



LaPerle Community Playschool

President's Message

Season's Greetings to all our Playschool Families!

As we approach December 13th and 14th, which are the final days of classes prior to our Winter/Christmas Break, it is a lovely time to reflect on how much wonderful progress has happened since September, and how much learning has occurred. Our students are established in routines, our families have had multiple opportunities to volunteer, and the home-school connection continues to grow.

We've been fortunate to receive more registrations over the Fall, increasing our student cohort in each class. We still have space in our 3-year-old PM class, as well as our 4-year-old PM class. We accept new registrations up until January 31st 2018, so please share our website, Facebook Page, and our Registrar's contact information with any families who may be interested!

We started this school year with a few unexpected events. With that being said, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we went through the process of finding an interim teacher for the 3-year-old classes. Mrs. Percy is having a wonderful time with the students, and we are hoping to have Mrs. Wong back in the new year!

A heartfelt thank you accompanies this edition of our Playschool's newsletter. Thank you for choosing our Playschool, thank you for your commitment to your child's education and play experiences, and thank you for supporting our community. We are a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that could simply not run without the dedication of our Playschool's families, students, teachers, and Executive Board.

May the holidays bring laughter, joy, and the time to reconnect with loved ones. See you January 7th or 8th, 2019 for our first day back at Playschool!



Merry Christmas!
Michelle Albert

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Important Dates Coming Up

Last Day of Classes:
December 13 & 14, 2018

Return to Classes:
January 7 & 8, 2019

Pre-Registration for 2019/2020:
January 2019

Open House:
February 5, 2019

AGM: **March 5, 2019**

Registration Information

We have a couple of spots remaining in the 3 and 4 year PM program. Please contact Michelle Bottriell, our Registrar for more information: (780) 935-7746 or Toll Free: 1-866-927-6020.

However, if you're gung-ho to pre-register for next year, here's what you need to know:

Pre-registration:

Returning children/siblings of current students will begin in January 2019. You will receive pre-registration packages the second week of classes in **January 2019**. They will need to be returned by the end January to hold a spot.

Open House/Public Registration:

Will be held on **February 5, 2019**, you will receive flyers to hand out to friends and family (if you would like to spread the word). Our Executive is working hard to update the website with important information that parents/guardians need to know, such as what to bring to the Open House to register.

Don't forget that members of ANY community league are eligible to register their children at the LaPerle Playschool! More information will be posted on our Facebook page (LaPerle Community Playschool) and our website (www.laperleplayschool.com).

Thank you!

Michelle Bottiell



Volunteer Coordinator Message

Thank you to all the parents who have been on top of their parent volunteer duties!

We wouldn't be able to do this without the commitment and support everyone has provided. LaPerle Playschool is constantly on the hunt for ways to make the year extra-special for our kids. Do you have anyone in your life with musical abilities they'd be willing to share with the classes? Please let me know, I'd love to hear from you!

Wishing everyone a very wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Jennifer McCallum
Volunteer Coordinator



Spring Tea Update



Save the Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019

A Message from the Spring Tea Coordinators

Hello Families!

We hope you have all enjoyed the first few months of school, the new year is fast approaching and with that comes some of our activities gearing up to the big Spring Tea Fundraiser!!

After the holiday break, parents will be receiving raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. The tickets will be for two fabulous electronic prizes: a **Xbox One X** and an **iPadMini**. These items will be raffled off at the Spring Tea Fundraiser on **May 11, 2019**.

More details will follow as the date approaches, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

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Fundraising Coordinator Message

Thank you to everyone for their contribution and fundraising efforts for the Playschool! For those who took extra almond cases, their name went in a draw and the winners were as follows:

- 1st Place: Grace (4yr PM)
- 2nd Place: Hannah (3yr AM) and Arley (4yr AM)
- 3rd Place: Ava (4yr PM)

Thank you so much!

We really appreciate each and everyone's support!

Dolly Fadel

Fundraising Coordinator



A Message from Mrs. Percy

Season's Greetings to all our Playschool Families!

What a wonderful several weeks it has been in our 3-year program! Students seemed to handle the transition from Mrs. Knoll to myself with ease. The students and I had many great conversations about how some things would be the same, and how some things would be different. I've learned from them, they've learned from me, and they've learned from each other! The beauty of having diversity in teaching staff is that students get to see the strengths of a variety of teaching styles and expertise. They grow skills in adaptability – skills that are important in life – and they are exposed to opportunities that they may not otherwise be subject to.

For the month of November, we studied Community Helpers. Students learned how people in our community support us, help us to stay healthy, and why they are important in our daily lives. We welcomed two special visitors: Mrs. Shelley Cox (Nurse) and Mr. Keith Petersen (Firefighter), and had our first field trip to learn about dental hygiene at Design Dentistry. The bus ride itself was a huge adventure for us, as many students had never been on a school bus before!

For December, we're moving on to a Christmas/Winter theme. In addition to thematic crafts, we'll experience a book study of Jan Brett's The Mitten and the well-known fairy tale The Gingerbread Man. Please mark your calendars for a special presentation by our famous 3-year-olds during our last day of school before the Christmas break. You may invite other family members to our show on:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 10:30am

Please note:

ALL AM and PM students will attend during the morning class from 9:00am-11:00am.

Since November 1st, we've also been working on social language using both English and American Sign Language (ASL). Social Language is the informal communication that happens during face-to-face interactions where people share feelings, ideas, and needs. The signs students have learned so far include: stop, wait, think, please, thank you, and numbers 1 through 10. If you're interested in pursuing ASL with your family further, you can check out *Signing Time*, a video/TV series that can be found for free at Edmonton Public Libraries, or look online for ASL videos and apps. Videos tend to be better than books, as ASL includes facial expressions and body language, in addition to the sign itself.

January will bring "The Wonders of Space" to our classroom, as well as the return of Mrs. Wong. She will be making an appearance in our classroom before Christmas so that the kids can meet and get to know her. You



REMINDER:

The 3 year classes Christmas concerts will be on **Thursday, December 13, 2018.**

Santa will also be visiting the class that day.

Please check your helper calendar for more information.

can aid in this transition by talking to your children about Mrs. Wong and encourage them to be ready for her return to school on January 8, 2019.

As we approach the Winter Break, I extend my gratitude to all of you for supporting your children and I during the short 6 weeks that I've been in the classroom. Being in the classroom with them has fed my soul and it was a pleasure to be a part of their learning journey!

May the holidays bring laughter, joy, and the time to reconnect with loved ones. See you on January 8th, 2019!

Merry Christmas!

Amanda Percy



A Message from Mrs. Knoll

Season's Greetings To All the 4 Year Families.

It is hard to believe that we are three months into school and Christmas is just around the corner. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and truly rewarding to see the growth already. They arrive each day excited to see their friends, and enthusiastic to learn. They are so much fun to spend time with.

Our theme in November was Community Helpers. The children learned who our community helpers are and how they help in our community. Thank you to Nurse, Shelley Cox, for visiting and teaching the children about how to stay healthy. Thank you also to Fire Fighter, Keith Peterson, for teaching us about fire safety. We had a short bus ride to visit Design Dentistry. It was a great way to make going to the dentist fun. Dr. Khan read us a story about visiting the dentist, taught us how to brush our teeth, and gave the children a ride in the dentist chair.

I'd like to thank all of you for helping your children become excited about

"The letter of the Week" The children are learning the sounds each letter makes, printing upper and lower case with chalk and sock, and

REMINDER:

The 4 year class Christmas concerts will be on **Friday, December 14, 2018.**

Please check your helper calendar for times and additional info.

Santa will also be visiting the classes on that day!



finding words that begin with each letter. We will also continue to practice patterning, printing our names, learning numbers, and becoming more and more independent. I am so proud with the progress so far, thank you again for your support at home. Just a reminder, cutting up old magazines or flyers and printing their name are all good exercises for their fine motor development.

The preparation will soon begin! Christmas is fast approaching. Our December field trip will be to the Zoo for "A Merry Zoo Christmas". We will have the opportunity to get closer to some of the animals and learn all about Christmas traditions around the world. Please dress your children in warm clothes because a portion of the program will be outside. We will soon be busy like elves making Christmas crafts, gifts, and practicing for our little concert. I hope you will all be able to join us on December 14th for a concert, a visit from Santa, and a Christmas snack and gathering. The children will be looking for you from up on the stage! The times are posted on the calendar. A sign up will also be posted both for extra snacks needed and siblings attending.

This will be our last newsletter for the year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the board members for helping the playschool run so smoothly. We are wishing Mrs. Wong from the 3 year classes a restful break and we are all excited for her return in January. Thank you to Mrs. Amanda Percy and Lindsay Cole for stepping in and teaching the 3 year classes. Thank you also to all the 4-year children and families. Your help and support makes my job so much easier. The children make me laugh every day and their enthusiasm keeps me feeling young! I am looking forward to working with you more in the New Year. Please, Please if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to chat with me.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2019!

Yours in Partnership.

Mrs. Laurie Knoll

Things to REMEMBER:

- ❖ remember to take your child's crafts from the art shelf each day
- ❖ remember to bring and take home your child's cup each day
- ❖ gym day is Fridays
- ❖ remember show and tell is on your helper day
- ❖ remember to please be 15 minutes early for your helper day
- ❖ We still have 2 openings in the PM class, please pass the word on to your friends
- ❖ remember to ask questions to your child about their day
- ❖ remember to cherish your beautiful children



Important Dates for 2018/19 School Year



Month	Day	Event
December	13, 14	Playschool Christmas Parties/Last day of classes
	15 – Jan 6	Playschool Christmas Break – No School
	22 – Jan 6	LaPerle Elementary Christmas Break – No School
January	Dec 15 – 6	Playschool Christmas Break – No School
	Dec 22 – 6	LaPerle Elementary Christmas Break – No School
	7 8	First Day of Class after Christmas break - 4 year First Day of Class after Christmas break - 3 year
February	1	PD Day – No School
	5	Open House - 6:00-8:00pm
	13, 14	Playschool Valentine's Day Parties
	18	Family Day – No school
	28 – Mar 1	Teachers' Convention – No School
March	Feb 28 - 1	Teachers' Convention – No School
	5	Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6:00pm
	23 - 31	Spring Break – No School
April	17, 18	Playschool Easter Parties
	19 - 22	Easter Weekend – No School
May	11	SPRING TEA
	18 - 21	May Break – No School
June	13, 14	Playschool – Last day with students
	14	Playschool Graduation Celebration

Ad Space Available!

Did you know that you can submit your, or your company's business card to be printed in our playschool newsletters?

For \$25.00/issue, (5 issues per year), you can advertise in this space to bring awareness of your business or services to the 60+ families that read our newsletters!



Newsletters are printed for all our playschool families, and can also be found on our website.

Scan and email your business card to Ashley Moreau at sarahashley@hotmail.com to be printed in our next issue!

Want to see what's going on in the classroom?

Check us out on Facebook!



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*** Please note that this contact information is for playschool use only. Thank you!**

