

La Perle Community Playschool

President's Message

To Our Valued Playschool Families,
Welcome back after the Family Day long weekend. It's almost March and the students here at La Perle Playschool are growing more confident every day thanks to the hard work of our teachers and parent volunteers. In this edition of our newsletter, we have a chance to reflect on our successes, celebrate how far we have come, and look forward to what we can accomplish together.

Perhaps you have noticed a philosophy statement accompanying many of the notices posted and sent home from the Playschool. **"The Stepping Stones of Early Learning"** is our school's motto. It drives our decisions, gives us focus, and marks our purpose. It is so rewarding to see the results of this philosophy in the academic and social gains in students at this time of year. They know routines, they are comfortable around their peers, and they show many attributes of a successful student. Thank you to the Playschool's fantastic teachers. They work tirelessly (in and out of the classroom), to make the Playschool the best it can be... To build our children's stepping stones in their early learning.

After reflecting on the last few months, I feel that we have a lot to celebrate. On February 7, we welcomed many families into the Playschool during our Open House. Two of our 2017-2018 classes are already full (with waiting lists!), and the other two are quickly being filled. We extend our thanks to our current Playschool families for spreading the word about our program! Spring Tea preparations are beginning, and support from everyone is truly appreciated. By now, parents in each class have had multiple opportunities to volunteer and the students feel truly special on those days! I also have the pleasure of introducing a new Executive Board member who, as of January, has enthusiastically taken over the role of Registrar. Michelle Bottriell has a son in our 3-year program and has dived right into her very important role. Thank you, Michelle, for stepping up and making a huge difference in our Playschool!

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Important Dates Coming Up

March 2 & 3

-Teacher's Conference

No School

Tuesday, March 14 6-7pm

-AGM Meeting (in LaPerle
School Library)

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important dates*

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Since La Perle Playschool is a Parent Cooperative, parents and families play an essential role in the running and organization of the school. There are many ways this happens: through monthly/bi-weekly volunteer days in the classroom, completing the evaluations (which were done in January), taking on a role within the Executive Board, executing other volunteer duties (such as changeover, toy cleaning, Spring Tea, etc.), and involving yourself in conversations with our teachers and Board members. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is another one of these opportunities. Do you have a concern? Do you want to celebrate how fantastic the Playschool is? Do you want to talk with Board Members that you may not see regularly? Do you value your involvement in your child's education? If you've answered yes to any – OR ALL! – of these questions, please join us on TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH from 6:00-7:00pm to be a part of the discussion. This meeting is an important opportunity to bring us all together. I'm planning to see many of you there!

Yours in Partnership,
~ Amanda Percy



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 card to Lindsay Cole at lindsaycole123@hotmail.com to be printed in our next issue!

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 2-3: Teacher's Conference - No Classes.

March 12: Daylight Savings Time Begins – Move clocks 1 hour ahead.

March 14: AGM Meeting in LaPerle School Library.

March 17: PD Day – No Classes.

March 27-March 31: Spring Break – No Classes.

April 3: Return to school.

April 14-17: Easter Break – No Classes.

April 28: PD Day – No Classes.

Dear Three Year Families,

Where have January and February gone? We have been busy learning about Space in January. The children were excited to learn the names of the planets and that we live on the Earth. We also discussed how we can take care of the planet we live on.

In the month of February, we talked about Valentines and Friendship. Of note, we reviewed how thankful we are for our families and ways we can show love to our family members and friends. The children enjoyed a fun Valentines party, of which the highlight was watching a movie and having popcorn. We are now learning about Dinosaurs and distinguishing between plant eating and meat eating Dinosaurs. The children will also be learning the names of various Dinosaurs and when they lived. We will finish learning about dinosaurs by having a visit from Barney.

In March, we will be focusing on Teddy Bears. There will be a Teddy Bear Picnic/Pajama Day on MARCH 23RD. The children are encouraged to wear pajamas and bring a teddy bear to playschool.

It is so exciting to see how much your children have grown since the first month of playschool! They are showing greater independence as they take off and put on shoes and coats. Any additional and continued practice with dressing routines at home would be very beneficial.

Thank you for your continued support and help, as well as your timeliness when it is your assigned helper day. Playschool would not run as smoothly as it does without your help! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Mrs. Wong



REMINDER

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a favourite teddy bear to class on March 23 for a Teddy Bear Picnic!

News From The 4-Year Classes,

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to fill out the evaluation. Your feedback is very much appreciated. We strive to be the best playschool that we can be and your suggestions and comments help to achieve this.

January began with our unit on SPACE. The children loved it! We discussed our Solar System, the names of all the planets, and ended our unit with a field trip to the Telus World of Science. It is wonderful watching them so excited about learning.

We started February with our theme on Valentine's Day and friendship. The room was very pink and red! We talked about the colors red, pink, and purple, and what colors are mixed together to form these colors. Most importantly we discussed friendship. How can we be a good friend? I read a story called "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud. If you wonder why the children are talking about trying to fill buckets, this is why. They have been encouraged to play nice, share, and say nice things to their friends and thus "Filling" each other's buckets. We are trying to stay away from being a bucket "Dipper". The Valentine's party was a fun-filled day with games, crafts, and a delicious snack. I hope the children had fun reading the special Valentine cards picked out by their friends.

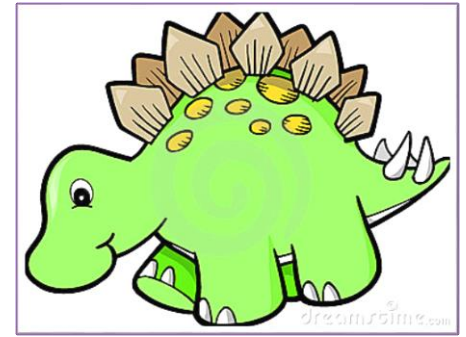
Dinosaur Adventures will be our next theme. This is always a favorite with the children. Although it will be packed with fun crafts and activities, we will learn a lot about the past and the creatures that lived. We will learn about carnivores, herbivores, extinction and more. An in school field trip from the John Janzen Nature Center called "Dinosaur Adventures" will take place in early March. Our last day of dinosaurs will be "Barney Day" and our big purple friend may even visit! Please try to wear purple on this day.

The year is going by so quickly. The children are all growing in more ways than one! Thank you again for your support at home with our Letter of the Week. We will continue through the alphabet, as well as patterning, learning numbers, and printing our name. We are all doing so well at printing now, it's amazing to see.

Thank you again to all of you for your help both in the classroom and jobs outside the classroom. You make my job that much easier. I am truly lucky to have the opportunity to work with your children, they make me smile every day.

Yours in Partnership,

Laurie Knoll



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