



Greetings to all our Playschool Families,

What an adventurous month it has been! Playschool classes are in full swing, despite having one of our leading ladies (Mrs. Wong) away on medical leave. Thanks to Mrs. Knoll's hard work, 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 both the 3-Year and 4-Year 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 are 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 our 3-Year and 4-Year 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 17 (4 yr) /18 (3 yr)

Picture Day

October 19

PD day (no school)

See page 9 for full year of important dates.

Mrs. Wong Update:

To Our Valued 3-Year Families,

I am sure you are all anxious to hear an update about plans for our 3-Year Program!



Here's the most recent news on Mrs. Wong... She has had an MRI done due to complications with her back injury. She is working hard to get healthy again and is trying to stay positive! She is devastated that she can't be with her students at this time. We expect her to return in full force for January, 2019.

A HUGE thank you goes out to Mrs. Knoll for setting our 3-Year program up for success during school start up. Over the coming weeks, we will welcome Mrs. Amanda Percy into the classroom as our 3-Year teacher.

Our priority is to maintain excellence in our programming and provide consistency to our Playschool's families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, as I'll be stepping into the President role while Amanda teaches our lovely 3-year students!

Yours in Partnership,

Michelle Albert
Vice President/President, LaPerle Playschool

Message From Laurie Knoll:

Welcome to Playschool 3 Year old Children and Families,

I know Mrs. Wong is very sad that she couldn't start the year with you all. We are wishing Mrs. Wong a very speedy recovery. I'm sure Mrs. Wong feels like she knows each child because I am communicating daily with her about each school day. I have told her that both classes are fabulous and she can't wait to meet you all.

I am so pleased to fill in where I can. I have enjoyed meeting the children and it will be a bonus next year when they are in the 4 year classes, and I will already know them. The children are settling in nicely. They are learning routine, meeting new friends, practicing to sit and listen at circle time, and of course ... having Fun!

We spent most of September learning that we are all special with the theme "All About Me" Our theme for the first week in October is "Fall and Thanksgiving". We are talking about the changes we see in Fall. (Leaves falling, the colors of Fall, weather changes and how animals and people get ready for Winter). We will spend the rest of October with the theme, Halloween. The party is planned for Tuesday, October 30th. Please bring your children dressed in costume to class. With

numbers being low in the PM class, we will be combining the classes for the party. The party will be from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Parents are invited at 10:45 am for a costume parade and a few songs.



Both classes are doing wonderful. I can't believe we only had a few classes with tears. This is a huge step for these little friends and I'm so impressed with their progress already.

Reminders:

* Gym day is Thursdays

* Picture Day is October 18th

**** PLEASE PLEASE take your child to the washroom before class. We seem to be spending a lot of time going back and forth to the washroom. We have a bathroom break in the middle of the program, so this should be sufficient if they have also gone before class. Thank you for your help in this area.

* Please refer to the 4 class reminders as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

Mrs. Carma Wong and;



Mrs. Laurie Knoll



3 Year Old Halloween Costume Party!

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

Message From Laurie Knoll:

Welcome 4 Year Children and Families,

We've had a wonderful start to the year. It's nice to see familiar faces and I've enjoyed meeting the new children and their families. We spent the first few weeks getting to know each other, learning routine and learning that we are all very "special". Our theme was "All About Me". We discussed how we are all alike, yet different. We talked about how to be a good friend and read the book, Have you Filled a Bucket Today? Please encourage being a bucket filler, not a bucket dipper.

The theme for the last part of September and early October is Fall and Thanksgiving. I'm so glad that it hasn't snowed recently and that understanding the changes in Fall doesn't include snow! We are talking about Fall colors, leaves falling from trees, how animals and people get ready for Winter, migrating birds, and weather changes. Our first field trip will be to the John Janzen Nature Center for a program called, Explore the Seasons. I'm certain that the bus ride will be the highlight of our first trip. We are looking forward to both an educational and fun trip.

We will finish October with the theme, Howl'in Halloween. This is always a class favorite. Please send your children in costume at regular class time on Wednesday, October 31st. Helpers; please feel free to dress up too! Join us for a costume parade and a few songs at 11:00 (am class) or 2:45 (pm class)

I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know your children. Both classes are so much fun. The children are ready to have lots of fun and they are eager to learn. We have started patterning and we will be starting the ... Letter of the Week. As in the note sent home, your help at home will get the children excited about learning the alphabet.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to approach me or we can set up a time to meet.

A few Important Reminders

- * Picture Day is Oct. 17th
- *Please take home Art work from your child's shelf each day.
- * Please remember Show And Tell on your helper day (one item – toy, book, picture,)
- * Gym day is Friday
- * Please, Please take your child to the WASHROOM BEFORE class.



4 Year Old Halloween Costume Party!

Please join us for a costume party and songs for your child's class on **Wednesday, October 31 at 11:00am and 2:45 pm (afternoon class)**. Children (and helpers) can come to class that day in their costumes.

- * Please sign in and out on the attendance sheet on the board outside the classroom
- * Please mark what snack or juice you brought on the calendar by the sink in the back room. This is a licensing requirement in case there was an allergy to snack
- * Please bring appropriate clothing; we may go outside on occasion
- * Thank you for parking in the community parking lot only.
- * Please remember to bring and take home your snack cup each day.
- * Please encourage independence, as we will also focus on this in the classroom
- * Please help your child with the Letter of the Week
- * Please ask your children about their day, with specific questions (What did you eat at snack, Sing me a song from circle, what Mm words did your friends say today, who did you play with at school?)
- * Please enjoy being a part of your child's learning

Thank You

Yours in Partnership.

Mrs. Laurie Knoll



Message From Your Fundraising Coordinator:

Hi! My name is Dolly Fadel and I am the Fundraiser Coordinator for the Playschool. This year we decided again 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!!

Sincerely,



Dolly

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 10 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!

New Initiative - Re-Usable Cups for Snack:

On October 1st we started our new routine with snack cups. Each day, your child will place his/her cup on the tray provided. It will be on the play dough table next to the name tags. At the end of the day the cups will be on the top of the art shelf for you to take home and wash for the next day. A friendly reminder to please find a small cup (a tooth brushing small cup is a good size). The children only drink a small amount so a large cup isn't necessary and it takes up room on the tray. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to reduce waste.



Message From Your Spring Tea Coordinators:

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Hello Everyone!



We are this year's Spring Tea Coordinators: Gwen Hall, Behjan Gregory, and Kali Heppner. We are all parents of current and/or graduated playschool students and have served a couple years on the board.

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 11, 2019. 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.

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

Gwen, Behjan, & Kali

Message From Your Volunteer Coordinator:



Hello Everyone!

A big thanks to the people who took the big jobs this year – Jennifer Woodruff our Changeover Captain, Alison Tucker our Toy Cleaning Captain, Sam Dobson our Scholastic Book Order Captain, and of course our fearless calendar-making Class Reps: Jessica Reed, Lindsay Theroux, Michelle Bottriell and Gwen Hall! Thanks for getting your introductions/notices out and for getting the October calendars out (first one is the hardest, I promise it will get easier). I'm proud of you all and it looks like we're off to a keen start!

Thanks to all of you for taking a volunteer job – you really do make the Playschool world go round, whatever your job, big or small! If you ever have any questions, or encounter any problems, please don't hesitate to contact me.

This year, I'm pleased to mention that we've rolled out a new volunteer position: Recycling Coordinator. Instead of donating all of our deposit recyclables to the school, we've decided to return them ourselves to redirect that money to the Playschool. Thank you to Maria LeBrilla for taking on this role this year! It was Laurie's grand idea, and it was a fantastic one!



I also wanted to mention to you that we are constantly on the hunt for ways to make the year extra-special for our kids. Do you have anyone in your life with musical abilities they'd be willing to share with the classes? Puppet show act? A unique job they'd be willing to tell kids about? Excess craft supplies? If you know of someone who/something that could broaden the kids' horizons for low or no cost, we'd love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact the teachers or anyone on the Playschool board. Two people donated coloured office paper to the Playschool this year, and we are greatly appreciative of that!

I feel strongly that Playschool is a precious opportunity for our children, and I hope you all enjoy watching them learn and grow over the year!

Sincerely;

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Important Dates for 2018/19 School Year

Month	Day	Event
October	17, 18 19 30, 31	Picture Day PD Day – No school Playschool Halloween Parties
November	10-14 26	Fall Break – No School PD Day – No School
December	13, 14 15 – Jan 6 22 – Jan 6	Playschool Christmas Parties/Last day of classes Playschool Christmas Break – No School LaPerle Elementary Christmas Break – No School
January	Dec 15 – 6 Dec 22 – 6	Playschool Christmas Break – No School LaPerle Elementary Christmas Break – No School
February	1 5 13, 14 18 28 – Mar 1	PD Day – No School Open House - 6:00-8:00pm Playschool Valentine's Day Parties Family Day – No school Teachers' Convention – No School
March	Feb 28 - 1 5 23 - 31	Teachers' Convention – No School Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6:00pm Spring Break – No School
April	17, 18 19 - 22	Playschool Easter Parties Easter Weekend – No School
May	11 18 - 21	SPRING TEA May Break – No School
June	13, 14	Playschool – Last day with students



Did you know that La Perle Community Playschool has a Facebook page? What a quick and easy way to get all the latest updates about what is happening at the school!!



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