



LAPERLE

Community Playschool

The Stepping Stones of Early Learning

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 new logo 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 6, we welcomed many families into the Playschool during our Open House. One of our 2018-2019 classes are already full (with a waiting list!), and two more are quickly being filled. We extend our thanks to our current Playschool families for spreading the word about our program!
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Important Upcoming Dates:

- March 1 & 2:** Teachers' Convention (**No School**)
 - March 13:** La Perle Playschool **Annual General Meeting** (6-7 pm - Library)
 - March 24 - April 2:** Spring Break (**No School**)
 - April 30:** PD Day (**No School**)
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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!

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 13TH 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
Playschool President

A Note from our Registrar:

Thank you to all who pre-registered for next year. The Playschool Open House went well. The 4 year morning class is currently full with a waiting list, but we have spots open in the 4 year afternoon class, as well as the 3 year morning and afternoon classes, so please continue to spread the word to other families. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: 1-866-927-6020 or laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Michelle Bottriell,
La Perle Playschool Registrar



Don't forget to spring forward one hour when **Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 11!**

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 Jennifer McCallum at pandjmccallum@startmail.com to be printed in our next issue!

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A Message from Mrs. Wong

Dear Three Year Families,

January and February seem to have rushed right by. In January we were busy learning about Space and the names of the planets. We talked about the planet Earth and how we can take care of it.



February had us talking about Valentines and friendship. The ways and means of showing love for our family and friends was a highlight. We had a great party and were able to enjoy a movie.

Parents, thank you for taking time to fill out the evaluations. We appreciate your suggestions on helping us to be the best playschool we can be.



In the month of March, we will learn about Easter. This module will end with a party and a visit from the Easter Bunny (for playschool children only). March will also bring Spring Break so there will not be school the last week of March. Returning on April 3rd.

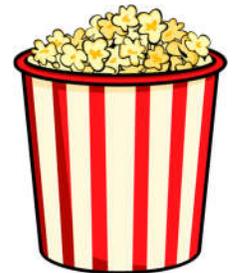
We will also be learning about Dinosaurs. This will include their names and if they are plant eating or meat eating.

Preparations for the Spring Tea will begin so we will be ready for the event on May 12, 2018. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend and have a great time. The children will be performing in a little concert, so please invite your family and friends. More information to come.

Thank you for your continued support and help. I love your children and treasure the time I have with them.

Sincerely

Mrs. Carma Wong



Added Incentive for AGM Attendance

All parents attending the Playschool AGM will be entered to win a pair of movie tickets!

Don't we all need an excuse to get out?

Join us **Tuesday, March 13 at 6 pm** – turn left inside the playschool door to find the Library – to have your say in decisions and for your chance to WIN!



A Message from Mrs. Knoll

4 Year Classes,

I hope you all enjoyed Family Day, doing something special together and treasuring all the special times with your little ones.

Thank you to all of you that took the time to fill in the evaluation forms. Your feedback is important to us. We strive to be the best playschool possible and your suggestions and comments help to achieve this.

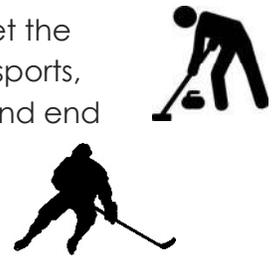


The New Year began with our unit on Space. The children seemed to really enjoy learning about our Solar System, the names of the planets, and learning new songs. We ended the unit with a field trip to the Telus World of Science. It's so wonderful to see the children excited about learning new things.

We started February with our theme on Valentine's Day and Friendship. We talked about the colors red, pink and purple. Most importantly, we talked about friendship and how to be a good friend. The Valentine's party had games, crafts, cookie decorating and delivering Valentines. I hope the children had fun reading the special Valentine cards picked out by each of their friends.



This year is an Olympic year and I couldn't be more excited to get the children cheering for Canada. We will learn all the Winter Olympic sports, learn O' Canada, discuss sportsmanship, count Canada's medals and end the unit with an 'Olympic Fun Day'. We will "luge" down the hill, curl, play inside hockey, and make medals out of cookies! Let's cross our fingers for nice weather.



We are past the mid-point of our year and it has gone by so quickly. The children are growing in more ways than one! They are definitely taller but they are all growing socially, emotionally, and cognitively. Again, thank you for your support at home with the letter of the week, practicing cutting and printing their name. They have been doing amazing.

Thank you for your help in the classroom and doing all your committee jobs. You make my job that much easier. I am so lucky that you have entrusted me your children, they are a joy to be around.

Yours In Partnership,

Mrs. Laurie Knoll



A Message from The Spring Tea Coordinators

For anyone who has not yet participated in a Spring Tea, hopefully this will clarify some of the questions or concerns you may be wondering. The Spring Tea is our biggest fundraising event of the year. It is a fantastic family day where parents, siblings, grandparents and friends get to enjoy celebrating a concert and fun day with our Playschool children. A lot of preparations, planning and organizing go into making this event special, so we require support from each and every child's parents.

Months prior to Spring Tea:

February: All families are to sell raffle tickets for this fundraising event. Tickets have been distributed by your class Spring Tea representative, and are due back February 27/28.



The items in the raffle are: 1) Apple iWatch Series 3, and 2) Nintendo Switch bundle.



OR



March: Before the event, you will be required to request donations from local businesses and friends for our silent auction. We require each child's family to collect something for the auction.

A few weeks before the Spring Tea, parents also contribute a \$20.00 donation for the silent auction or a gift for the kids raffle from each family for each child that attends the playschool. If you wish to collect another donation from a business you may do so in lieu of donating \$20.00 or buying a kids raffle gift.

April: Every family is required to sign up for a "duty" for the Spring Tea.

If your child attends the 3YR Program then you sign up for a 4YR old program duty.

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This way you get to spend your child's Spring Tea time with them.

May: The Spring Tea will be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2018.**

The **3YR** old Spring Tea is from **12:30–2:00pm**

The **4YR** old Spring Tea is from **3:00–4:30pm.**

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The Day of the Spring Tea...

Tickets to the Spring Tea will be sold at the entrance for \$2.00 each; please bring exact change, or a donation to the Edmonton Food Bank.

Please Note:

- There will be a 50/50 Draw, Tickets available during Spring Tea.
- There will be a wonderful Silent Auction to participate in.
- There is a fabulous Children's Raffle.
- Arts, Crafts and Games for the Children.
- Spectacular Concert for Parents, Family and Friends to enjoy.



If you have any questions about our Spring Tea, or your participation, please contact one of the Spring Tea Coordinators:

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How Can our Community Help the Playschool?



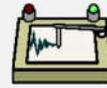
Do you have a special skill? Could you spare a half an hour to visit a classroom to showcase your musical or entertaining talent, tell us about your interesting career or hobby, or bring in a unique pet/item? Please talk to us about such opportunities! We'd also appreciate behind-the-scenes help if you have fix-it/build-it skills, sewing, or artistic talent.



Downsizing your craft supplies or costumes? Please think of us!



Volunteering is a great way to mentor future generations and a few minutes of your time would put a big smile on little faces. Please e-mail: laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com if you are interested, or call: 1-866-927-6020.



Important Dates for 2017/18 School Year

October

- 9 - Thanksgiving (No School)
- 18 – Picture Day for 4 year am/pm classes
- 19 - Picture Day for 3 year am/pm classes
- 20 – Professional Development (PD) Day (No School)

November

- 9-13 - Fall Break (No School)
- 27 – PD Day (No School)

December

- 14/15 - Last Day of class before Winter Break

January

- 8/9 - First Day back after Winter Break

February

- 6- La Perle Playschool Open House 6:00-8:00 pm
- 9 - PD Day (No School)
- 19 - Family Day (No School)

March

- 1-2 – Teachers' Convention (No School)
- 13 - La Perle Playschool Annual General Meeting 6:00-7:00pm
- 24-~~April 2~~ - Spring Break (No School)

April

- ~~March 24-April 2~~ – Spring Break (No School)
- 30 - PD Day (No School)

May

- 12 - La Perle Playschool Spring Tea
- 18-22 - Victoria Day, Day in Lieu, PD Day (No School)

June

- 14/15 - Last Day of Classes



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

