

# December 2018 Newsletter



The weather continues to be mild in town while snowing higher up. The ski hill opens on Friday!!! Only 3 more weeks til Christmas!!! Where does the time go? The children have been telling me all the things that Santa will be bringing them this year😊

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday night for our annual Winter Potluck. Please remember to label your dishes to avoid any allergic reactions or food sensitivities. The children have been practicing their singing and getting very excited about partying with their friends and families. This event will start at 5:15 and end at 6:45.

I would like to welcome Leni to our staff. Leni is an ECE-Assistant and will be working as a casual in the 3-5 program.

Reminder to all that we will be closed over the holidays. Our last day open will be December 21<sup>st</sup> and we will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season.

I also wanted to remind everyone of the importance of indoor shoes, especially at this time of year. We do a fire drill once a month where everyone leaves the building and meets up at the entrance gate. It is a bad time of year to have to do this in just your



## Infant Toddler News



We are jumping into winter and enjoyed watching the seasons change together this last month here at Kootenay Kids Early Care and Learning Centre. We raked leaves together and pulled out old plants from our gardens. We have been moving things around in the yard to get ready for winter. We have piled a tire on pallets to get ready to make a snow hill we can slide down. We have moved the mud kitchen into the sand boxes so we can make mud pies through the snowy season. Inside we have also been making room changes that flows with what the children are interested in. We have created some obstacles for climbing over and under and caves and cozy areas for our bears and wolves to play in during dramatic play experiences.



Reminder to please ensure your child has indoor shoes on when they arrive. This is a safety precaution in case of an emergency and we have to evacuate the building we won't have time to stop and put outdoor shoes on. We will have a basket with spare daycare slippers by the door if you have forgotten to bring some please choose a pair with your child that they can borrow for the day.

Thank you for all the variety of outdoor gear and extra clothing you pack for your child. It really helps us out in making sure children stay warm during outside play in changing weather we see throughout the day. We have been really enjoying our outdoor play together. Please remember to label as much as you can as things can sometimes get mixed around in the cubby room. If you have noticed something of yours has been misplaced please let us know or check our lost and found by the gate.



### Important Dates!

Our winter potluck will be on **December 6<sup>th</sup>** we hope to see all our families join us for a fun night of socializing and activities for the children. Please let us know if you will be attending. We are closed over Christmas and New Years from **December 24<sup>th</sup>** and will reopen on **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We hope everyone enjoys the holiday season!!



## December 3-5 & M/A News

What an exciting month for the children!!!!

We have been busy getting ready for our winter festival on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The Children have been busy doing crafts, talking about winter and all the fun things we get to enjoy in winter. Ask your child about our surveys we do at gathering!!!

The couple days of snow we have had so far have been super fun. Watching and playing with the kids in fresh snow is so wonderful. Sliding down the hills and making snow angels and snowmen. Also we are getting into the routine of snow gear and our older children have been great helpers for some of our younger kids helping them get ready for outside play.

We have transformed our inside space to include a quieter reading corner as well as our winter cave. Such great play has come out of the rearranged space.

A big thank you to everyone for continuing to label all your child's belongings. It definitely makes the day easier when we know whose items are whose. Just a reminder that we go out in the morning and the afternoon so having warm gear( plus extras mitts or socks) for the day is essential as the weather gets colder.



**\*\*Dates to remember:\*\***

The center will be closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen January 2<sup>nd</sup>2019.

The staff want to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break and of course a very Happy New Year 2019!!