

# NOVEMBER

Friday AM | Monday Thursday AM / PM | Tuesday AM

## Month at a Glance

Our Community, Fire Safety, Learning with Lego- Honouring National Child Day November 20<sup>th</sup>, Signs of Christmas

**Colors:** Brown, Purple

**Shapes:** Circle

**Numbers:** 5,6,

**Letters:** Uu, Cc, Oo

**Concepts:** Measuring & Comparing



## Donations

Thank you to the social clubs for voting to support Early Childhood Education:

**Kinsmen** - for donating a xLarge white board (purchased locally) for our circle room!

**Legion** - \$1000

**Elks** - \$500

**Kinettes** - \$500

## Teacher's Report

We have really enjoyed having your children be apart of our school.

Our visit to the Brooks Food Bank during Thanksgiving week was a way for the children to practice being good citizens, by helping and caring about people in our community. Together we collected 112 lbs. of food and miscellaneous items. Thank you for your donations. 'Mat Man' has become very popular with the children as they have been learning about themselves and their bodies. Our time included building 'Mat Man' with wooden pieces to making a yummy snack for the children to enjoy.

In the month of November, the children will be learning about what people do in our community. If you are interested in sharing your occupation with our classes we would love to hear from you and make arrangements for you to come in. We will also be putting up a display of our families in the school, please send in a photo of mom or dad at work, as we would love to include you. This will expand the children's knowledge of what parents do in different jobs. Please put your name and occupation on the back of the photo, along with your child's name and class.

This month the children in the 4-5 year old classes will enjoy a visit to the local RCMP Station, and a Fire Fighter will visit each of the classes and the children will have a chance to climb on a fire truck and learn about Fire Safety.



## Character Education

### We are learning about "CITIZENSHIP"

Your preschooler will meet Cindy the Citizen Crab and be encouraged through stories, songs and activities to:



- Cooperate
- Obey rules
- Respect people in charge
- Not to litter

Before children can be citizens of the community, they must learn to be citizens in the classroom. Children who learn to get along with their classmates will be able to learn to get along in their community. One way to help preschool children become good citizens is by teaching them not to litter; to do their share to make your home, school, and community a better place for everyone!

### Healthy Habits...Alberta Health Services providing Flu Shots

Flu-lapalooza November 1, 10:00-3:00 at the Lakeside Leisure Center- Flex Hall! Flu Shots, Jumping Castle, Car seat checks, Nutrition Information, Face painting, Dental Screening, Teddy Bear First Aid Station ... Brooks Preschool along with many other family & kid friendly booths will be there.

By the end of the month children are already starting to feel the excitement of the holiday season, so we talk about what they see, hear, or smell that tells us Christmas is coming. Mid November all classes will begin practicing for our Seasonal Christmas Party, during the last few minutes of class.

The children are doing well with matching, patterns, and sorting all kinds of items.

**"In play a child always behaves beyond his average age, above his daily behavior. In play it is as though he were a head taller than himself." ~ Lev Vygotsky**

## SPECIAL DAYS

Visit Police Station: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> permission slips must be signed in order for your child to attend. Please let the teachers know if you are able to volunteer.

\*\* Reminder: **Due to insurance coverage**, we are not able to have siblings join us for any field trips.

Fire Truck Visits: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> please dress your child warm as we will be outside for a period of time. is by teaching them not to litter; to do their share to make your home, school, and community a better place for everyone!

**Sign up to clean toys on Fridays: It's the way our environment stays clean and healthy**



## THANK YOU

We are very grateful for our parent helpers; you're terrific in helping in so many ways. Special thanks to all the parents who supported us during our Fall Walks, Bottle Fundraisers and Pick a Pumpkin and Bake Sale.

Thank you to Kelsey Tremblay for baking our Tuesday class cupcakes and for Julie McNamara for providing the icing and candy treats for the children to decorate with, during pumpkin week.

Thank you to Sheila Lalonde and Chinook Credit Union LTD. for printing BPS brochures for community use.

Thank you to our local Royal Canadian Legion for permitting their premises to be our schools safe meeting place in case of a fire/emergency.

## FUNDRAISING

We are excited to be organizing a meat fundraiser for the month of November. The meat fundraiser is being done through Spragg's Meat Shop which is located in Rosemary, AB. Spragg's meat shop is free range pork, pasture raised, and naturally fed. For more info please checkout their website at [www.spraggsmeatshop.com](http://www.spraggsmeatshop.com) and watch for more info and order forms.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the BC Fresh Fruit Fundraiser. As soon as we hear back from the Trucking company what our date of delivery for the fruit is we will pass this info on. Please be advised that all fruit will need to be picked up on delivery day from the preschool as there is no place to store the fruit at the preschool and we are not responsible for any fruit left behind after delivery day.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Pick a Pumpkin** night. Whether you baked, donated pumpkins, offered your time, or simply just came out to support the preschool, it was all appreciated and wouldn't have been successful without you...

We had such an amazing turnout and we got such a great response from all who came so we are already in plans to make this an annual event!

Our bottle drive was a huge success and a lot of fun. Thank you to the Redcliff Bottle Depot, a special thank you to the Nichols family who lent us a trailer for storage. To the parent and grandparent volunteers who collected bottles from friends and neighbours a huge Thank You, to Anita Bruce who lent a hand that night your dedication is always appreciated, and of course great job to our preschoolers on canvassing the city for donations. We recognize Boston Pizza and the Heritage Inn for donating bottles and the managers who made that possible.



# Dip away !

This is a great way to help kids enjoy fruits and vegetables. Try these ones or create your own!



## VEGGIE DIPS

### Ranch Style

Mix well:

1/2 cup Mayonnaise

1/2 cup low fat buttermilk

1 tbsp minced, fresh flat leaf parsley or 1 tsp dried

1 tsp minced shallot or 1/2 tsp onion powder

1 garlic clove minced or 1/2 tsp garlic powder

Salt & freshly ground pepper

## FRUIT DIPS

### Peanut butter & Cinnamon Greek Yogurt

1 1/4 cups Greek Yogurt

3 tbsp natural peanut butter

2 tsp vanilla extract

1/2 tsp cinnamon

Mix well and enjoy!

### CARAMEL DIP

For a decadent treat, melt 14 oz of soft caramel candies and 2 tbsp water in a saucepan, over medium heat.

Dip apple slices in caramel and directly after, in your favourite chopped nuts.

### Tsatsiki

7 oz Greek yogurt

1 cup grated cucumber

1 clove garlic, minced

Fresh mint and dill, to taste.

Mix well.

Also try hummus, salsa and guacamole.



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## 2014/2015 Room Reps

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## Little Reminders

**Parents please let teachers know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses or medical concerns. We need to keep information current.**

When picking up your children, centers are closed. To avoid accidents please watch that younger siblings do not climb the stairs to the loft.

Scholastic Book orders take at least 3 weeks for processing and delivery. **Watch for a new order form every 2 months.**

During bad weather conditions, our school will be closed when temperatures drop to -35 degrees (excluding wind chill). Parents please listen to our local Radio Station for conformation. FM 101.1 or Q105.7

**Please clearly label your child's belongings** (backpack, shoes, etc.) to avoid any confusion or lost items.

*If you have concerns or questions throughout the year please feel free to contact me at the preschool or email me at [bpsteachers@brookspreschool.com](mailto:bpsteachers@brookspreschool.com)*

**Mrs. Mitchell and I wish you a safe and Happy Halloween!!**

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