



West Point Grey Preschool at Aberthau November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October was such a great month of fun activities. We began the month making Turkeys and Apple Crumble. The children helped cut up the apples and mix the crumble ingredients. They loved their baking, especially with vanilla ice cream on top. We then started out our Farm theme. There have been great imaginative creations in the classroom with the farm animals, logs, barns and Magnatiles.

We had so much fun shaking the whip cream in the jar and eventually making butter. All of the classes made homemade buns which we enjoyed with the homemade butter. We finished up the month with a few more farm crafts, Diwali and our Halloween theme. The pumpkins were carved, the seeds roasted and the costumes that the children wore were adorable. All of the children were so excited and loved trick or treating around Aberthau and collecting their pumpkins in the field.

For the month of November, our themes will include Fall Leaves, Remembrance Day, Our Health, The Human Body, and Chefs (we will be making vegetable soup). The month will begin with cleaning up our garden and putting it to rest for the Winter. The children will help pull out the weeds and turn over the soil. The 4 year old class will be having a local artist, Laura Lee, come in and do a leaf project with the children during the first week of November.

As most of you have noticed, our playground has been demolished. The wood structure was rotting and not safe for the children. Park Board is in the process of putting in our new playground and will hopefully be finished soon. There are many displayed maps showing the new structures that will be added. In the meantime, we will be playing in the fields around Aberthau and going for short walks with the morning classes. The 3 year old class will have some allotted time in the Oak Room to run around. The 4 year old class has gym time in the afternoon and we will take them on longer walks to the beach, forest, and ABC Park.

With flu season (and COVID still active in our communities), please keep your children home if they are showing any symptoms. We are still keeping windows open in both classrooms and will continue to do so with the colder weather arriving. This helps with airflow in the class. We also have an air purifier in each classroom.

Reminders:

Friday, November 11 – Remembrance Day / No School

Thursday, November 17 – Soup Day, bring a small vegetable

Friday, November 18 – Soup Day, bring a small vegetable

Friday, December 16 – Christmas Party for all classes (morning)

Friday, December 16 – Last Day of classes until January 3, 2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at: miranda.tagliafierro@vancouver.ca and alissa.reder@vancouver.ca.

Sincerely,

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An Update from our Preschool, Children, Youth & Special Events Programmer – Andrea Mah

Winter registration will begin on Saturday, December 10 at 9:00am for online and in-person, and 12:00pm for phone-in. We are currently working on the Winter brochure (January to April) and hope to have all our programs viewable online by Saturday, December 3. The West Point Grey Community Centre Association is currently undergoing a website overhaul and we should have a brand new, user-friendly website sometime in the New Year! In the meantime, things will still be updated on the website, but not the program registration side of the website. For online registration, this can be done on the Park Board website at https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/vancouver/Activity_Search.

This month, November, we will also be hosting our annual Lighting of Aberthau event on Wednesday, November 23. This is a free community event and this year we will have Brock House Big Band performing. The event will also include arts and crafts, holiday treats, hot chocolate, and the countdown and lighting of the outside of the mansion at around 7:00pm. The lighting takes place outside in the back of the centre (mansion) and is a magical and special sight. The front of the mansion is lit each night but the back of the house is only lit for this event and then on every night for the holiday season. I hope all of you consider joining us for the countdown and please do dress weather appropriately as it can be chilly and muddy outside if it's been raining. The event will go ahead rain or shine, but we have high hopes for dry weather.

I hope you are enjoying your experience at the Preschool and also the other families in the program.

Sincerely,

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