



LAPERLE

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.

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. Knoll and Mrs. Percy. Mrs. Knoll has been teaching with us for 23 years! How incredible that we are lucky enough to have an educator with such experience, expertise, and enthusiasm within the walls of our Playschool. We are also so fortunate to have Mrs. Percy have the education and ability to step into the position of the lead teacher for the 3 year program. Congratulations to both of you for an awesome year and thank you for everything you do in and outside the classroom to make magic happen every day for our young learners!

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,

Michelle Albert



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Important Upcoming Dates:

June 11: Toy Cleaning

June 13: 3 Year olds' LAST DAY of
CLASS/field trip to Capital City
Gymnastics

June 14: 4 Year olds' LAST DAY OF
CLASS/Graduation Celebration

A Note from our Registrar:

Dear Playschool Families,

What a wonderful year! Thank you for all your hard work this year. The Playschool would not be the same without everyone's constant support. I wish the best of luck to families leaving the Playschool. I look forward to seeing returning families, as well as meeting new ones in August for registration night.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 1-866-927-6020 or email: laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Thank you,
Michelle Bottruell
Registrar



A Message from Mrs. Percy

Well... Here we are! The end of the school year!

The last several months have been a whirlwind of learning at La Perle Playschool. We learned about our 5 senses, had an "Egg-cellent" time during our Easter theme, and welcomed Spring into our classroom. June is shaping up to be a hoot, too!

Our final theme of the year is "The Farm," where we will learn about farm animals, what they provide for us, as well as different vocabulary and concepts related to farming.

We will do our part by participating in La Perle's Community Clean-Up Initiative on Thursday, June 6. On Tuesday, June 11, we will welcome Jenna Brennan, Educator and Dance Specialist from J'Adore Dance. Please join us at the Community Hall for the last 15 minutes of class to watch a special "Farm theme" presentation from our students on June 11th!

The last day of class for our 3-year-olds is Thursday, June 13. To celebrate the completion of a fun-filled year, we will head out on a Gymnastics field trip in the morning, then return to the school for a mini "Graduation"/Farewell Ceremony. Please mark your calendars for 11:45am-12:15 for this ceremony.

To finish off my final newsletter entry for the 2018-2019 school year, I'd like to share the acrostic poem I spoke of at our Spring Tea because according to William Arthur Ward, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

L – LEARNING
A – ACCEPTANCE
P – PATIENCE & PARTNERSHIP
E – ENGAGED IN EDUCATION
R – RELATIONSHIP
L – LOYALTY
E – ENTHUSIASM & EXCITEMENT



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A Note from our Fundraising Coordinator:

Hello Families!

I hope you all enjoyed the Spring Tea party! The end of the year is approaching fast and with that coming, I would like to thank everyone for their support during the whole year. It means a lot to our playschool.

Summer time is always the best of what might be!

Happy summer everyone.

Dolly Fadel



LEARNING: Please take the time to recognize the students of our awesome Playschool; they have shown tremendous growth in multiple domains of their development – social, emotional, physical, linguistic, cognitive... Think about these areas and celebrate your child because they've come a long way since September!

ACCEPTANCE: I'm so grateful that our Playschool's families have accepted transitions and changes during the course of this year. We are resilient, we are strong, and we are capable!

PATIENCE & PARTNERSHIP: Laurie Knoll & Carma Wong have been working together for almost 20 years; they are indeed a fine-oiled machine!! I appreciate so much that Mrs. Knoll has been patient with me as I caught my groove and mixed things up over the course of the school year in Mrs. Wong's absence. Mrs. Knoll collaborated with me and gave me tips about our classroom and routines... what works well based on her experience. For that, I thank her.

Mrs. Wong also supported me throughout the entire year. She provided mentorship, ideas, wisdom, and flexibility... She shared her experience with me, but gave me the freedom to create my own program at La Perle. She is a true team player and cares so much for our little preschool students!

ENGAGED IN EDUCATION: Parents... Without you, our Playschool's program is impossible. Your volunteerism and engagement is what keeps this program running. From the bottom of my heart... Thank you!

RELATIONSHIP: A friend once told me, "life is all about relationships." Over the year, I've strived to develop strong relationships with students, families, Board Members, and other stakeholders. I hope I've been successful at this! We are also so lucky to be inside La Perle Elementary, as well as having a connection to our community. It keeps relationships among these three stakeholders strong!

LOYALTY: Our Playschool's Board/Executive consists of 10 Volunteers who are hard working, committed, creative people that complete much of the behind-the-scenes work. I am so very grateful to have worked alongside this crew wearing a different "hat" this year. Thank you for your loyalty, and thank you for your support. I look forward to resuming the post of President for the 2019-2020 School Year.

ENTHUSIASM & EXCITEMENT: Thank you to the children who make this job what it is... SO WORTHWHILE. Thank you to all my 26 little treasures who come to school each Tuesday and Thursday, enthusiastic and ready for Mrs. Percy's classroom. I applaud each of you for all of your unique abilities and successes this year!

Best wishes for a lovely Summer!
Yours in Partnership,
~ Amanda Percy

A Message from Mrs. Knoll

Dear 4 year Families,

May is almost 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 congratulate Gwen, Behjan and Kali, 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

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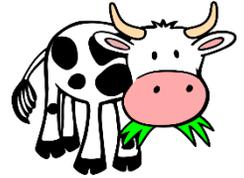
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is difficult to stand in front of so many people but to dance and sing like they did was tremendous. I'm sure you will be hearing "Tooty Ta" and "Cha Cha Slide" for a long time!

Our last theme of the year will be "The Farm". We went on a full day trip to Darwell's Adventure Farm. We will also be talking about Father's Day and end our year with a special celebration, Graduation. Please mark June 14th 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, pictures, coffee, 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. I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Kayla as well. Mrs. Kayla Aldoff was an Educational Assistant in both the morning and afternoon classes. Her help and support was appreciated very much. Lastly, I would like to thank Amanda Percy for filling in this year for Mrs. Wong. Mrs. Percy has a young family, 4 children and a husband, who sacrificed some family time to allow her to join our playschool team, so thank you again. I know Mrs. Wong is excited to be back next year and we are also happy to see her return.



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

Spring Tea 2019 was an amazing family celebration showcasing the musical and artistic talents of our playschool children. A lot of preparation, planning and organizing go into making this event so special, we truly are a parent cooperative community playschool. The event could not have run as smoothly as it did without the help of our Playschool Board Members, the Spring Tea Committee, and the family volunteers assisting in the many positions required on the day of the event.

I would like to give an enormous Thank You! to Mrs. Percy and Mrs. Knoll, for preparing our children for the most enjoyable portion of Spring Tea, the concert! Looking around the venue during the concert, I believe that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. You are both amazing teachers to our children and we are grateful for your patience, guidance and commitment.

Our Playschool families assisted those less fortunate in Edmonton with a substantial donation to the Food Bank, not including all the non-perishable donations. Thank you to everyone.

Congratulations to all winners of prizes in the various raffles and auctions. Of course, I cannot forget to thank all of the businesses who so generously donated gifts and prizes for our raffles and auctions.

I believe it is safe to say that Spring Tea 2019 was a fantastic day for everyone ... especially our children and that it was the best Spring Tea ever!!

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Gwen Hall, Behjan Gregory, & Kali Heppner

A Message from the Volunteer Coordinator

Well, I look back on how far my alphabet-resisting, anti-sitting, parallel-playing son has made this year and I am in awe of what this little human can now do (and I feel that a startlingly small amount of these were achieved through home efforts). Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Knoll have transformed him into a Kindergarten-ready boy, and I am so grateful. It is hard for my enthusiasm for this playschool to remain internal. I relished this opportunity to sit on the Board to learn more of the behind the scenes events, and learn just how much work it is to be an educational chrysalis.

The other thing that is heart-warmingly beautiful about this playschool is the dedication of the parents. It has been such an honour working beside you and getting to know such diversely wonderful adult humans. It seems that, over a school year, the kids and the parents are interwoven into a supportive community. This community makes the La Perle Playschool run smoothly by divvying out the “work”, but I believe it is more than that – we learn to care about each other, and that, in turn, teaches our children to care about other people in our path and how to be part of a community.

A massive thank you to all of the parents of the 3-year-old classes this year who embraced and supported Mrs. Percy, who hesitantly, but happily threw herself into a pretty big part-time job. The way they rallied around her was beautiful, and greatly appreciated by the Board.

In addition, we had one of the smoothest Spring Tea events this year – partly due to the highly talented Spring Tea Team, but also to the dedicated and enthusiastic work of all the parent volunteers. A giant thank you to everyone who worked hard during the year for helper days, big and small duty jobs, changeover, toy cleaning, Spring Tea, and general helpfulness. Without all of this work, we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we did this year, nor would we have built this community.

One last big thank you to Ken Grovet, our treasurer of MANY years, who is stepping down this year. Ken, we've come to lean on you a lot over the years, and your work, your wit, your kind and calm demeanour, and willingness to help will all be VERY missed!

To the families that are moving on to schools other than La Perle School, we wish you all the best, and we hope that you and your children maintain many happy memories of your time in a world that was accessed through the orange side door of a brick building. To those of you who remain, may you enjoy the lasting connections made through La Perle Playschool – we'll see you at the playground!

Thanks again for all of your work – YOU made La Perle Playschool possible this year! Have a fantastic summer!

Sincerely;

Jennifer McCallum



A Message from the Treasurer

As we come to the close of the school year, I would like to thank all the parents for their support over the course of the year. We just celebrated our second fundraiser for the school year and I thought I would share with you the success of spring tea fundraiser as well as the chocolate fundraiser that we had at the start of the year. These two fundraising events raised \$13,500 for the Playschool. This money is used to help pay for classroom supplies such as material for our crafts and various parties as well as our field trips. These expenses are expected to run slightly over \$20,000 this year. Tuition fees are used to cover our operating costs such as teacher salaries, classroom rent, advertising, police checks, office supplies etc. It is through the hard work of our parents that help make the La Perle Community Playschool the success it is.

Ken Grovet



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.



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Important Dates for 2018/19 School Year

June	11 13, 14 14	Toy Cleaning Playschool – Last day with students Playschool Graduation Celebration
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