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Community Playschool

The Stepping Stones of Early Learning

To Our Hard-working and Committed Playschool Families,

So here we are: it's June! Classes are wrapping up and families are preparing for Summer break.

Back in September, I shared a quote from Jane D. Hull. She once said, "at the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Reflecting on the year, this quote is even more impactful than it was a mere 9 months ago. With our students/children at the core, parents, teachers, and Board members have worked collaboratively to meet the needs of young learners and have been successful in maintaining the high standards that we've always held for our Playschool. I can't thank you all enough for your work, commitment, and time.

Since our Playschool is a Parent Cooperative, everyone must pitch in to ensure its success. I'm going to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the individuals whom I know have put tremendous focus and effort into their roles this year.

First, thank you to Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Knoll. Mrs. Wong has been teaching with us for 16 years and Mrs. Knoll has been teaching with us for 21 years. How incredible that we are lucky enough to have educators with such experience, expertise, and enthusiasm within the walls of our Playschool. Congratulations to both of you for an awesome year, thank you to both of you for choosing our Playschool, and thank you for everything you do in and outside the classroom to make magic happen every day for our young learners!

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Important Upcoming Dates:

- June 6:** 4 Year olds' trip to Darwell's Adventure Farm
 - June 7:** 3 Year olds' trip to Valley Zoo
 - June 14:** 3 Year olds' LAST DAY of CLASS/field trip to Capital City Gymnastics
 - June 15:** 4 Year olds' LAST DAY OF CLASS/Graduation Celebration
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Next, thank you to our Board Members. It is a huge commitment to have a seat on the Board and I feel so grateful to have worked with such an amazing team this year.

I can't forget our Room Reps, Changeover Captain, and Toy Cleaning Captain. These are volunteer positions that each involve constant attention and work throughout the year. A HUGE THANKS goes out to each of you for taking on such an important role.

Lastly, I want to thank you, your children, and your families. Each of you has played a vital role in the livelihood of the Playschool. Each day you volunteered, each day you brought your child ready to learn, each time you fulfilled a toy cleaning day, supported fundraising efforts, or put on a mascot costume... We recognize you, we applaud you, and we thank you.

Happy trails to families who may be leaving us, and see you soon to families who will be back in the Fall. May your Summer be filled with sunshine and good times!

Yours in Partnership,

Amanda Percy,
La Perle Playschool President



A Note from our Registrar:

We still have room in most playschool classes for next year, so please continue to spread the word to other families. Those of you who have already registered your child for next year will receive a letter in the mail early August with specific information about **Registration Night (Tuesday, August 21)**. If you have questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at: 1-866-927-6020 or e-mail:

laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Michelle Bottriel,
La Perle Playschool Registrar



Spread the word about La Perle Playschool and stay connected with other parents on our Facebook Page!

 @laperleplayschool

A Note from our Volunteer Coordinator:

Can't believe this year is almost over! I would like to thank everyone for all their volunteer work this year.

As you all know, we are a parent cooperative playschool and we couldn't do this without all your help. I would like to extend an even bigger thank you to everyone and their families who helped with the Spring tea setup and cleaning. It was absolutely great to watch everyone step in and lend a helping hand. Thank you again!! Hope everyone has a wonderful Summer!

Behjan Gregory,

La Perle Playschool Volunteer Coordinator



A Message from Mrs. Wong

Dear Three Year Families,

Where has the school year gone? It is hard to believe the school year is wrapping up with just a few more classes left.



We were very busy in the month of May preparing for our Spring Tea and making Mother's Day crafts. I was so proud of my little friends. For many, if not all, this was the first time they have ever been on stage with such a large audience. They did such a wonderful job in performing those songs. Parents, you must be very proud of them as well. Thanks for listening to the CD with them prior to the Tea. It really helped the children know their songs.



Thank you for your attendance and support. Without you as parents, the playschool would not run as smoothly as it does. **June** will include a **field trip** to the **Valley Zoo on June 7th**. The children are looking forward to see the animals, but I think the bus ride will be the best. We will also be discussing the importance of our Dads and making a Father's Day gift for them. **Our last day of playschool is June 14th**. We will be going to **Capital City Gymnastics that day** for a fun **morning** of activities.

I would like to thank the Executive for all of their hard work. They do an outstanding job. I also would like to express appreciation to Mrs. Knoll for another wonderful year of working together. I have enjoyed working with her, and count her not just as a co-worker, but also as a good friend.

Parents thank you for letting me have your children for 4 hours a week. It has been so fun to watch them grow and develop into the special individuals that they are.

The following quote, on a shelf, in our home, may apply to all of us:

One hundred years from now...



*it will not matter what our bank accounts were,
the sort of houses we lived in,
or the kinds of cars we drove,
but the world may be different because
we were important in the life of a CHILD*



Thanks for allowing me to be a small part of your children's lives. I hope that each of you have a wonderful summer with family and friends. Cherish each day with your children for they grow up way too fast.

Sincerely,

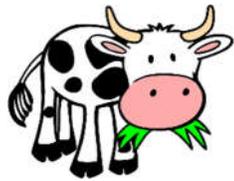
Carma Wong

A Message from Mrs. Knoll

Dear 4 year Families,

May is over and it's hard to believe that there is only 2 weeks left of playschool. I would like to thank all of you for a very successful Spring Tea.

We must commend Melissa, Candace and Lindsay, our Spring Tea coordinators, for a job well done. The entire event ran so smoothly and I know fun was had by all. I am so proud of the children for learning and performing so many songs. It is difficult to stand in front of so many people but to dance and sing like they did was tremendous. I'm sure you will be hearing "Tooty Ta" for a long time!



Our last theme of the year will be "The Farm". **We will be going on a full day trip to Darwell's Adventure Farm.** Let's cross our fingers for a warm day. We will also be talking about Father's Day and end our year with a special celebration, Graduation. **Please mark June 15th on your calendar and join us for our graduation ceremony, cake and punch.**



This is always a bittersweet time for me. I am tremendously proud of the growth in each child from the start of the year. Your children have been a pleasure to teach, play with, and just get to know. Thank you for entrusting me with your children. I truly have the best job ever. I get hugs, cookies, pictures, and compliments almost daily. It has been the best 10 month journey and I am positive that you will agree that every child has grown physically, cognitively, emotionally, socially and creatively. Our goal at the onset was to get ready for kindergarten and I believe they are ready to go!

Most importantly, I would like to thank all of you for your help and support throughout the year. This playschool is a parent cooperative and with your help on committees and helper days, it makes my job so much easier. It has been wonderful meeting so many fabulous families. I hope our paths meet again. We must also thank all the outgoing board members. We appreciated your dedication, support and hard work to make this playschool a success. A successful playschool is a reflection on the executive, so thank you again. To the new board members, I am excited for the year ahead. Lastly, I would like to thank my colleague and good friend, Mrs. Wong. I never take it for granted that I am able to job share with such a dedicated, hard-working and supportive lady.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. Appreciate, enjoy, and treasure your most precious gift... your children. To the children, I am going to miss you terribly. Maybe I'll see you around the neighborhood or in the hallways next year. Please come back for a visit. Good Luck in Kindergarten, you will do awesome!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Knoll



A Message from The Spring Tea Coordinators

Thank you to all of the families who attended the 2018 Spring Tea!! We hope you found time to enjoy all of the children's art work that was displayed around the gym, play some games, bid on some (or all!) of the auction items, and of course, the best part of all, enjoy the children's performance!

Thank you to all of our Corporate Sponsors, without your kind generosity, we would not be able to continue this wonderful event every year. Thank you to all of YOU, without your dedication and support to help grow our children with your time, patience and love this day would not be possible!

And of course, a HUGE thank you to our Teachers, Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Knoll. They have a passion for teaching, nurturing, guiding the children to be the best they can be, they truly are the best at what they do. ❤️

Thank you,
Melissa, Lindsay, and Candace



****Our Spring Tea Team is moving on to other endeavours next year, but we thank you again for the many hours you worked to make the largest annual playschool fundraiser a success!!! 🥰*



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 Playschool Dates

June

- 6** 4 Year Old Class trip to Darwell's Adventure Farm
** Both classes meet at 8:50 am at school
- 7** 3 Year Old Class trip to the Valley Zoo
** Both classes meet at 12:30 pm at school
- 14** Last Day of Classes for 3 year olds
** Both classes meet at 8:50 am at school for trip to Capital City Gymnastics
- 15** Last Day of Classes for 4 year olds
** Note graduation ceremony in regular classroom times

Upcoming 2018-2019 Playschool Year Dates

Tuesday, August 21st - Registration Night (more information will be mailed to returning and new students in early August)

Monday, September 10th - First Day of Classes for the **4 year old** program

Tuesday, September 11th - First Day of Classes for the **3 year old** program