

EDELWEISS PREPARATORY SCHOOL



OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER:

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Country: K - Mexico

Province: K - Alberta

Spanish JK Country: Mexico

Colour: Orange and Black

Virtue: Thankfulness

Oct 1 2 Day JK & Pre Parent/Teacher Interviews - no classes/Usborne Book Fair

Oct 1 K - Art Gallery in class workshop Part 1

Oct 8 K - Art Gallery in class workshop Part 2

Oct 9 ORGANIZATIONAL DAY - no classes - teachers in

Oct 12/13 Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes - school closed

Oct 14 Order Deadline for Magazine Fundraiser

Oct 15/16 Photo Days: Erika B Photography - Class and individual photos

Oct 16 K & Spanish JK - Mexico Presentations

Oct 19/20 Poison Pat presentations all classes

Oct 19 K Field Trip to Art Gallery AM & PM

Oct 20 K - Child Find Presentation

Oct 21 K- Fireman Brian Zeitner for Fire Safety Presentations AM & PM

Oct 22 K, Pre, 2 day JK - Orange & Black Day

Oct 23 3 Day JK - Orange and Black Day

Oct 26 3 Day JrK Pumpkin Hunt

Oct 27 K Pre, 2 day JK - Pumpkin Hunt

Oct 28 K - Simon the Safety Bear from Safety City 10:30-11:15 & 12:45 - 1:30

Oct 29 Pre, 2 Day JK Halloween Parade & Party -Parents invited to Parade

Oct 30 K, 3 day JK - Halloween Parade & Party - Parents invited to Parade

Thank-you to Volunteers:

We would like to thank the many parents who came forward to offer to help with toy sanitizing, as room parents, for the recycling program and with cutting and prep for the school. We truly appreciate all your help!!!

Use of Washrooms:

It is very helpful to teachers if you make sure your child has gone to the washroom prior to lining up for class. If you do not bring your child to school, please pass on this information to whoever is bringing your child to school.

Snack Time:

Snack containers are to have one snack and one drink in them covering two food groups at outline by Alberta Children's Services. So if you send juice, then the snack needs to be from another food group. We are finding that parents are sending mini-meals for children to eat and we just don't have that amount of time in the program. Also, please remember if you are sending grapes that they are to be cut in quarters. The snack containers are to be **clearly labeled** with your child's name on it and placed into the appropriate wooden snack cart for their class. The green drawstring tote bags are for shoes, spare clothes or taking home mail in. They go in the cubbies. The snack containers do not go in the green tote bags.

New Safe snack:

Treasure Mills (Available at CoOp) makes a line of children's snacks called "School Safe". They include Banana Choc Chip mini loafs, carrot cake and assorted cookies. These are all allergy-safe and make great treats for birthdays or everyday snacks. They are individually wrapped and freeze and thaw in 2 minutes.

Birthdays:

When we celebrate your child's birthday, the teachers will put it on the monthly calendar. On this day we ask that you bring in 20 healthy snacks for the children. We do not accept candy for a birthday treat. If parents want to send treat bags for the children, they can place them directly into the children's mailboxes saying who they are from. Parents may prefer to send a

snack for their child each time regardless if there is a birthday as sometimes a birthday is planned and then that child may be absent.

Library area:

We would like parents to jointly keep the children's book area tidy at all times. The books are there for children to use or to borrow and take home on an honour system. We just ask that the books be kept neatly.

Taking Photos:

Parents have been asking about photo taking of children in the classroom. When it is your child's turn for Show & Tell you are welcome to come in and join us while your child does Show & Tell. If you wish to bring a camera, we ask that you only take pictures or video of your child to maintain the privacy of other children/parents.

Locking Doors:

We lock doors during class times to enhance security of our school so if you come and it is locked, there is a doorbell to ring so we can let you in. Once parents start arriving for pick up, we unlock the doors.

Subsidy Program:

The Alberta government offers a subsidy for stay at home parents with limited income that can be accessed through this link

<http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/1167.cfm>

Our school is approved with this program.

Parking:

We would like to remind you that there is to be no parking in front of or beside the brown garbage bin. The overflow parking should be in the laneway on the south side but not blocking anyone's driveway for backing out. We would also like to remind you that it is not legal to leave a child unattended in your vehicle sleeping or waiting while you run in to pick up a child. Please arrange with other parents from the class to share pick-up if you don't want to take other children into the school.

Magazine Fundraiser:

If you choose to order online www.ccrp.ca you need to use the code: ab1256
The deadline to order is Wed. Oct 14th, 2009. Thanks for your support!

Observation:

If you wish to observe your child at any time, please feel free to stay and watch. If you want to observe a particular part of the program, please check with your child's teacher at what time they will have the part of the program you want to observe, ie. Music, Captain Science, Spanish, etc.

Art Items:

We are collecting baby food jars and toilet paper rolls and could use your help with this. If you have any, please bring them to the school kitchen for drop off. Thank-you.

Spanish Books for Sale:

Sonia Morales 403-922-4971 has an online bookstore for Spanish books if you are interested. www.camaleon.ca

Parent Resource Library:

On top of student mailboxes there is a wonderful selection of books on a wide variety of topics for parents to loan out. Just fill in a slip from the office and let us know when you return it so we can record it being returned.

Orange & Black Days:

The date is marked on your child's calendar as "Orange & Black Day". On this day, your child does not need to wear his or her uniform and can wear anything with orange and black on it.

Edelweiss Pumpkin Hunt:

Our pumpkin hunt near the end of October consists of the children going into our field (weather permitting) to find a mini pumpkin that we have placed there. They then bring it in and decorate it! If you see pumpkins in the field, please leave them there for the Edelweiss children to find.

**Edelweiss Halloween Parties & Parades:**

On the date marked on your child's calendar, your child can wear their costume to school instead of their uniform. The class will start with a short

parade in the gym and parents can come and attend and take pictures. Parade times will be sent in a separate notice. If your child's costume has many pieces or would be difficult for them to wear (too warm, etc) in the class, you can take it home with you after the parade. Children can wear their costumes in the class if they want to. The room parent will contact 3 parents to bring nutritious snacks for the classroom party. We suggest 1 parent bring a fruit platter, 1 parent bring a vegetable platter, 1 parent bring a cheese and cracker platter. The platters should have a small amount of the food in individual muffin cup papers or Dixie cups for ease in serving to the children. There are 18 children in a Preschool class and 20 children in a JrK class. If a room parent does not contact you to bring in something, you will be contacted for another party during the year. We share it so each parent can bring something once during the year for their child's class if they choose to.

Cambrian Heights Community Halloween Party:

You are all welcome to attend their Halloween Party on October 31st from 7-10 p.m. You can purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are \$15 for families and \$5 for individuals. They will have pizza, Door Prizes, Games, great decorations and a D.J. It is always a fantastic family event to attend!

We wish all the Edelweiss families a Happy Thanksgiving and a fun Halloween!
Walter & Margaret Reid

