

E.L.M. CHILDREN'S CENTRE

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Birthdays: Judy 28-?

Babcock Santa Visit: The Preschool group will be going to see Santa on Dec 5th. We will load the bus at 10:15am. Reminder that if your child is sick this day please keep them home as many of the people at Babcock have a compromised immune system. We will not have staff at the centre that will be able to watch children that cannot attend. The preschool staff will be taking photos and posting them to SeeSaw.

Fundraisers: The Wylde Rose bath bombs will be in on Dec 12th. Sorry for the delay in delivery. Thank you to those families that participated in the Sloans Wreath fundraiser. Once again they were beautiful! Our Rheo Thompson Mint Smoothies fundraiser has been given out. All monies are due back by Jan 7th, 2019. We have asked that each family sell \$60 worth of chocolate. REMINDER that we will have one more Funscrip order going in before the holidays if you need to purchase any gift cards for those hard to buy for people on your list!!

Christmas Holidays: We will be **CLOSED** from Dec 24, 2018 until January 1st, 2019. We will reopen on Jan 2nd. If your child will be away the first week of January please notify a staff member asap.

Fees: The Board of Directors have approved an increase to daycare fees. As of January 1st, 2019 Toddler fees will be \$36.00 per day and Preschool fees will be \$35.00 per day.

Vacation Days: Effective January 7th, 2019, the only unpaid days for a full year enrolment for childcare will be the child's two weeks vacation and statutory holidays. All sick time and days away over the two weeks of vacation will be charged full fees.

Waitlist: Currently we have a substantial waitlist for enrolment which will affect those children who in the past have had a summer break from daycare. Please, in writing or email, advise us if your child will not attend for the summer months.

Allergies: We ask that parents be aware that we have staff members with latex allergies. Please refrain from bringing items such as balloons to the daycare. Thank you.

Winter clothing: With the cooler weather we are still outside twice a day for roughly 30 mins or more each time. We ask that the children come with proper winter clothing every day. Winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat and two pairs of mitts. (The children love to play in the wet snow/water which result in wet mittens thus we ask for two pair).

Santa Letters: The children will once again be writing letters to Santa (with our help) this week. Each child will receive a personal letter in return from the awesome staffs at Glencoe District High School who have volunteered to be our SECRET Santa's.

Rough Play: We are encountering a trend in the level of rough play in our preschool room. The children are playing at a level that is becoming harmful to one another. We do not encourage play that involves violence of any kind (e.g. guns) or hands on. We continue to monitor the children and encourage them to play at a level that is safe and respectful to their fellow classmates.

Christmas Decor: Huge thank you goes out to local business EverBlooms by Joanne for the wonderful job on our festive urns. Also thank you to Stacey Johnson for her donation of a wreath for our door. We all are set for the holidays!!

P.J. Day: We will celebrate our final day before Christmas break (Dec 21st) with a p.j. day!! Wear your cosiest Christmas jammies or wear some festive clothing for our last daycare day of 2018.

**From All of us at ELM Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**