

PARKCREST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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How time flies... June is here and it's time to celebrate the friendships we've built and the skills we've learned. It has been a fun filled year of laughter, growth and adventures!

Last month we learned about rocks. We looked at igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. We panned for gems with Cosmic Karen and took a look at her collection of rocks. Did you know that lava rocks are hollow and are light in weight? They float on water until all the wholes are filled...then sink.

Last week, we zoomed into space! We learned about some of the planets, Earth's atmosphere, and how planets orbit the sun. As we continue our space exploration, we will learn about the remaining planets and discover what astronauts do and how they live and work in space.

This week, the children will participate in a special **Astronaut Day** activity, where they will experience some of the challenges and adventures astronauts face. Through hands-on activities, imaginative play, and exploration, we will continue to spark curiosity about the wonders of space.

Our final days at preschool are quickly approaching! The children have been busy practicing fun songs, sign language, and dances to share with you. We look forward to celebrating together and seeing all of our families at the Year-End Concert. Please see below for event details.

Miss Farhana would like to give a special shout-out to Miss Tahira, Miss Kelly, Miss Vicki, and Miss Nelufar for an amazing year. From the planning, preparation, and teaching to all the singing, dancing, and learning, thank you, teachers! Your dedication, care, and hard work have made a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and we hope you know how valued and special you are to the Parkcrest community.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our children who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2026, we also look forward to welcoming new friends to our

preschool program in the fall. To all of our graduating children and their families, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes as you begin this exciting new chapter. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and know you will continue to learn, grow, and shine in Kindergarten.

We wish all of our families a wonderful summer and thank you for being part of our preschool community.

ASTRONAUT DAY

On Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12, the children will be participating in Astronaut Day during class. Stations will be set up and explored in small groups. From Gravity Express to Moonwalking, and from Rocketship Repair to Space Food, the child will learn what it's like as an Astronaut!

MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAY DAY

On Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19, we will be celebrating the year with ice cream Sundays during regular class hours. There will be Vanilla Ice Cream and toppings to choose from. If your child has food sensitivities, please let us know and we will provide an alternate treat (popsicle or freezie).

SUMMER SESSION

If your children are not ready to leave us just yet, we still have room in our preschool summer camp. Please talk to Miss Farhana for more information.

If your child is already registered for the summer session, please keep an eye out for the notice that will provide you with information regarding the schedule and programming.

DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our preschool throughout the year. Your generosity and support have helped enrich our learning environment and provided valuable resources for the children. We are truly grateful for your kindness and continued support. Thank you for being such an important part of our preschool community!

-Parkcrest Children's Centre

RECYLCE YOUR EMPTIES

We are still collecting empty beverage containers. Please consider dropping them off to the Centre or take them directly to Kensington Return It Depot. They

have an easy drop off system! At the kiosk near the entrance, type in 604-294-6224. You can attach the printed labels to each bag and drop them in the large blue bins just past the cashier. They will do all the sorting and deposit the funds directly into our account. All proceeds are used to purchase new program supplies and equipment.

MABEL'S LABELS

As you prepare your child to enter kindergarten or return to preschool, labels are a great way to help teachers return items to the right child. We have partnered up with Mabel's Labels where families can easily shop for personalized labels to stick on items such as clothing, supplies, containers and water bottles. Labels are laundry and dishwasher safe, and they are easy to apply. 20% of purchases will be donated back to our preschool to purchase supplies.

Go to www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com , search for Parkcrest Child Care Society and shop your personalized labels!

PLAYGROUND USE

If families arrive early or stay later to play, we are asking you to closely supervise your child. Conflicts that arise outside of your child's class time are your responsibility therefore, being physically close, present, and modelling good language is highly encouraged.

Thank you for your cooperation as we come to the end of another successful preschool year!

HOT WEATHER NOTICE!!!

As the weather warms us and that bright sun shines, we are urging families to send your children in cool clothing **and a hat.** **We are still required to wear closed toe shoes!**

Please apply sunscreen on uncovered areas prior to arrival (arms, legs, face, ears and back of neck). We also request that your child has a leak proof water bottle for each class as we will be spending lots of time outdoors and need to stay hydrated.

PRO D DAYS

Pro D Days are set by the School District each year. As Parkcrest Children's Centre provides care for school age children who attend Parkcrest and Aubrey, we are required to close preschool on these days, and provide full day care for

school age children. This month, the Pro D Day for these two schools are on two different days, therefore Preschool will be closed on Monday, June 1st and Monday, June 15th.

SPECIAL CRAFT

We will be working on a special craft with the children as a keepsake in the coming days. We will be using acrylic paint, thus please send your child to school in clothes that you don't mind getting messy. Children will receive their final product at the year-end celebration. Please let us know if your child will not be attending our year end celebration so we can send home their artwork and keepsake at an earlier date.

TAX RECEIPTS

January to June tax receipts will be going home during the last week of preschool. Please keep them in a safe place for your next tax filing. Please note that there is a \$10 fee for reprints.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Scholastics Canada has some great books for summer reading and learning. For children going into kindergarten or starting their first year in preschool, books are a great way to prepare children for what's coming.

Please use our class code when placing your order **RC174102**

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

Thursday, June 18th, Friday, June 19th and Monday, June 22nd will be the last days of instructional preschool classes.

YEAR END CELEBRATION

Our Celebration of Learning will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd for the 2 day classes and Wednesday, June 24th for the 3 day classes. 5 day children are highly encouraged to attend on both days. Doors will open at 9:30 for the preschool children and 9:45 for families.

To celebrate a wonderful year of learning, we invite you all to join us for a short performance, photos with the teachers on 'stage' and a picnic in the open meadow past the playground (weather permitting). Please bring your blanket, chairs and easy to eat **peanut free/tree nut free snacks!**

Schedule: 9:30

Drop off at regular class time

9:45 **Families enter**
10:45 **Picnic**

Important Dates to Remember:

Mon., June 1st - Professional Day- No Preschool

Mon., June 15th - Professional Day- No Preschool

Thurs., June 11th and Fri., June 12th – Astronaut Day

Thurs., June 18th and Fri., June 19th – Make Your Own Sunday Day

Thurs., June 18th, Fri., June 19th and Mon., June 22nd - last days of instructional preschool classes.

Tues., June 23rd & Wed., June 24th – Year End Celebration