

# Woodvale Playschool

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## Important Information:

Newsletters and calendars will not be printed and sent home as they are now available online. Please print and post this newsletter and calendar so that you will be up-to-date with the happenings at school and your child does not miss out on an event. A copy of the newsletter will be posted at school.

It is very important that you check your child's backpack everyday for important information, upcoming events and things that your child has brought home.

Please continue to send your children dressed for the weather.

Check out our Fine Arts production: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pccT8rhc6z8>

### FUNDRAISER DATES:

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR FALL 2011 MUNDARE FUNDRAISER. Orders are due back on NOVEMBER 8TH.

### BINGO DATES:

Wed. Nov 30 10:45am - 4:00pm

Melissa/George

Dave/Hoakon Meredith

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ms. roberta



### **A NOTE FROM MS. ROBERTA**

Good bye October... and a very busy month. The pre k classes had a great time on the field trip to Prairie Gardens, thank you to all who helped. Class pictures are done and should arrive before the end of November.

Hello November! It is great that the snow has held off but I would like to remind everyone to bring your child to school dressed for the weather. There are times when we will go outside to explore seasonal things, without notice. For any scheduled event, you will be given notice.

We will be working on our "Christmas Card" fundraiser. Each child makes their own card and we have them professionally printed and sell them in packages of 20. Cost and more information will be given at a later date.

Saying goodbye to Mrs. Ross, for now, is bitter/sweet. I will miss seeing her everyday and our working relationship, but I do look forward to working with Miss Kathy and Miss Trina. Make sure you introduce yourself. Please help make them feel welcome and comfortable as they create new relationships with the Woodvale Playschool children and families. I know we all look forward to a visit from Mrs. Ross and her baby boy!

### **THREE YEAR OLD CLASS**

This month we will be working on our Christmas card fundraiser. Information will be sent home in your child's backpack at a later date. The 3's continue to decorate the classroom with their art. Please take time to look at it.

We will also be sending letters to Santa at the end of the month. We will have a special pj day. The morning will be filled with special stories, crafts, special snack and watching a special dvd. (information to follow at a later date)

I am working on bringing a puppeteer to class, sometime in November, details will follow with confirmation from the puppeteer.  
Miss Kathy will be working on an action song with the class and has requested each child bring in a colorful sock by Nov 8th. (you may bring extras for those who forget)

### **A PEEK AT THE MONTH**

November 8th, 15th & 22nd - Music  
November 29th - Letter to Santa party

### **Pre K Classes**

Our Canada study will wind up with a Harvest Celebration on November 9th. Information will be sent home in your child's backpack. There will be a sign-up for parent volunteers. We will take a peek at pumpkins for science. The children will be working on their Christmas card fundraiser. Information will be sent home in your child's backpack. We continue to work in our Handwriting without Tears workbooks. Feel free to ask your child to show you their book.

We will also be sending letters to Santa at the end of the month. We will have a special pj day. The morning and afternoon classes will be filled with special stories, crafts, special snack and watching a special dvd. (information to follow at a later date)

### **PRE K AM CLASS**

The morning Pre K class has shown an interest in building using the unit blocks, lego and the Lincoln logs. We will start a study on homes for people, animals, vehicles and see where it takes us.

### **PRE K PM**

The afternoon Pre K class has shown an interest in fantasy play (princess', kings, queens...) We will look at the fairy tales what we can learn from them and character building. We will have "Fun with Fairytales."

### **A PEEK AT THE MONTH**

Nov 4th - Teacher Prep Day - no school  
Nov 7th, 21, 28th - music  
Nov 9th - Harvest Celebration  
Nov 11th - Remembrance Day - no school  
Nov 30th - Letter to Santa party

### **A NOTE FROM MS. KATHY**

Hello - I come from Leduc (although Edmonton is my hometown), am married and have two grown daughters and even a "grand-dogger" who I like to see every time she visits with our daughter. Having left our farm six years ago, I took the opportunity to take the early childhood education diploma program at Grant MacEwan and found it to be inspiring and life-changing. My first job was two years as teacher assistant at Woodvale, working alongside Miss Roberta and having a wonderful time.

I am looking forward to re-joining the fun and laughter at Woodvale Playschool. So far I've had the opportunity to meet the children of the Mon/Wed/Fri morning class - they are a great group! I am anticipating lots of meaningful and growing times working with this class, the M/W/F afternoon class, and the 3-year-old class knowing that each child brings something unique to our community of learners. Since my previous time working at Woodvale, I took an intensive summer seminar course "Musical Connections in Kindergarten" at the University of Alberta with Amanda Montgomery, an early childhood music specialist. Although kindergarten was in the name of the course, there was a particular emphasis on the musical development of 3 and 4-year-olds. I found the course to be excellent and put many topics into sharper perspective for me. I enjoyed research on how so much of what children learn, musically and otherwise, emerges organically out of their own play and initiative. I am eager to use the new concepts I learned, particularly in regard to singing, rhythm and various

props. Please introduce yourselves to me - I'm very glad to soon get to know each child and family.

### **A NOTE FROM MS. TRINA**

Well, it seems as though the fall weather has finally arrived and change is in the air. I am looking forward to working at Woodvale Playschool during Mrs. Ross's leave and am excited to get to know all the little artists here!

This month we will be exploring different mediums on paper and seeing how using patterns and our imagination can create some wonderful pictures. The artists be experimenting with everything from wax crayons and oil pastels to salt and shaving cream! It will be exciting to see what they all come up with. We will also start to work on a special Christmas dance as well as learning a few songs that we hope to perform for you in December.

It is going to be a busy, but fun month getting to know each other and creating some wonderful art! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the play school.

#### *November's Star Artist*

Nov. 8th - Cobi

Nov. 22nd - Isabelle

