

La Perle Community Playschool

President's Message

Season's Greetings to all our Playschool Families!

As we approach December 14th and 15th, 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. Our 3-year-old program has full enrollment, and our 4-year-old PM class has only two spots available. We accept new registrations up until January 31st, 2018, so please share our website, Facebook Page, and Registrar's contact information with any families who may be interested!

At this time last year, 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 8th or 9th, 2018 for our first day back at Playschool!

Merry Christmas!
~ Amanda Percy



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Important Dates Coming Up

Last Day of Classes:

December 14 & 15, 2017

Return to Classes:

January 8 & 9, 2018

Pre-Registration for 2018/19:

January 2018

Open House: **February 6, 2018**

Registration Information

As Amanda stated, we have only a couple of spots remaining in the 4 year PM program. Please contact Michelle Bottriell, our fearless 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 for returning children/siblings of current students will begin in January. You will receive pre-registration packages in the first week of classes in 2018, and they will need to be returned by mid-January to hold a spot.

The Open House/Public Registration will be held on February 6, 2018, and 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 parents need to know, such as what to bring to the Open House to register. We're trying to make this as easy as possible for everyone.

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 (@laperleplayschool) and our website (www.laperleplayschool.com).

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.

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



Behjan Gregory
Volunteer Coordinator



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

Spring Tea Update

Save the Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

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 **Nintendo Switch** with **Super Mario Odyssey** game, and an **iWatch Series 3**. These items will be raffled off at the Spring Tea Fundraiser on **May 12, 2018**.

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 (3yr PM)
- 2nd Place: Benjamin (4 yr PM)
- 3rd Place: Brynnlee (3yr PM)

Thank you so much !

We really appreciate each and everyone's support!



Gwen Hall
Fundraising Coordinator

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

Check us out on
Instagram!

 [la_perle_playschool](https://www.instagram.com/la_perle_playschool)

A Message from Mrs. Wong

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 going on a field trip to Secord Dental. The children enjoyed the "ride" in the dental chair and learning how to care for our teeth. We made a healthy snack, did a craft and stories read to us. The highlight of the field trip was the bus ride because it was the first for all the children. The dental office complimented us on how well behaved we were. 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. We also had Keith Peterson, Fire Fighter who came in with all his gear. He was excellent with the children and explained to them never to be afraid of fire fighters. They are there to help each one of us. He was excited to tell the kids that he went to LaPerle School while growing up.

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 in the classroom on **December 14th at 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.** Please plan to attend our concert and to visit with Santa.

January will feature Science and the theme of "Space", including learning the names of the planets.

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 9th, 2018 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 14.**

Santa will also be visiting the class that day.

Please check your helper calendar for more information.

A Message from Mrs. Knoll

Season's Greetings To All the 4 Year Families!

It is hard to believe that 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 and for the fireman's hat and coloring book. We had a short bus ride to visit Secord Dental. It was a great way to make going to the dentist fun. We laced a toothbrush necklace, played dentist bingo, made a healthy snack, and had 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 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 has begun! Christmas is fast approaching. Our December field trip will be to the John Walter Museum. This trip will focus on a look at the past and how children celebrated Christmas long ago. Our classes are 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 15th** 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! Please meet in the gym to get a good seat for the concert - the times are posted on the calendar. A sign up will also be posted both for extra snacks needed and siblings attending.

Our student teacher, Mrs. Jaimie, from Grant MacEwan University is back until the Christmas break. She brings 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 educator.



Reminder

The 4 year class Christmas concerts will be on Friday, December 15.

Please check your helper calendar for times and additional info.

Santa will also be visiting the classes on that day!

Mrs. Knoll's Message Continued...

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, and to Mrs. Wong for her continued support. 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 contact me.



Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2018!

Yours in Partnership.

Mrs. Laurie Knoll



Things to REMEMBER:

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



Literacy Moment



Reading to your preschooler is one of the most important things you can do to help them build vocabulary, reinforce letter recognition, and build pre-reading skills. Rhyming books are particularly helpful for skill development. Tired of reading the same books over and over? This "habit" helps reinforce literacy skills, so bear with "Good Night Moon" x 5,679 - it is actually beneficial. While you read, try to look for different elements in the pictures, use the opportunity to practice letter recognition, and play with rhyming to add a fresh perspective on an old favourite. That said, it is important to keep reading fun, so regularly getting new books from the library is a great way to increase exposure to new and exciting stories – for free! Happy reading!

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** - Teacher's 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!**

