

La Perle Community Playschool

President's Message

Season's Greetings to all our Playschool Families!

As we approach December 15th and 16th, 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 AM class, our 3 and 4-year-old combined PM class, and as of January 1st, will have one spot available in our 4-year-old PM class. We accept new registrations up until January 31st 2017, so please share our website, Facebook Page, and Registrar's contact information with any families who may be interested!

In October, I attended a workshop organized by one of Edmonton's Early Childhood Community Coalitions. A wealth of information was offered, including an emphasis on how important early childhood is in determining the future success of children. The following quote was shared at the in-service:

"The first five years have so much to do with how the next eighty turn out."

~Bill Gates

How powerful. 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 9th or 10th, 2017 for our first day back at Playschool!

Merry Christmas!
~ Amanda Percy



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Important Dates Coming Up

- December 15 & 16
- Last day of classes
- January 9 & 10
- Return to classes



Important Notices for our Playschool's Families:



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

- Please regularly refer to your child's classroom schedule. It is important to be aware of when your volunteer day is. Failure to attend may result in class being cancelled for that day, or your Ghost Parent cheque being cashed.
- It is a licensing requirement to have our parent volunteers, in addition to our teachers, to meet child to adult ratios.
- Arriving 15 minutes prior to class to learn about the plans for the day, and staying up to 30 minutes after class to complete clean-up, is part of the expectation for volunteers. Please also engage in play and conversation with the students! This is your chance to be a part of the learning experience!

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

- We are fortunate to be housed within La Perle Elementary School. Recently, a reminder was sent to families on Schoolzone that parents must meet their children at designated dismissal doors, not in the library or front lounge area.
- If you have students attending both La Perle Playschool and La Perle Elementary school, please refrain from traveling through the school to pick up your older child. It is expected that parents leave through the Playschool doors and walk outside the school to meet their other child/children.

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!

Dear Families of 3 year olds,

It is hard to believe the Christmas season is already here. We have had a fun and busy November learning about "Community Helpers". We started by walking to Dr. Farid's dental office, seeing the different tools that he uses, learning about how we should take care of our teeth and having a ride in his dental chair. We were very lucky to have Shelley Cox, a nurse come to class and talk to the children about how she helps when people get sick, especially how she helps little babies. She also spoke to the children about eating healthy food and washing our hands often, to prevent germs from getting into our bodies.

On December 1st, Gisella's Puppetry entertained both classes together in the morning.

In December, we will be busy as we learn about Christmas and the concepts of giving, sharing and receiving. The colors and symbols of the holiday season and their relationship to Christmas will be introduced. We will be learning songs for our Christmas concert to be held on December 15th. Please plan to attend our concert and to visit with Santa

January will feature the theme of "Space".

I would like to thank each of you for being so supportive and helpful especially on your parent helper days. Your assistance has been invaluable. I am working with wonderful children and parents. Have a great holiday season with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. January 10th, 2017 is our first day back.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Carma Wong



REMINDER

The 3 year classes Christmas concerts will be on Thursday, December 15.

Santa will also be visiting the class that day.

Please check your helper calendar for more information.

Season's Greetings 4 Year Families,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. It has been truly rewarding working with your children. They arrive each day excited to see their friends, and enthusiastic to learn. What more could you ask for?!

In November our theme was Community Helpers. We had a nice walk to LaPerle dental to see our local community helper. We learned about teeth hygiene, we were introduced to Mr. Slurpee and rode a dental chair! We were also fortunate to have a Nurse, Shelley Cox, visit our classes.

Thank you to 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 finding words that begin with each letter. We will also continue to practice patterning, printing our name, and becoming more and more independent. I am very proud with the progress I am observing so far. Please continue your support at home. Practicing printing their name at home and cutting up old magazines with scissors all develop their fine motor skills.

The preparation begins! Christmas is fast approaching. Our field trip for this month will be to the John Walter Museum. The field trip will focus on a look at the past and learning how children in Edmonton celebrated the holiday season. In our classroom we will be busy like little elves making Christmas crafts, gifts, and practicing for our concert. I hope you will be able to join us on Dec. 16th for a concert, a visit from Santa, and Christmas goodies. The children will be looking for you from up on the stage! The times are posted on your calendar. Please print sibling's names on the sheet provided on the bulletin board if they will be attending so that we have enough goodies for all.

Miss S, Sarah, a student teacher from Grant MacEwan University will be with us until December 16th. She is bringing with her enthusiasm, new ideas and a desire to learn. We wish her luck in her studies and in her future career as an early learning and childcare professional.

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Reminder

The 4 year class Christmas concerts will be on Friday, December 16.

Please check your helper calendar for times and additional info.

Santa will also be visiting the classes on that day!

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This will be our last newsletter for the year, so I would like to take this time to thank the board members and Mrs. Wong for their continued support. This playschool is running so smoothly because we have fabulous volunteers who care. Thank you also to all of the 4 year children and families. Your help makes my job so much easier. I truly have the best job in the world. The children make me laugh each day and their enthusiasm is contagious. I am looking forward to working more with you in the New Year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to see me.



Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. All the best in 2017!

Yours in Partnership,

Mrs. Laurie Knoll

Spring Tea Update

Saturday, May 13, 2017

A Message from Melissa Daigle - Spring Tea Coordinator

Hello Families!

I 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 that are yet to be determined. (Previous year prizes were iPad Minis, and Acer Chromebooks.) These items will be raffled off at the Spring Tea Fundraiser on May 13, 2017.

More details will follow as the date approaches, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at mel22daigle@hotmail.com.

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