we are now into colder months, the potential for last minute weather changes is something to be aware of. If there is a school closer due to severe winter weather, a storm or power outage, Nature Kindergarten at RDL follows the same protocol as Tanbridge Academy, as they are responsible for all tenants in the building. As soon as we are notified, the school closer will be updated on the Kindergarten Parent webpage and an email will be sent out to parents. This type of closer can occur the evening before school or early morning before school.

If it is a scheduled park day and the weather is too cold to be outside all day, then drop off will be changed to the indoor classroom. For this change in location, the webpage will be updated by 8:00am and an email will also be sent out to parents in the morning. Please check the webpage and emails the evening before, and in the morning before you leave for school so that you have the most up to date information.



Winter fest

Hold the date! Our 3rd Annual Winter Festival will take place on **February 24th, 2018** at the Red Deer Lake Community Centre. Come celebrate the joys winter has to offer at this play-filled family fun event. Enjoy snowy activities, delicious eats, and partake in an online auction of seasonal and locally crafted goods! Tickets go on sale early January 2018. This our largest fundraiser of the year and its success depends on our support. Interested in volunteering? Have a skill or small business that could be featured at the festival? Want to share an idea to make this our top year yet? Contact samanthakugelmass@gmail.com

Some past areas to volunteer in have been: bake sale, craft and outdoor activities, photographing silent auction, setting up silent auction, donating to the silent auction, live entertainment, and ticket sales.

Volunteering

We will be needing volunteers for park days for Tuesday's classes in the coming new year. If you're interested in this (Tuesdays or Thursdays) please let us know. You must have your police check done for these opportunities. If you need a police check form please email tanya@calgarynaturekindergarten.com. We appreciate your help supporting these days and continuing to make them special for your children.