

Teacher News

Hello Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has been enjoying their break! Thank you so much to all of our volunteers that helped out at our Christmas Concert! All of the kids sang great and we had a lot of fun!! We also wanted to say a BIG thank you to everyone for the kindly written cards and gifts!

We are starting off the New Year with our winter theme. We will be exploring polar animals, snowflakes, ice and snow through crafts, building, science experiments, and sensory activities! We will also be taking the winter theme into the gym with some fun games and activities!

We will also be starting to work on our kindergarten readiness skills! We have some fun activities planned incorporating our Winter theme. If you have any questions about kindergarten readiness and what types of things we will be working on please don't hesitate to ask. We were given some 'I'm Ready!' booklets from the First 2000 Days Network and Chestermere Parent Link Centre if you would like a copy of one.

We will hopefully be getting outside this month as well. When possible, we will let you know before hand to send their outside gear; snowsuit, hats, mitts, and boots.

Our skating days this month are January 15th and 16th. It has been so fun to watch the kids' confidence grow and how fast a lot of them are getting! They'll all be beating Ms. Emily in races in no time! If we can all remind our kids that we have limited quantities of the red skate trainers, so if we could save them for the kids that actually need them.

Ms. Emily and Ms. Jenn


Happy New Year!

January Birthday Kids

Kylie D – Jan 3
Finn V – Jan 11
Cali H – Jan 22

Events

Classes Resume

Mon/Wed Class –
January 6th

Tues/Thurs Class –
January 7th

Skating Days

Mon/Wed Class -
January 15th 9:30-
10:30 & 1:00-2:00

Tues/Thurs Class –
January 16th 9:45-
10:30 & 1:00-2:00pm

2020/2021

Registration

Exciting News! We're working hard to offer ONLINE registration this year! Please read below for more information



Christmas Concert

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our Christmas concerts and contributed to all the yummy food we had to eat. The kids did a great job singing their sweet hearts out to all our favorite Christmas songs! Also, a huge thanks to Ms. Emily and Ms. Jenn for all the time they spent practicing with the children and getting them ready, and to Laura McCullough and her team of volunteers for all their hard work in creating the games and crafts around the gym as well as the set up and take down! One last big thank you to all who donated food to our local food bank. Every bit of your generosity went to those in our community who need it most!!

Special Guests

This December, we had Brooke from [Chestermere Station Dental](#) visit the classroom to teach the kiddos all about their teeth. Thanks so much for joining us Brooke, the kids had a blast.

Our January guest is [Garrett McCoy](#), Shaman & Energy Medicine Practitioner, who will guide the kids with a series of breath work visuals and meditation. We're excited to have him!

Playing Outside

We would love to start bringing the students outside more often during our physical activity time. We Please ask **all students** be sent to school with coats, boots, hats, mitts and snow pants so they can be comfortable as they are crawling around in the snow. If the weather is within a few degrees of zero, please send your child to school with their winter gear so we can enjoy some outdoor play.

You Don't Want to Miss This!

Come check out all the programs and services coming up in the New Year in Chestermere and area at the **Mini Energizer Night** held at the Chestermere Rec Centre from 6-8 pm on **January 8th**. This is also a great opportunity to sign up for some great activities being offered in and around the community!

More information can be found [here](#)

Going Green!

As a New Year's Resolution for this year, the Playschool is going **green**! In the Classroom the kids do a really great job of recycling and they are aware that certain things need to be recycled or even composted but in a classroom setting our recycling bin can fill up quite quickly! So this year, in an attempt to reduce our waste and make sure recyclables and compostable items are ending up in the right place, we are asking each student to pack all snack waste and leftovers home with them. The teachers are also taking this opportunity to incorporate recycling/composting into some fun learning activities!

Reminder – Sick Kids

It seems as though this flu/cold season has hit hard, with that in mind please remember children should be excluded from playschool if they have an illness that has required antibiotic treatment (ie. strep throat, pink eye) – it is generally recommended to keep your child away for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics, but please confirm with your health professional. Children experiencing vomiting, diarrhea or fevers within the past 24 hours should also be kept away until the symptoms pass (dosing with Tylenol doesn't count!). Sometimes a child can appear just fine while at home, but then become ill while at school – when the situation merits it, the teachers will call you to come and pick up your child. If your child needs to miss playschool, please phone and leave a message at 403-273-9208. Please DO NOT email absence alerts.

2020/2021 Registration

This year we're looking to streamline our registration process and offer online registration! We've been working diligently to have this organized in time for our 2020-21 school year with hopes of having it roll out the **first week February**. Please keep an eye on your email for updates and should you have any questions about registration please feel free to email us at <mailto:info@chestermereplayschool.com>

In addition, we will still be offering Early Registration through online registration. This is applicable to students who are currently registered in our program and who plan to continue on with our 4 year old program next year. Those who also qualify are siblings of children currently enrolled in either Tues/Thurs classes or our Mon/Wed/Fri classes. These families will be eligible for priority placement in the 2020/2021 classes through the "Early Registration" program. Again, please keep an eye on your email, as we will send out information pertaining to all things registration prior to that first week of February!

Please note, a 2020/2021 Community Membership is a requirement to be registered in our program. 2020/2021 memberships will be available for purchase as of June 1, 2020. Please have your required membership number on or before the first day of classes. Memberships can be purchased directly at the Rec Centre's Main Office or via their website: Chestermerecrca.com

Lastly, a big thank you to Andrew Bunka for all the hard work he has not only put into the new website, but into helping us offer online registration as well!

Kindergarten Registration Reminder

Kindergarten Registration Reminder: Registration for Kindergarten programs start mid January with select schools already offering ongoing registration since September. For Rockyview, you can find more information via their website.

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/registration>