



## Fall is here!!

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September swept by with the busyness of returning to school, meeting new friends, and getting back into routine. October looks to be just as busy with lots of exciting plans along with Thanksgiving and Halloween.

October always brings some cooler weather with chilly winds. As we do go outside each day please send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing such as warm jackets, hats and mittens. Please label your child's items; this will help a lot in making sure they come back to you.

We would also like you to continue to bring a water bottle each day. Although it is not so hot anymore we still go outside to play for long periods of time and get thirsty.

We would like to remind all families that your child must have indoor and outdoor shoes. Please ensure your child takes off their outdoor shoes at the black mat and carries them to the rack for outdoor footwear in their room. The Transitions and Preschoolers are able to put their outdoor footwear on the floor at their cubbies. The Jr Kinder & Kinders will place their shoes in front of their cubbies. The Out of School children have a boot rack in their room.

There are also shoe covers for parents use when you enter our facility. Please help us keep your child's play space clean. When you walk on our floors with your outdoor shoes there is lots of dirt, mud, and sometimes even glass that falls off on the floors that your children play on. Many of the children crawl around on the floors!



### CLOSURE DATES:

- Monday, October 10 for Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 11 for Remembrance Day
- Friday December 23 —Monday January 2 inclusive for Christmas Holidays. We will re-open on January 3

## Safety at the Front Entrance & Attendance Book

Our front entrance is often very busy and can sometimes be super crowded with parents entering, exiting and with the Preschool and Transition groups going and coming from outside. We do ask that all parents be sure to close the locking door behind you and ensure that no adults enter or children exit. We would also like to ask if there are children getting ready at the cubbies by the attendance book for parents to please be patient and wait until the children are out of the way before signing your child out. We want to avoid any children getting stepped on or accidentally pushed. If you are in a rush you can ask the staff to please hand you the attendance book.

Thank you for helping ensure the safety of all our children!

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## January Fee Increase & Fee Payment

As you know, we evaluate our fees annually. We try to keep our fees as low as possible for our families. However, we have to take into account the increase in taxes, operation costs, retention of our long term qualified staff and fees at comparable childcare centers that offer similar programming and lunches.

Please remember, we now accept e-transfers for your convenience! Email transfers can be sent to [brookview@brookviewchildcare.com](mailto:brookview@brookviewchildcare.com) through your online banking institution. Please remember to send a separate email with the password used

## Summer Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Survey this year! We appreciate the feedback and will take every comment into consideration for next years planning.

Based on the survey, our favourite fieldtrips over the summer were Spray Parks, Chuck E. Cheese, Valley Zoo, Galaxy Kids & WEM Sea Life Caverns, Vertically Inclined, Telus World of Science, Playground Crawl Prairie Gardens, Humane Society, Crankpots, Laser Quest and Fort Edmonton & John Janzen Nature Center!

It has been noted that you would like to have a back up plan in case the weather doesn't work out, the playground crawl was too long, and that some are uncomfortable having their children change outdoors after playing at the spray park. We do everything we can to have a back up plan, and to pick parks and spray parks that have washrooms available for bathroom emergencies. Children are given the option to change behind a towel held by teachers, or to change upon arriving back at the center.

## Renovations

We are hoping to complete some renovations this fall in order to improve the center!

### Doors

We are going to replace our front entry system with an RFID door lock, which will only give access to those with a key card or key fob. It will be locked at all times. We will also be fixing or replacing our back entry doors during this time.

### Toddler Room Floors

We are looking at adding new flooring to the polished concrete in the toddler room.

### Painting

We will also be painting walls, cubbies, and doors this fall. Please keep your eye out for when you need to empty your child's cubby!

We appreciate your patience during these renovations.

## Feedback

We are always looking at ways to improve our program and often ask for parent feedback. You can email us any feedback at [brookview@brookviewchildcare.com](mailto:brookview@brookviewchildcare.com) or even drop off a note to us on our desk in the office.

We are also looking for a few new parent & child raves to add to our website! If you or your child would like to have your comments added to the website please submit them to Amy via email.

## Birthdays

Birthdays are a very exciting time for your child and we love celebrating their birthday at BMCDC! If you plan to bring a snack to share with your child's group, please remember that we eat our healthy snack first, and then eat the snack you provide. We recommend that you bring a healthy treat like: mini homemade muffins, chocolate dipped fruit, or fruit kebabs. Please keep the portions small.

When inviting children to your child's birthday, please keep in mind that children that are not invited may get upset. We know it is not realistic to invite every child, so to avoid hurt feelings, please give the invitations to your child's teacher to be passed out discreetly! Thank you for understanding!



## School PD days & Non-Instructional Days

We rely on you, the parent, to inform us of all dates your child does not have school. We must be notified in writing at least one week prior of the PD Day, or school time changes. This includes Kindergarten time changes due to fieldtrips or other events. We would really appreciate if a parent from each school could send us a copy of their child's school monthly newsletter.

"Please send us your  
child's school  
newsletter.  
Thank you!"

## Scholastic Book Orders

We send out Scholastic Flyers each month for families to view and purchase affordable books. With each order you make, our center receive credits to purchase books for our center! Over the years we have developed a wonderful library for the children and are able to switch out books weekly or monthly based on the themes we are learning about.

Scholastic orders are due on Friday October 7th. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Brookview Montessori, as we submit one payment for all the books. If you would like to order from other flyers all the current flyers and order forms are available on the scholastic website [www.scholastic.ca/clubs](http://www.scholastic.ca/clubs).

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.



## Coats for Kids and Families

This year we will be collecting warm winter clothing for those who do not have the means to purchase appropriate outerwear for our chilly Alberta winters. The items collected by Brookview will then be donated to Coats for Kids and Families, an initiative started by United Way in 1992. As you go through your old outerwear this year, please consider donating to this wonderful cause. Items can be new or gently used. Please see the list on the right for accepted items.

We will be collecting items from October 1st until December 15th.

Items Accepted  
 Men's winter coat  
 Woman's winter coats  
 Children's winter coats  
 Toques/ mitts and scarves - adult and children's sizes  
 Snow pants- adult and children's sizes  
 Winter Boots  
 Insulated work wear - Men's and Woman's  
 Insulated work boots

## Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Yes, it is time for CHOCOLATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Last year the Purdy's chocolate fundraiser raised over \$1500 for our center! These funds go towards our Christmas Celebration, our Summer Fun Day and a variety of other family celebrations throughout the year. Everything will be online this year. You can sign up with the details that will be emailed to you after Thanksgiving. You will be able to forward the information to your friends and family so they can complete their orders online. For any orders please remember to have your family add your child's name so we know who to send the orders home with when they arrive.

This year there will be one prize for the family that raises the most!

We will ask that all orders be submitted by November 23rd. The orders should be here and be ready for pick up on the afternoon of Tuesday December 6th.



Fundraisers help us  
 make our family  
 celebrations extra  
 special!

## Gym, Art & Music

Gym time at George Luck school has begun. Your child's group will leave the center to walk to the school at 4:10pm and return at 5:10pm. Your child's Gym Day is posted on our website calendar, our whiteboard and on your child groups planning sheets. Please use the back double doors to pick up your child from the gym. Remember to tell the teacher when you pick up your child from the gym. Also, all children will need indoor running shoes to participate!

We will have Art Class with Amanda on Thursday October 13th and Thursday October 27th. The Preschoolers will have class from 3:00—3:30pm. The Jr Kinders & Kinders will have class from 3:30—4:00 pm.

We will continue to have Music Class with Dawn Bisset each Tuesday. The Toddlers and Transitions will have class from 10:40—11:10am. The Preschoolers & Jr Kinders will have class from 11:10—11:40.



## Thanksgiving Celebration

The Daycare children will have a special Thanksgiving Celebration the morning of Friday October 7th and then enjoy a Thanksgiving Lunch with all the fixings. We will be having turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, and a special dessert! Yum!

During this week we talk to the children a lot about what they are thankful for. What are you thankful for? We also encourage the children to show kindness to others and help those in need. Talk to your child about the importance of showing empathy and helping those in need.

"What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?"



## Halloween Celebration

We will be having our Halloween Celebration on Monday, October 31st. The Toddlers, Transitions, Preschoolers and Jr Kinders will have their party in the am from 9:45—11:30am. Please send your child dressed in their costume and we will change their clothes before lunch.

The Kindergarten group will have their party during stay up time from 12:30—2:30pm. The OSC will have some special activities throughout the whole week and can come dressed in their costumes on Monday, October 31st. We will not permit children to wear violent costumes and accessories such as swords, guns, etc... Please keep these at home.

If you would like to bring treats for the children, please send enough for your child's room (10 Toddlers, 6 Transitions, 16 Preschoolers, 20 Jr Kinder & Kinders, 36 OSC) All treats can be given to your child's teacher and will be passed out at circle time. Due to many allergies at the center, we ask that you do NOT send anything with NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS. Thank you!!!



## Halloween Safety Tips

Here are some safety tips to share with your child:

- Stay with your parent or adult
- Take a flashlight
- Have your parent inspect all your goodies before eating them
- Complete one side of the street to limit the amount of crossing
- Wear reflective items

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe Halloween!!





## Professional Development

Our staff are continuously learning through professional development, workshops, conferences, webinars, and meetings. On our August PD Day Amy presented a workshop on program planning, learning centers and activities. It was great fun and our staff learned lots of new teaching techniques. Our next workshop will be about open-ended artwork.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday October 10—CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- Friday November 11—CLOSED for Remembrance Day
- December 9—Christmas Celebration

We will be open on Friday December 23rd for the full day.

We will be closed for the holidays from December 26th– January 2nd inclusive, reopening on January 3rd, 2017

## Parents Night Out

Thank you all for the survey responses, we received over 4 times the responses we usually receive. We can tell you are all very excited for this!

We are planning our Parents Night Out for Friday, October 28th! At this time we are only offering this special night out to children that currently attend our program. Spots are limited; there will be a maximum of 30 children that will be able to attend. This will be on a first come first served basis.

We will enjoy the movie Zootopia, eat some snacks, and there will be activities set up on the tables for your child to participate in. More information will be sent out later this week along with the registration & waiver form.



## Toddler Room

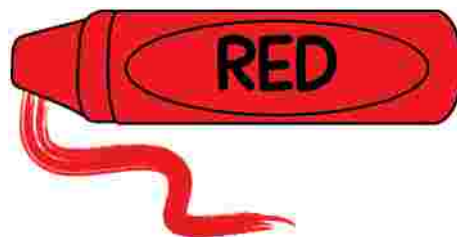
September was full of excitement! We met and welcomed our new friends and had lots of fun with them. We did crafts about apples and cars. We painted using cars and our fingers. We learned the songs "Way Up High in the Apple Tree" and "Pick an Apple". In October we will pick themes based on what the children are interested in.



## Transition Room

Happy Fall to all of you! What an amazing September we had! All of the transitions are now well adjusted with the daily routines. In September we explored the colour red, the sun, leaves and apples. The kids have been practicing their fine motor skills by cutting, gluing, painting and writing their names. We have also been learning Spanish! If you hear your child saying the words Amarillo or Rojo, those mean Yellow and Red!

Thank you to the Grandparents that were able to come to read to the Transition and Preschoolers. It was wonderful!

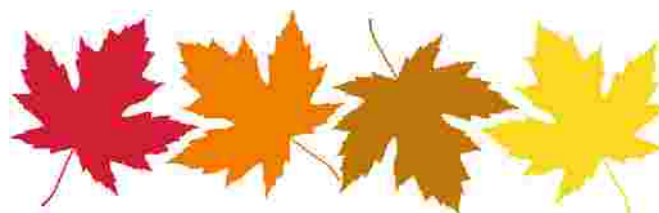


## Preschool Room

The gold and rust coloured leaves rustled by the cool breeze are such good signs of a wonderful October ahead of us. Autumn has finally arrived! The preschoolers will be missing summer but the fall season promises a different kind of fun.

This month, the preschoolers will start enjoying tons of fall activities. We'll have a Thanksgiving banquet, decorate Pumpkins, and play fall games! We will also have a Halloween party!

This month, the preschoolers will start Show & Share. Each day, a different child will get to bring an item from home to show to the group! Please take a look at the calendar to see when it's your child's turn.

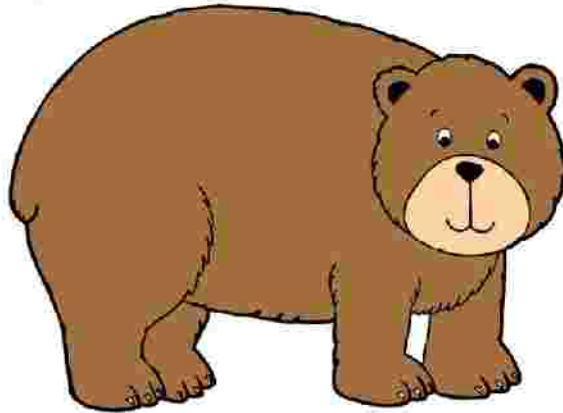


## Jr. Kinder & Kinder Room

What a spectacular September! We have had a wonderful time getting to know our new friends, and everyone is fitting in Brookview perfectly. We spent our month exploring the letters of our names, apples, leaves and bears. We sang, danced, made crafts, conducted science experiment and of course, played! We have been practicing writing, identifying letters of the alphabet, counting, sorting, cutting, gluing, painting and drawing!

October is sure to be an outstanding month! We will enjoy the beautiful fall weather, celebrate Thanksgiving and Halloween, as well as learn about other themes the children are interested in.

A big thank you to the Grandparents that were able to visit us for story time! It was truly special and we were so happy to meet you!



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Where did September go? Time really flies when you're having fun. It was a busy month with all of the Grade One children moving up, but they have adjusted quickly to the new routine. Some of the highlights from this month include making back to school crafts, playing in our pet shop, and going to the gym. The kids had so much fun playing "Move Your Body", a game that teaches cooperation between partners. The partners have to work together to complete the action rolled on two dice.

In October, we have some wonderful activities planned! We will be making fall and Halloween art, as well as any spontaneous suggestions made by the children. On Wednesday, October 5th we will be baking cookies, and on the 6th we'll decorate them!

Our next dramatic play center will be a "Spooky Shop". If you have any Halloween items that you can lend for the month of October, that would be much appreciated! Thanks!





## 10 Year Anniversary for Amy and Clara!

October is a very special month for two of our wonderful staff members! Amazing Amy's 10 year anniversary with BMCDC is on October 15th and Captivating Clara's 10 year anniversary is on October 30th! Margorie and Alyssa had a few parents send in notes of congrats and they are so great. Thank you very much for the kind words!

### Amy

"Thank you for your many years dedicated to helping make this daycare outstanding in every way. You have shaped this place to not only be a daycare but feel like a community as well. " The Cavanagh Family

"Congratulations on 10 years at Brookview! Yours was the first face we met almost 4 years ago—and those 4 years wouldn't have been the same without your morning smiles & hugs. Your commitment to Brookview has not only shown in your milestone anniversary of 10 years—but it is shown every day to the staff, parents and, of course, your Brookview Kids, who all appreciate your loving and enthusiastic attitude." Thank you, The Foster Family

"Amy is arguably the "Godfather" of the daycare. She's always in the know about *everything* and is the one you go to first for anything you need. Being in charge of registrations, she even knows who's having babies before they tell their own mothers. Amy is the ultimate parent resource for forgotten names, who to invite to birthday parties, the best schools, favorite recipes, behavioral issues, and last minute gift ideas when you're running short on time...yes, even for your own child. She's extremely approachable and if you're looking for a direct answer, Amy is your go to, you can ask her anything. What she says goes and all the kids know that there's no point in trying to push an issue, once the decision is made, no matter how many times they ask, the answer isn't going to change. Amy is always willing to lend a sympathetic ear to parental plights and just seems to "get it" when it comes to being a parent. With Amy being a natural control freak, us Brookview families can head to work in the mornings knowing that under Amy's direction we'll have at least one part of our lives under control." The Ryan Family



### Clara

"Thank you for providing such outstanding care for our children. We are so blessed that we have you to teach them, love them & care for them" The Cavanagh Family

"We are really happy for your 10th anniversary at Brookview. Throughout the years you have been educating and influencing the future generations of Albertans with patience, graciousness and wit. We thank you very much indeed for being our friend and for being part of Anthony's education." The Shibata Family

"Clara is the first smiling face you see at Brookview every morning. I don't think she's capable of having a bad day and always makes a point of greeting every single person when they arrive in the morning. She treats every child like what they have to say is the most important and exciting news she's heard all week and one could argue that she truly loves every single one of them like they're her own. There's no way that you're moving out of the transition room until you learn how to count to ten and do your colors in Spanish and parents, be prepared, she's likely going to be the one to help you realize that yes, your kid can put their shoes on by themselves.... Clara runs a tight ship and rules with one of kindest iron fists we've ever seen. In fact, one of the best at home, bad behavior deterrents that a parent can have in their arsenal is the threat of "telling Teacher Clara"...works every time. Clara is one of those special few who have found their calling and we can't thank her enough for what she's done for our kids and our family. Brookview just wouldn't be the same without her." The Ryan Family

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 OSC Gym	4 Music with Dawn OSC Gym	5 DC Gym	6 OSC Gym	7 DC Gym	8
9	10 CLOSED— Thanksgiving	11 Music with Dawn OSC Gym	12 DC Gym	13 Art with Aman- da	14 OSC Gym	15
16	17 DC Gym	18 Music with Dawn OSC Gym	19 DC Gym	20 OSC Gym	21	22
23	24 OSC Gym	25 Music with Dawn OSC Gym	26 DC Gym	27 Art with Aman- da OSC Gym	28 DC Gym Parents Night Out	29
30	31 Halloween Party OSC Gym					

**\*\*All events are subject to change\*\***

Please view whiteboard at entrance for most current and up to date information.

## October Thursday OSC Lunches

We provide lunches for the OSC children with noon dismissal for a minimal cost of \$5 per lunch. Please check our menu posted on our website.

Please return the bottom portion of this form along with payment if you would like lunch for your child.

Yes, I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ to have lunch the following days:

\_\_\_\_ October 1    \_\_\_\_ October 8    \_\_\_\_ October 15    \_\_\_\_ October 22

\_\_\_\_ October 29

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_