



March 2016

## ***A Message from our Teachers***

February was indeed a short, but eventful, month! Our friendship parties engaged the children in the deeper meaning of friendship, kindness, giving, sharing, and taking turns. The students made cards for each other and for their families, created friendship bracelets, and played their favorite games with each other. In particular, the four year olds were extraordinarily patient and fair when showing their friends the games they brought from home. The buzz of excitement filled the air as they shifted between playing each other's games and working at the various stations around the room. That week, we sent home heart cut outs and asked you to write something down that your child did that filled your heart. Each student then stood in the center of the circle as we read their heart aloud and they were applauded and high-fived for being tremendous bucket fillers! The students were so proud of themselves and demonstrated a sense of fulfillment from this activity. This, inevitably, filled our buckets too, as we watch the children grow into kind and caring individuals :) We encourage you to continue to acknowledge your child's efforts at being nice to family members, friends, and strangers as often as you can to instill a permanent desire to do nice things for others!

Along with airplanes and the start of an outer space unit, we also studied bees this past month. Our intention was to replace the fear that many children have when it comes to bees, with a newfound love for these remarkable little creatures. In considering the demise of bee colonies around the world, we felt it was necessary to make sure that the children respected these little guys for all that they do, so we took advantage of this learning opportunity when we noticed several kids engaging in "bee play." We learned about gathering nectar, different roles in the colony, the process of honey, and why we need bees to pollinate. Despite our efforts, some of the students still hesitate to believe that bees don't chase and sting you, so please encourage them during the summer months to not be afraid of bees, because bees have more important work to do than to waste their time (and life) stinging us!

We are so excited to take the students to Spaceport this month, an educational space experience, at the Calgary Airport. The 4 year old class' field trip is on **Friday, March 11th** and the 3s and afternoon class is on **Thursday, March 15th**. The morning/afternoon will be packed full of fun! Although you will have to pay for parking (\$10 in the designated parking area found on the attached map), admission is free for parents who want to come along, but you are not required to do so. Please let us know by **Friday**

### **Important Dates**

**March 18 – Organization Day – no school**  
**March 21-28 – Spring Break – no school**  
**March 29 – Classes resume**

**March 4th if you are in the 4's class** and are interested in coming as a volunteer so that we can reserve enough parking spots. The **3s parents and afternoon class will have to let us know by March 11th** if you are attending the field trip with a vehicle. We encourage carpooling if you can. For those that are picking up siblings from Alexander Ferguson, you can leave the field trip a little bit early to make sure you are on time.

Thanks to all of the parents who have contributed to our projects by bringing in materials and resources. It is SO VERY MUCH appreciated!!!

Warm regards,  
Aleks and Danielle

## *A Message from the Board*

### Housekeeping Items

- Just a reminder that at no time should the front door be propped open. This is a security issue for the church and the preschool. If there is a problem with the door, please let the teachers know and a parent volunteer can be responsible for monitoring the door. Thank you.
- As part of the preschool licensing, it is important for parents to be aware and have read Discovery's policies and procedures. You can find them on our website, on the Downloads page, at: [http://discoverypreschool.info/?page\\_id=82](http://discoverypreschool.info/?page_id=82), for your reading pleasure!

### Upcoming Fundraisers

The school will be having 2 more fundraisers this school year:

- **Grocery Cards** – Discovery will again be offering families the opportunity to purchase both Safeway and/or Community Foods Gift Cards. Details will be coming soon!
- **Annual Art Show** – This year Discovery Preschool will be putting on its annual art show. The art show is an evening with our preschool families and friends featuring your children's beautiful art creations. This event will take place towards the end of May or beginning of June. It is a lovely evening for families to get together and enjoy some food and conversation with our preschool community. We are in the process of looking for a venue as last year's space (Untitled Art Studio) will not accommodate our growing school community. If any parents have any ideas about a space for the art show, we would more than welcome your input. This fundraiser is a really important to supporting the functioning of the school. Last year, we raised over \$2700 for Discovery Preschool. We also encourage families to invite extended family or friends to share in the evening as well. Your child's art will be displayed for you to bid on along with a large art project that all the children have worked on. If you have any questions about the art show, please feel free to speak to the teachers or a board member. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters!



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