



June 2016

A Message from our Teachers

It is hard to believe that June has arrived and the school year is quickly coming to an end!

The beautiful spring weather has brought many opportunities for us to explore and enjoy the outdoors through picnics, playground trips and visits to the gully! Over the past few weeks, the children also got to experience the magical process of metamorphosis as we raised painted lady butterflies from tiny caterpillars. We learned about the life cycle of butterflies and looked at symmetry and reflections as we examined the beautiful patterns on the butterflies' wings. The students couldn't believe the butterflies that finally emerged from the chrysalises and fluttered away were the same creatures that first came to us!

We are so grateful to all of you who helped with the huge process of planning for, setting up, and taking down the Art Show. It was a wonderful and joyful evening and would not have been possible without all of your hard work! Lastly, thank you to all who attended and generously donated in support of our young artists and our school!!!

Our Year End Party will take place on Tuesday, June 21st from 9:30am-12pm at the Killarney Community Centre, and will be a special gathering of all the preschool classes and families with some very exciting activities! There will be a sign up sheet for food, drinks, set up and take down for anyone who is interested in helping out with this day!

The final Clean Up Day is fast approaching on Thursday, June 23rd. If you have not yet attended a cleaning night, please consider signing up for this important day to prepare the space for the upcoming school year.

While we are all on summer vacation, the Guinea pigs also take their holidays. If you would like to help out (please do!), we are now taking babysitting gigs for one to two week periods over the duration of the summer. The Guinea pigs love shady, grassy spots to nibble grass and take in the summer air, lots of attention and hugs, fresh herbs from your garden, and loving families to take them in. If you have any of the above, please consider part time adoption this summer and help us fill up the sign up calendar at the school :)

Important Dates

June 16, 2016 – Last day of classes for 3's am & 3-5's pm class

June 20, 2016 – Last day of classes for 4's

June 21, 2016 – Year End Party for all

June 22, 2016 – No classes

June 23, 2016 – Clean Up Day (9-12pm)

It has been a fantastic year and we hope you all have fun-filled summers. We will miss you all so much!

Ms. Aleks & Ms. Danielle

A Message from the Board

Fundraiser

Art Show – The art show was a huge success! We raised over \$2500 for the school! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event happen and to all the families who came out and enjoyed the evening! There are still some pieces available that were not bid on so if you're interested, please speak to the teachers. Also if any parents have pictures from the art show evening that you would be willing to share with the school, please let the teachers know. Thank you so much!

Goodbye ☹️

It is with very heavy hearts that we say goodbye to one of our most cherished teachers, Ms. Aleks! Ms. Aleks has been teaching at Discovery Preschool for 4 years. Her deep commitment, warmth and enthusiasm for our little human beings is demonstrated every day in all that she does. She has shared her passion and love of nature and the earth in so many creative and wonderful ways, nurturing our children's empathy and compassion for all living things. Ms. Aleks has decided to travel the world next year. Please join us in wishing her well in her upcoming adventures. Ms. Aleks, you will be deeply missed by your Discovery Preschool community!

Registration

There are still some spots available next year for registration in the 3's am class & 3-5 year old afternoon class, so spread the word to family, friends and neighbours. Thank you!

Clean Up Day

The fourth and final school clean-up will take place on **Thursday, June 23, 2016 in the morning from 9-12pm**. If you have not participated in a clean up day and would like to sign up for June 23, 2016, please contact Lori-Anne at lorianne.toone@gmail.com as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that each family is required to participate in one clean-up day over the course of the year. If you do not participate in a clean-up day, your \$75 cheque will be cashed.

Next School Year

Welcome Package– If your child is enrolled in preschool for next year, please watch for your child's Welcome Package, including staggered entry information, in an e-mail in mid-August.

Volunteer Jobs- Sign up for parent volunteer jobs for next year will also take place in August. You will receive an e-mail closer to this time.

Board Positions - There will be a few **board positions** opening for the upcoming year. If you are curious about board positions or interested in joining the preschool board, please be in touch with our Parent Job Coordinator, Melissa Frankiw at mfrankiw@gmail.com.



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Have a Wonderful Summer with your Family!

