

PARKCREST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As our final weeks of preschool come to an end, our enthusiasm for learning hasn't stopped! The Very Hungry Caterpillar led us through investigations, research and answers to so many questions such as, 'What's the difference between a butterfly and a moth?', 'Can caterpillars see with their fake eyes?' 'What are the body parts of a caterpillar and butterfly?' and 'What is metamorphosis?'

The children explored this units with the use of dialogue, intentionally planned play spaces, arts and crafts, manipulatives, and sensory experiences. Join us on April 30 and May 1, at the end of your child's class, to celebrate our learning. There will be a display for families to enjoy.

May will lead us into our unit on Rocks, where Science Made Fun will join us for a one-hour presentation and hands on learning. See details below.

Following rocks, we will turn our focus to space! We are super excited to visit the moon and learn about the planets and our galaxy. How do we get to space? What do we need to pack? Can we live on other planets? These are some leading questions that will be presented to the children to set the stage. We look forward to investigating questions along the way!

June will be our final month of preschool for the school year. We look forward to winding down the year with a fun celebration. Details to be provided.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR DISPLAY

Join us on April 30 and May 1, at the end of your child's regular class, to celebrate our learning over the past two months.

MISS FARHANA AWAY

To better equip caregivers and educators with the tools and insights needed to navigate today's rapidly evolving, technology-driven world, Miss Farhana will be attending two professional conferences this month (May 6-9 and May 26-29). During this time, she will be away as she continues to enhance her knowledge and bring valuable learnings back to support our community. Please call 604-294-6224 to notify us of absences.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS

Gift cards are expected to arrive by Friday, May 8th all sorted and ready to be picked up. Please see Miss Tahira for your order.

SCIENCE MADE FUN

On May 19 and 20, Science Made Fun will be visiting us for a one-hour presentation and hands on learning about rocks! Together, we will learn about the Earth's layers, discover what makes a volcano erupt, pan for real gems like the old prospectors did, and keep what we find!

Permission forms will be sent home on May 7 and 8 and must be returned by May 15.

An event like this would typically cost \$15 per child. Thanks to your bottle donations over the last few months, we are able to reduce the cost to \$12 per child. Families are welcome to continue dropping off empty and rinsed beverage containers until May 8th to further reduce the cost.

VARIETY -THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$633.00 for Variety and the children they support. We reached 63.3% of our target goal of \$1000. Donations can still be made online at https://secure2.convio.net/tccbc/site/TR?fr_id=1331&pg=entry to help families purchase hearing aids, walkers, adapted chairs and access private autism assessments. As a part of our commitment for community involvement, we hope to continue this fundraising event for years to come. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS-SUMMER READING

Summer is a great time to take books outdoors! There are some excellent books that cover topics such as friendship, safety, kindness and kindergarten readiness.

Scholastic Canada offers a fantastic selection of books at affordable prices for home reading and gifts. We have been a part of this book club for many years. For every purchase, we receive a credit and use it towards the purchase of new books and art supplies for our Centre.

Families who wish to order books can view the Digi-flyer at <https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/s/cec-ca/en/digital-catalogues>

There is an easy online payment system and all orders will be shipped to the preschool at no cost with a total minimum purchase of \$40.00 combined from all our families. Please use our **class code** when placing your order **RC174102**.

There is absolutely no obligation to order books – just an opportunity if you wish.

SUMMER SESSION

We have a few spaces available for our summer session. Please see or email Miss Farhana for details.

ILLNESSES & ALLERGIES

We are reminding families to be vigilant and keep their child/children home when they are sick. Please continue to assess your child daily for symptoms such as sore throat, cough, runny nose, fever, headache, difficulty breathing, vomiting or diarrhea.

We have recently noticed an increase of allergies this year. Please let us know if your child has suddenly developed an allergy. This may look like red eyes, patchy skin, watery eyes, and a scratchy throat. If you feel that your child may need allergy medication, please see one of the teachers for instructions.

Please notify the teachers of any absences. We thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING PRO D DAYS

There is a Pro D Day on Monday, June 1st for some Burnaby schools and on Monday, June 15th for other Burnaby schools. Preschool will be closed on both days to accommodate all day care for our school age program.

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 followed by 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!

Important Dates to Remember:

April 30 & May 1 – The Very Hungry Caterpillar (see times above)

Final Scholastic Orders Due - May 15

May 18 - Victoria Day- No preschool

May 19 & 20 – Science Made Fun Presentation and Activity