

# Riverbend Playschool

## *Learning though Play*

### January 2022

## Teacher's Message

Welcome back everyone! We are so happy to see you again. Hopefully you all had a wonderful break and are now ready to get back into a "flurry" of activity! We will start off the New Year talking about all that winter has to offer. We are hoping to play in the snow, so be sure to send your child ready for outdoor play EVERY DAY. If weather permits, we will be outside looking for signs of winter in our own neighborhood. This means that our boots, hats, mittens (waterproof please!), coats and snow pants must be warm! It is no fun if we are cold!!!

For the second half of the month, we will be exploring all kinds of ocean life. This unit will end with a "day at the beach" party (Wed, Jan 26th for the M/W/F classes, and Thursday January 27th for the T/Th classes) for all to enjoy. Be sure to send your child in their summer clothes (eg. shorts & top, summer dresses, etc.) on that day.

Just a reminder ... registration for playschool is the first week of February. If your child is attending one of the 3-yr-old classes, please be aware that you are not automatically enrolled in the 4-yr-old class for Fall 2022. You will need to register with current families & alumni on Thursday, February 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Tell all your friends because new families can register Saturday, February 5th, 8:00 a.m.

***Becky and Laurel***

### Government of Canada Travel Restrictions

We received a letter from Minister Schulz and wanted to provide information regarding international travel for unvaccinated children. If any of our families are traveling internationally over the holidays, please follow the current Government of Canada travel restrictions:

"As of December 17, it is important to be aware that, per Government of Canada travel restrictions, unvaccinated children returning to Canada from international travel are required to stay home from school and child care for 14 days. More information on the requirements for children and other travelers can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#children>."



### 2022/2023 Open House & Registration

Mark your calendars. Open House & Registration dates for the 2022/2023 Playschool year are:

#### Open House:

Our virtual open house video is still on the website and includes a tour of the classroom, an overview of the program and commonly asked questions.

#### Current and Alumni Member Online Registration:

Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM

#### General Public On-line Registration:

Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM



## Thank You

- Thank you to Oliver's family for the donated stickers, markers, etc.
- Thank you to Lucy's family for the donated tissue boxes
- Thanks to all of you who contributed to our Angel Tree program. It was a huge success!
- Thank you to all of our families who continue to follow the rules with a smile on your face. We are proud to say that we made it to Christmas covid-free!!

## Cleaning Bee

The January clean will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Please mark your calendar if you are cleaning bee.



## Additional Information

- Please advise teachers if your child is unable to attend class.
- If you have had an address update please email the registrar.



## Cold Weather Policy ❄️

Classes will be cancelled if the temperature is colder than -40, including wind chill, as reported by Environment Canada at 7:00 am.

We will leave a message about the school closure on the playschool voicemail at (780) 988-0704.

## Tuition and Subsidy

January/February tuition cheques will be deposited in the first week of January.

For subsidies, here is the information Carrie sent out in December:

From the information received as of Sep 1, 2021 families that have a household income of \$90,000 or less may qualify for a \$125 per month subsidy. As of Jan 1, 2022 the household income increases to \$180,000. It is up to families to access their eligibility and apply. Here is a link with more information:

<https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx>

Feel free to reach out to Carrie if you have any additional subsidy questions at [president.rbps@gmail.com](mailto:president.rbps@gmail.com).

## Building Independence

We want to work on the goal of independence and confidence, please try:

- Runners with no laces
- Snack bags that can easily be opened by your child
- Please give the time for your child to find their own hook and hang up their own coats

