

La Perle Community Playschool

Greetings to all our Playschool Families,

What an exciting month it has been! Playschool classes are in full swing. Children are settling into classroom routines, parents are connecting with each other, and our Playschool Community is as strong as ever!

It has been a treat to meet all of our Playschool families (either through Registration Night, or during class drop-offs and pick-ups). If you are still unfamiliar with any of our Board Members, please take a moment to reference our introduction poster outside the classroom, where our photos and positions are identified. Our contact information is in the Handbook and on our website, and several of us have children in Mrs. Wong's and Mrs. Knoll's classes! Please connect with us to share concerns, ask questions, and celebrate successes. As I mentioned at Registration Night, I think Jane D. Hull put it beautifully when she said, "At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." Thank you for working collaboratively with our Board, our teachers, and our school to be the key to your child's success!

A reminder that when you are volunteering in your child's class, please arrive 15 minutes before the start of class. This allows for important preparation time between volunteers and your child's teacher. Classes can't begin until both volunteer parents have arrived, and activities unfold much more smoothly when everyone arrives on time and everyone is aware of plans for the day.

Please note that Toy Cleaning and Changeover dates are also important for families to be aware of. Class parties, field trips, and special events will be included in your child's monthly calendar. Thank you to our Toy Cleaning Captain, Changeover Captain, and Room Reps for keeping us all organized!

As we head into the second month of Playschool, we anticipate more fun, excitement, and learning through play in Mrs. Wong's and Mrs. Knoll's classrooms. On behalf of the Board, we thank each of you for your involvement in the Playschool and truly value your contributions.

Yours in Partnership,
Amanda Percy



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Important Dates This Month

October 9

Thanksgiving (no school)

October 18 (4 yr) /19 (3 yr)

Picture Day

October 20

PD day (no school)

See page 6 for full year of important dates.

Message From Carma Wong:

Dear Families of Three Year Olds,



One month of playschool has quickly gone by.

The children are enjoying themselves, making new friends, settling into classroom routines and finding new learning opportunities. During September, we discussed a variety of topics through lessons and activities on "All About Me". Specific areas of focus included personal appearance, family, friends, sharing, and names. The children seemed to have fun and certainly had interesting comments and questions.

In the month of October we have been learning about "fall", highlighting the beautiful colors of nature this time of year and helping the children gain a better appreciation and understanding of them.

Before Thanksgiving we spent a few days raising awareness of the many things we can be grateful for, including families, the food we eat and the many things we sometimes take for granted.

For the balance of the month, we will be talking about Halloween and preparing for our Halloween Party. Halloween symbols such as spiders, pumpkins, and cats will be used in our crafts and lessons. Each child is encouraged to dress up for the party on October 31st. Please join us for the last 15 minutes of class (10:45 am and 2:45 pm) for a costume parade and songs.

November brings us to the exciting topic of "Community Helpers". We will be going on a field trip to a Dental Office (riding on a bus). Both classes will be going together at 9:00 am sharp. Children will need to be at the school at 8:45 am. There will be no class in the afternoon. We will also be happy and fortunate to have a nurse visit our class as well as a fire fighter. At the end of November, we will also be getting ready for Christmas.

To help make our class run smoother, please remember, when it is your parent helper day, to arrive at the classroom at 8:45 am, or 12:45 pm, so I can explain what we will be doing for the morning/afternoon. Please also remember to sign in and out daily, and that it is your child's turn for show and tell on the day you help out. If each parent could encourage your child to sit quietly for a few minutes each day at home, doing something like a puzzle or looking at a book, it will help them with our circle time. Your continued cooperation in encouraging them to take off their own shoes when arriving at playschool will also help them become more independent.

Volunteer Coordinator Says:

Our school year has already started and I hope everyone is adjusting well.

I would like to thank all the parents this year as we have filled all of our volunteer duties!

As you know, we rely on all the wonderful families to help us throughout the year with various roles and we couldn't do it without you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: behjan@hotmail.com.

Thanks again and I look forward to a great year!

Thanks!

Behjan



3 Year Old Halloween Costume Party!

On Tuesday, October 31, please join us for the last 15 minutes of your child's class (10:45am or 2:45pm) to watch the costume parade and hear some songs the children have been practicing.

I am very excited to be working with your children. Your continued cooperation in waiting outside until the door is opened at dismissal time is appreciated. Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions.

Your children are GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Carma Wong

Message From Laurie Knoll:

Welcome 4 year Children and Families,

We've had a wonderful start to the year. The children are settling in very nicely. I am excited to get to know all of the new families and happy to see some familiar faces as well. I'm sure we will have a great partnership. We spent the first few weeks getting to know each other, learning new routines, classroom rules, and learning that we are all special. Our theme for the first part of September was "All About Me". We focused on learning that we are all alike yet very much different, getting to know each other, meeting new friends and old.

The theme for the rest of September and early October is Fall and Thanksgiving. We are learning about Fall colors, changes in Fall, and how animals and humans get ready for Winter. Our first field trip is to The John Janzen Nature Center. Riding the bus will be the best part of our first trip! It will be both educational and fun.

We will finish up October with the theme "Hoot'in Halloween". This is always a class favorite. Please send your children in their costume to class on Monday, October 30. Helpers, you can dress up if you'd like as well! Please join us for a costume parade and songs at 11:00 (am class) and 2:45 (pm class).

I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the children and I can tell that this will be a fantastic year. The children are ready to have fun and appear eager to learn. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to see me, before or after class.

A Few Reminders:

- Please take home artwork from the shelf each day.
- Please remember show and tell (one item) on your helper day. This can be a toy, book, photo, or anything that is special to them and they would like to share with their friends.
- PLEASE PLEASE take your child to the washroom BEFORE class. This will eliminate wasted classroom time.
 - Please sign in and out on the board outside the class.
- Please mark what you brought for snack on your helper day (this is a licensing must).
- Please send appropriate clothing, as the weather is getting colder and we may go outside if time permits.
- Please continue to park in the community lot ONLY.
- Please encourage independence, as we will focus on this in school.



4 Year Old Halloween Costume Party!

Please join us for a costume party and songs for your child's class on Monday, October 30 at 10:45am (morning class) and 2:30 pm (afternoon class). Children (and helpers) can come to class that day in their costumes.



- Please be on time (15 minutes before class time) for your helper day.
- Please help your child with the “Letter of the Week”.
- Please ask your child about their day.
- Please enjoy being a part of your child's learning.



Thank you

Yours in Partnership,
Laurie Knoll

Message From Your Fundraising Coordinator:

Hi! My name is Gwen Hall and I am the fundraiser coordinator for the Playschool. This year we decided to sell the Worlds Finest chocolate covered almonds. I am happy to say it's been a huge success !! We have received a lot of positive feedback in regards to the chocolates we chose this year. We thank each and every one of you in helping with raising money for the Playschool. The proceeds go towards our children, for items such as: crafts, toys, field trips, gifts for birthdays and special occasions, seasonal parties, and so much more !!



I would like to send out an additional HUGE thank you to all those parents that asked for more cases and sold more than they needed to! We are extremely grateful !! Stay tuned :)!! Next month we will be doing a prize draw with all the parents' names that took additional almonds.

Sincerely,

Gwen



Helpful Tips for Helper Days:

Stomach flu running through your house? Childcare fall through last minute? Vacation days planned over helper days? Ahh!!!! Don't panic! Make a point of checking the calendar at the beginning of the month. Every child's household has a contact number listed with their helper day, so try to plan ahead and see if you can trade with someone at the beginning of the month, if you are faced with a schedule conflict. Please make sure you notify your room representative of changes to the calendar.

If trading doesn't work, who are you going to call? Ghost Parents! Check page 7 for a list of parents who can take your shift for helper days. Please note that YOU still need to provide the snack for them, and that one of your \$50 deposit cheques will be cashed if you use this service. Your child LOVES having you in class, so try to use ghost parents as a last resort. Happy helping!

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

Message From Your Spring Tea Coordinators:



Hello Everyone!

We are this year's Spring Tea Coordinators: Candace Campbell, Melissa Daigle, and Lindsay Cole. We are all parents of graduated playschool students, and have served multiple years as board members.

We're sure most of you were at registration, and are already aware of the Spring Tea and our roles in organizing it. For those of you who are not, here is some basic information that you will need to know.

Spring Tea this year will be Saturday May 12, 2018. There are two different event times that day, one for the 3 year olds (12:30-2:00 p.m.), and one for the 4 year olds (3:00-4:30 p.m.). Every family is expected to provide a volunteer. Typically, parents of the 3 year olds will volunteer for the 4 year old event, and vice versa. That gives all parents the opportunity to spend the Spring Tea with their children.

Spring Tea is a wonderful event that includes crafts, games, baked treats, a silent auction, a raffle for the kids, and best of all, performances from our children.

We must emphasize that this is our BIGGEST fundraiser for the playschool. Proceeds from the Spring Tea help in funding things such as field trips and parties for our children.

There is a lot of preparation that goes in to this event, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who signed up for the Spring Tea committee. We look forward to working with all of you, and will appreciate any and all help and ideas we receive.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Spring Tea, now or in the future, please feel free to email one of us.

Melissa - mel22daigle@hotmail.com

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We hope your children are enjoying playschool as much as ours did, and we look forward to working with, and getting to know all of you in the future.

Melissa, Candace, and Lindsay



Note Regarding Pre-Authorized Withdrawals (PADs):



If you signed up for this program, watch your mailbox for a letter outlining the updated process!

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!**