

November 2019 Newsletter



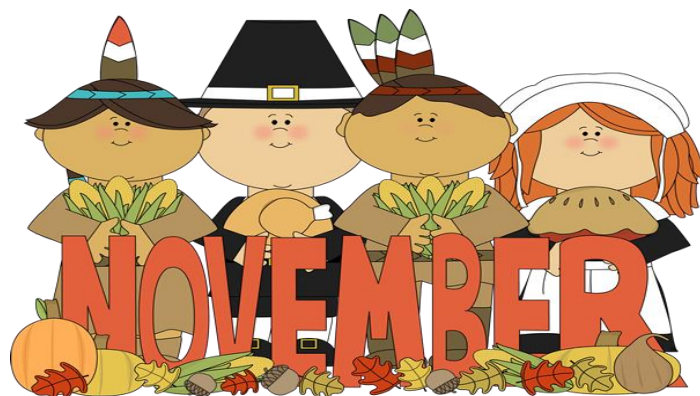
Happy November Everyone. I hope you have all recovered from Daylight Savings Time. It doesn't always feel like we actually gain an hour. Maybe it will be the last time we will experience this....

Big welcome to our new families just starting. We are all looking forward to getting to know you and your children better. Also big welcome to a couple of new casuals. Madison will be working in the 3-5 program and is currently working towards her ECCE qualifications. Melissa will be working mainly in the infant and toddler program. She is a qualified Early Childhood Educator. Both women have experience working in child care.

Reminder that we will be closed this Friday, November 8th for staff to attend the Early Learning Institute with Lorrie Baird. We will also be closed on Monday, Nov. 11th for Remembrance Day.

The schedule for Christmas has come out. We will be open for short days on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, we will be closing at 3 on both days. We will be closed on the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. We are open on the 30th, closed on Jan. 1st and open again on the 2nd. If you know that you will not be attending on any days over the holidays please let me know. It helps me to not over staff during that time.

E-transfers are a convenient way to pay for childcare. Our finance manager has asked that everyone please use the same question and answer on the e-transfers as she is the one who receives them and she doesn't know all of the children's names. The question is "What kind of child care do you like?" and the answer is "quality". The email address to use is blankaz@kootenaykids.ca.



Hello, November! It is hard to believe that winter is here! We had so much fun in the infant and toddler program for the last month, and it went by so fast. As the weather is getting colder, we would like to remind the parents to bring all winter gear for their little ones: hats, gloves, winter boots, warm jackets, etc in order to fit different weather conditions, since it could be freezing in the morning, and warming up later in the day.

We have had a wonderful fall. There were a variety of art projects happening: water painting, leaves painting, and branches with painting. Our children noticed the color changes of leaves and trees, and they spent a lot of time gathering leaves and observing what was happening in nature. After the thanksgiving holiday, we had some children who were excited to share their special family events and how they love their families, which was so awesome. And of course Halloween! It was everyone's favorite. The teachers were dressing up with the theme "Goldilocks", and there was a play that morning. We enjoyed "telling" the story in a different way and having the three to five program coming over and watching the play. Children were proud of their costumes, too! And they have already talked about next year's dress up!

Another reminder of our coming up closures: November 8th for Pro-D day, November 11th for Remembrance Day. We would love to have some plastic bags for donation for sending home soiled clothing. We are trying to move away from using single use plastics at the daycare and if any families have reusable dirty diaper bags that they can bring from home for their child to use that would be amazing.

3-5 & Multi-age News

OCTOBER WAS A MONTH OF TRANSITIONS AND FUN

It felt like we went from sunscreen to toque's almost overnight. A lot more independent learning for our friends as we learn to do zippers, buttons, snaps and buckles.

We spent a lot of time this month with Thanksgiving, Halloween and Fall. A lot of those themes were incorporated into our gatherings, art and outdoor play. This month we shifted gears into animals and hibernations etc and changing our dramatic play area for more learning opportunities.

A huge thank you to all the families for labeling your child's belongings. It makes it much easier to get a group ready for outside when we can easily identify whose coat is whose etc. We also would like to remind all families than inside shoes for your child are a must for every day. Now because of the weather there is a need in case of any emergencies. Children have been practicing fire drills and the staff have been reminding them of why inside shoes are so important.

Also we would like to ask the parents if they are coming into the center to please remove there outdoor shoes by the front door as opposed to the carpeted area. We use that space for story time and other activities throughout the day and now with the extra mud and dirt our carpet is a lot dirtier. We would appreciate your assistance with this. Thanks all!!!



[The Importance of Outdoor Play In Winter And The Colder Months.html](#)

JUST A REMIDER THAT WE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

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