

April 2017

A Message from our Teachers

We hope all of our families had a wonderful spring break. We are delighted that our first week back to preschool has brought us beautiful weather and signs of spring, and lots of our favorite things to do - play and explore!

In March, the children demonstrated some overlapping interests around water, sea creatures and movement, boats and treasure finding (and protecting!). This month, we are expanding upon these interests with many play opportunities geared around the thoughtful and curious questions the children have been asking:



In the 4s class, a major interest has been in pirates and finding treasure, particularly this past week when Captain Blunderbuss left behind some treasure at our preschool! The children are enjoying creating and reading treasure maps, and using keys around the room to seek out treasure

In the 3s class, building a variety of boats has been a wonderful game in the blocks area. We will be starting some boat designing and creating projects in the art studio, as well as some buoyancy science experimenting, to expand upon this interest.

Finally, the 3-5s class has shown interest in the many interesting water creatures, and especially those of the deepest depths of the sea with interesting features such as lights. We will be looking at these animals more closely and we are excited to learn more!



The 4s class has also demonstrated a keen interest in performing, and have been ecstatic about the addition of a stage, spotlight, and concession stand to their dramatic play. So far we have had wonderful dancing, singing, and even a magic show. To build upon this interest, we will also be having a special visit from the **Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra on Friday, April 21st**, where the children will learn more about musical instruments and performance.

If you have any books, props, or other materials that you think might contribute to our water projects or our 4s performance stage, please talk to the teachers as we would love to borrow them!

Your children have also been very hard at work in the art studio preparing for our much anticipated Art Show! We are pleased to announce that the Art Show will be taking place on **Friday, June 2nd** downtown at **Prints Charming, which is located at 211 10 Ave SW**. We will have more details soon for those who would like to help with food for the event or set up. We hope all of our families will be able to make it to this special event to celebrate your children and their hard work all year!

As the weather gets warmer, we will have more opportunities to get outside to the playground and also to the beloved gully! **Located at 14 Ave SW and 25A St SW**, this hidden gem allows us to explore a little bit of nature just around the corner from our preschool! On days that we plan to go to the gully, we will send an email the day before so that you can prepare your child with rubber boots so that they can splash and play in the spring. Please also ensure that on each sunny day your child is prepared with a hat and sunscreen **applied at home**.

Important Dates

April 14 – Good Friday (No school)
April 17 – Organizational Day (No school)
April 20 – Cleaning Night (6:30-9:30PM)
April 21- CPO Visit (4s Class)

We are so looking forward to our exciting month ahead!

Ms. Danielle & Mrs. Tammy

A Message from the Board

- Our popular Grocery card Fundraiser is back! As a reminder you can purchase Safeway and/or Community Natural Foods gift cards and a portion of the money raised will go back to the school. Please complete the order form and return it to our teachers by April 28. Cheques should be made payable to Discovery Preschool!
- Interested in becoming a member of the Board? Next school year we will have a number of vacant board positions as we say good-bye to many families who will have children entering Kindergarten. If you are interested please review the Parent Job Handbook on the Discovery website and/or email a board member for more information!
http://discoverypreschool.info/wp-content/uploads/parent-jobs-handbook_2015.pdf
- A huge thank you to all families who purchased the Snowy Days books. We raised close to \$400 for the school and plan to put that money towards purchasing a new sensory bin!

Wishing everyone a fabulous Spring!



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