

La Perle Playschool - March Newsletter



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.

After reflecting on the last few months, I feel that we have a lot to celebrate. On February 5th, we welcomed many families into the Playschool during our Open House. Three of four classes are filling quickly, and the fourth is still waiting for future students. We are planning on hosting a second Open House in June in hopes of welcoming more families into the program before we break for summer. We extend our thanks to our current Playschool families for spreading the word about our program! Also, 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 5TH 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!

Thank you for your commitment to the Playschool,
Michelle Albert



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Important Upcoming Dates:

March 5 :

La Perle Playschool **Annual
General Meeting** (6-7 pm -
Library)

March 11 :

PD Day (No School)

March 23 – March 31 :

Spring Break (No School)

see page 7 for more dates



A Note from our Registrar

Thank you to all who pre-registered for the 2019/20 school year. The Playschool Open House went well! We have spots open in both 4 year morning and 4 year afternoon classes, as well as the 3 year morning and 3 year afternoon classes. Please continue to spread the word to other families about our playschool. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 1-866-927-6020 or laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Michelle Bottriell,
La Perle Playschool Registrar

A Message from Mrs. Percy

Greetings to all our Playschool Families!

January and February have flown by quickly! It's easy to start thinking about Spring, even though it is still weeks away...

At the beginning of January, our classroom was transformed into a Space theme. Students learned about the moon, its craters, how they are formed, and how the moon rotates around the Earth. Students learned what our planet looks like from outer space and were introduced to concept vocabulary (such as astronaut, rocket/spaceship) through songs, stories, crafts, and discussions. Students built Mathematic concepts (such as numerical awareness) and Science concepts (such as magnetism, sinking vs. floating) through station work.



The final weeks in January brought "Beach Days" to our classroom. Students enjoyed cultural music from other (much warmer!) countries, engaged in dramatic play/dress-up in our luau-themed house corner, and took part in 2 special events: Pirate Day and Beach Day. It was fabulous to see all the families who joined us in learning the Mexican Hat dance and tried their skills at the limbo!

We also welcomed some new faces to our Playschool in the new year. Ms. Sydney, a Child Development Assistant from Over the Rainbow, joined our morning class and we happily greeted five new students in our afternoon class.



February started with a Valentine's theme, focusing on kindness, love, and the value of friendship. We've equipped students with some social language. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, social language is the informal communication that happens during face-to-face interactions where people share feelings, ideas, and needs. Social scripts are often needed to encourage the development of social language. For example, if a



Don't forget to spring forward one hour when **Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 10!**

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 Ashley Moreau at sarahashley@hotmail.com to be printed in our next issue!

child wants a toy that another child has, she may try to grab the toy. The script being taught would model asking for the toy, then allowing the second child to say, “sure!” or “please wait; I’m not finished with it yet.” To extend this interaction further, I would ensure that child #2 does, in fact, bring the toy to child #1 when he/she is finished with it. I’m hoping to do some puppet shows and role-playing to give students practice with these concepts as the year progresses.

We’ve also continued learning ASL (American Sign Language). Many students have shown great interest and aptitude for ASL! We’ve reviewed: stop, wait, think, please, thank you, and numbers 1 through 10. New signs include: all done/finished, I Love You, play, and take turns. Students are picking up other signs that are modeled throughout class time. Are you interested in other ASL resources for your family? Check out YouTube for ASLNook and Signing Time!

At the end of February, we stepped into a time machine and journeyed back to 65 million years ago, when the dinosaurs roamed the earth. Students are learning what a fossil is, trying their hand at paleontology, and learning what a carnivore and herbivore is. It’s exciting to see how much knowledge some students already have on this topic to bring into our discussions!

As our school year continues to roll ahead, our themes will include: the 5 senses, Easter, and Spring. We will also welcome back our practicum student from Grant MacEwan, Ms. Stephanie Rutsch. I extend my gratitude to all of our 3-year families for supporting the children in our program. I truly look forward to spending my Tuesdays and Thursdays with you!



Yours in Partnership,
~ Amanda Percy

A Message from Mrs. Knoll



Dear 4 Year Families,

We have had a busy few months. The New Year began with our unit on Space. The children enjoyed learning about the Solar System, the names of the planets, and learning some new songs. We ended our theme with a field trip to the Telus World of Science. We were able to visit the new Space exhibit and watch a show in the newly renovated Margaret Zeidler Theater. It’s so wonderful that the children get excited about learning something new.



This year we tried a new theme to help us get through this long and cold winter. “Beach Days” was so much fun! We dreamed about being somewhere warm. We danced to the Beach Boys, pretended to surf, learned how to hula dance and we dressed for the beach in our shorts and sunglasses.

We started February with our theme on Valentine’s Day and Friendship. Our room looked so Red! We talked about the colors red, pink and purple, but more importantly how to be a good friend. The Valentine’s party was a lot of fun. I hope all the children enjoyed opening their special cards from each of their friends.

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 5 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!

We are in the middle of our theme on Dinosaurs. I have some real experts in class that I certainly depend on to help me. The museum was a fun and educational trip. Thank you to all the field trip helpers for making this trip a success.



It is now past the mid-point of the year, and it has gone by so quickly. The children are growing in more ways than one! They are definitely physically taller but they are growing socially, emotionally, and cognitively. Thank you again for your support at home with the letter of the week, practicing cutting, and printing their name. I am so proud at their progress and interest.

The Playschool is very lucky to have a student teacher from Grant MacEwan University. Please help us in welcoming Stephanie Rutsch. Miss Rutsch visited our classes for a week in February and will be back for a 4 week practicum starting on March 18th. Not only will we try to be good role models and mentors for Miss Rutsch but we are excited to get new ideas and energy from her.

Thank you parents for your help in the classroom and doing all your committee jobs. You make my job so much easier. I appreciate and thank all those who returned their evaluations. Your feedback is important. We strive to be the best playschool possible and your suggestions and comments help to achieve this. I promise to work on getting your children out on time at the end of the day. Please think of it as a positive, I want more time with your beautiful children. If you ever need your child at the end of class and the classroom door has not opened, please please just knock and I would be happy to send them out.

Looking forward to the rest of the year and all the fun things in store.

Yours in partnership,

Laurie Knoll



Things to Remember...

- Please remember your child's cup, it needs a good washing each day
- Please remember your child's crafts each day
- Please look on the calendar for all the special days each month
- Please ask your child about their day
- If you are not picking up your child, please have them pass on any pertinent information. Eg. The letter of the week, any notes

Spring Tea Update

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 March 5th/6th.
- The items in the raffle are: 1) Xbox One X, and 2) iPadMini.



OR



March:

- Before the event, we require the family of **each** child in the playschool to collect something for the auction. You can request donations from local businesses and friends for our silent auction OR choose to do the following:
 - You can donate \$20.00 or buy a gift of equal value for the children's raffle (toy/game/puzzle, etc.). AND, you collect a donation from a local business for the Silent Auction. The business may donate a gift of any kind including gift certificates, promotional items (gift certificates, gift baskets, golf accessories, sporting tickets, etc.) Merchandise and cash are accepted.
 - You may choose to purchase two gifts (each min \$20 value) instead of getting a donation from a local business. Or, you can submit 2 x \$20 cash for your two donations.

April: Every parent 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 11, 2019

- The 3YR old Spring Tea is from 12:30–2:00pm
- The 4YR old Spring Tea is from 3:00–4:30pm



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
- There will be Raffle Tickets available for sale
- 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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Thank you!! ☺





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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La Perle Community Playschool

Important Dates for 2018/19 School Year

March	5	Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6:00pm & Toy Cleaning 7:00 pm
	9	Changeover – 9:00am
	11	PD Day – No School
	23	Changeover – 9:00am
	23 - 31	Spring Break – No School
April	9	Toy Cleaning
	17, 18	Playschool Easter Parties
	18	Changeover – 6:30-9:00pm *Thursday*
	19 - 22	Easter Weekend – No School
May	7	Toy Cleaning
	11	SPRING TEA
	18 - 21	May Break – No School
	25	Changeover – 9:00am
June	11	Toy Cleaning
	13, 14	Playschool – Last day with students
	14	Playschool Graduation Celebration



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

