



## A Message from our Teachers – Kristi & Aleks

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Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a very nice holiday! We are feeling refreshed and ready for an awesome 2013. We finished 2012 off with making salt clay ornaments, decorating gingerbread cookies, decorating foam snowflakes, and of course continuing discussion about dinosaurs and our volcano. The volcano was a big hit in all 3 classes and we will definitely be erupting it again in the coming months.

Getting to know all of the children in the first 2 months of school has been great, and we have begun teaching them about thinking of the things they love about themselves and other people. We have started the New Year with 'bucket filling'. This is a very nice concept to help the children understand the importance of being kind to one another, feeling good about themselves and understanding the things they can say and do that will fill other peoples invisible buckets with kindness. In turn they fill their own bucket as well, because it feels good to do nice things for other people. The children all seem to be really enjoying doing and saying kind things to fill each other's buckets. We have / will be sending home little hearts that we hope you will send back telling us about something nice your child did at home that helped to fill someone's bucket.

We have also started the New Year off with encouraging the children to always eat their fruits and vegetables in their snack before eating the other things. Thank you all for packing healthy snacks and we look forward to continuing being the 'produce police' and encouraging the children to always eat their fruits and veggies. If you could help us by always sending some fruits or veggies in their snack that would be greatly appreciated, hopefully this can help you at home too with some things they may say they don't really love to eat!

With interest and inspiration from the children, we will be starting to read books about monsters and introduce the book 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We are going to decorate the room as a forest and see where the children's imagination leads us. If anyone

### *Important Dates*

Current / Alumni Registration	January 14 – 31
New student registration	February 7, 1pm
Open Houses:	Monday Jan 28th 6:30 to 7:30pm, Tuesday Jan. 29th 9:30to 10am Wednesday Jan. 30th, 9:30 to 10am
Art Show & Sale Fundraiser	February 22 6-9pm
Avalanche! Institute of Contemporary Art	

is able to bring in old socks to make sock puppets out of that would be greatly appreciated. We also need some recycled materials such as paper towel rolls to make binoculars for our monster hunt. We are going to be trying out lots of different materials in the art centre in the coming months, so if you happen to have any small scraps of wood, tin foil, metal (no sharp edges of course), canvas, plastic, cork board, or really any interesting materials you may have lying around and would be willing to bring in that would be amazing.



On February 22, 6-9 pm, we will be holding another fundraiser. This will be a silent auction of the children's artwork held at Avalanche! Institute of Contemporary Art, who have so graciously allowed us the use of their space at no charge. ([www.avalancheavalanche.com](http://www.avalancheavalanche.com)) There will be info sheets and consent forms sent out soon. We strongly encourage that you and your children come for the evening, as this will be a one night only opportunity. So come join us to enjoy a night out at the gallery, have a chance to connect with other families in the community, and see the pride on your child's face as they see their artwork up in a gallery!

We thank you all for your amazing support in the classroom, and we are looking very forward to the wonderful learning and exploring that will happen as the New Year progresses!

## A Message from the Board

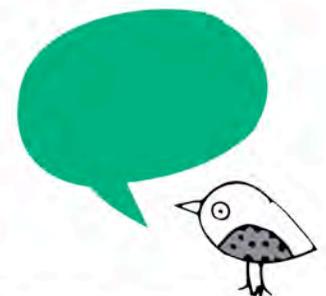
We hope that you had wonderful holidays! We are very excited for what is to come this year. We've started off with a wonderful focus on kindness. If anyone is interested in learning more about the bucket concept, the inspiration came from the book [Have you Filled A Bucket Today? A Guide for Daily Happiness for Children](#), by Carol McLeod.

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### Registration

Registration for current students and alumni families is from January 14-31. You can get the forms from our website or we should have some copies at the school. Public registration will begin on February 7 (1pm) so reserve your spot soon. Our Open Houses for new families are Monday Jan 28th 6:30 to 7:30pm, Tuesday Jan. 29th 9:30to 10am, Wednesday Jan. 30th, 9:30 to 10am.

We will delay class outdoor trips and visits until later in the year but we sure heard that the children enjoyed how the teachers organized bringing the outdoors in- the snow activity. Ask your child if he/she hasn't told you about it already.



## Thank you

Alexandra Weaver, who has been our Registrar, has taken on a new position outside of the home and has stepped down from the Board. We greatly appreciate all the wonderful work that she has done for the school and as a member of the board. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours!



## Call for Additional Board Member and Parent Job Volunteer Support

With Alexandra's departure, we are in need of someone taking on this critical role as soon as possible. Alexandra will be able to support the next Registrar with training and all the information that they will require in order to be successful. Please feel free to contact Alex directly at [alweaver@shaw.ca](mailto:alweaver@shaw.ca) to discuss the role. You can also contact another board member.

Thank you to those parents that have come forward to take on some additional work. We do still have some vacant roles. Perhaps you have a role that hasn't included too much work or maybe you could just help out for a particular event or day ie. on registration day or at an open house. Little by little we can get everything done that is needed. We have descriptions for each job including a outlines on what is required. Please contact Nicole Miller, our Parent Job Coordinator at [nicolemiller00@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemiller00@gmail.com) with questions or to find out what is needed.

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Board meetings are held on the first Monday evening of the month. You are welcome to join us. If interested in attending or becoming a board member, please contact us.

