



## A Message from our Teachers – Kristi & Aleks

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### Thank You

- ❖ A huge “thank you” to everyone for coming out to the art show, it was a great success and we had so much fun!

### What’s happening in the classroom?

- ❖ There were a lot of paintings in the art show that were of whales, dolphins, or sharks, so we thought we would work that into the class and have lots of underwater books to learn from and are working on a sky and water scene in our circle time area.
- ❖ With lots of interest shown about rocket ships, we have started a space theme in the classroom and are looking forward to learning about outer space and making some paper maché planets to decorate the room. On that note - if you have old newspapers that are over crowding your recycling bin we can definitely put them to use! If you happen to have some balloons in a variety of sizes and old flour that will also be very useful!

### Parent / Teachers Interviews

- ❖ Parent teacher interviews are coming up, March 13<sup>th</sup> (12:30-3:30), March 14<sup>th</sup> (3:30-7:30) and March 15<sup>th</sup> (12:30-3:30) please sign up for a time when you drop off or pick up your child. If you do not drop off your child, please email Kristi at [Kristi@discoverypreschool.info](mailto:Kristi@discoverypreschool.info)

### ***Important Dates and reminders***

Parent/Teacher interviews:

Wed March 13 12:30-3:30pm,  
Thurs March 14 3:30-7:30pm,  
Fri March 15 12:30-3:30pm

Clean-up date: Thurs March 21, afternoon

School Closures Mon March 25- Mon Apr 1  
Classes resume Tues Apr 2

Signal Hill Library Field Trip Apr 18, 19

with your availability.



## Snacks

- ❖ Thanks for continuing to send healthy snacks. The children seem to be so interested in eating their fruits and veggies first, and we have heard from a few parents the children are also doing this at home - that's awesome!

## Park Visits

- ❖ Also - we will be going to the park soon! YAY! Please continue to send a change of clothes with your child in case it is muddy outside, and also send appropriate clothes for the weather. There will be a note on the door if we are at the park at pick up time, and you can come pick up your child from there. The sign out sheets will also be there, so please remember to sign out before taking your child from the park. Thank you!
- ❖ In preparation for these visits we suggest that you work with your children to practice getting their outdoor clothes and gear on and done up, on their own. This will help to speed up the process to get to the outdoors and also help the children with their independence – they feel proud when they can do it on their own.

## *Message from the Board*

### **ART SHOW & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

We are so appreciative of all the hard work, planning and organizing that Kristi and Avalanche! Art Gallery did for Discovery Preschool. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the kid's faces when they saw their paintings there. Through this fundraising effort, we were able to raise over \$2800. All money raised is going directly to the operating costs of the preschool. Avalanche was very gracious to have hosted our event without charge.

### **Invitation to use your talents with the kids in class**

We would like to encourage experts (or anyone who has a hobby or skill, that they are willing to share) from parent community – you or your friend – to come in as a class guest. It doesn't have to be anything complicated and you can even make arrangements to possibly do it on





your volunteer day, as long as we have the ratio required. Guests that we've had in the past ie. guitar and sing song; yoga; dance; geologist with rock samples and pictures; archeologist; carpenter; let the teachers know in advance and they can work with you on the timing. You don't need to be an expert nor do you need to work on 60 min of material; 15-20min is plenty of time to give the kids a taste of something different.

## Field Trip

We are working on a field trip to Signal Hill library on April 18, 19 – more information will follow, closer to the date but parents/ caregivers will need to drive children.

## Clean Up day

We are looking for addition help for our upcoming Clean-up day on the afternoon of March 21. Please remember that you must attend at least one clean up day. You will need to bring a pail, a couple rags, rubber gloves, but note that you cannot have your children in attendance for this. If you are able to attend, please email our Board Secretary, Kim Todd at [kimtodd@shaw.ca](mailto:kimtodd@shaw.ca). The final clean up day is June 24 (morning).

## Class photos

We are in the process of making arrangement for class photos, including individual photos, during class time on a yet to be confirmed dates in the second or third week in April.

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

