



**LAPERLE**  
**Community**  
**Playschool**

*The Stepping Stones of Early Learning*

# La Perle Playschool

## Newsletter

October 2019



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 for me to meet many 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 included in this newsletter, is in the Handbook, as well as 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.

A big "thank you in advance" goes out to our Toy Cleaning Captain, Changeover Captain, and Room Reps for keeping us all organized during the school year! Please note that Toy Cleaning and Changeover dates are important for families to be aware of. Class parties, field trips, and special events will be included in your child's monthly calendar. Full steam ahead for an awesome school year!

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



# A Message from our Teachers



...a fun place to  
play and learn!

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 include 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 will be 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 will spend 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 craft lessons. Each child is encouraged to dress up for the party on Oct 31st. Please join us for the last 15 minutes of class (10:45 am for the morning class class and 2:45 pm for the afternoon class) for a costume parade and songs.

November brings us to the exciting topic of "Community Helpers". We will be going on a walking field trip to Dr. Luft's Dental Office (in the LaPerle Shopping Centre). We will also be happy and fortunate to have a nurse visit our class and as well as a fire fighter. At the end of November, we will be getting ready for Christmas.



To help make our class run smoother, please remember when it is your parent helper day to remember to arrive at the classroom at 8:45 am (am class) or 12:45 pm (pm class). So that I can explain what we are doing for the morning/afternoon. Please also remember to sign in and out daily. As well to please note, that when it is your parent helper day, it is also your child's "show and tell" day. If each parent could encourage your child to sit quietly for a few minutes each day at home, it would be very beneficial. This time could be spent doing puzzles, reading a book etc. This will help children to sit quietly and cooperatively during circle time. As well as having your children practise taking off their indoor shoes and putting them in their back pack and getting their coat out of their back pack, is good practice for getting ready for home time.

While in playschool, children have an opportunity to use the washroom before snack time. If they could practice pulling up their underwear and then their pants at home, it will help us save time in the washroom which will allow for more class time.

I am very excited to be working with your children. Thank you for continuing to wait outside until the class room door is opened for dismissal.

Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your children and GREAT!!!!!!!!!!

Carma Wong



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. 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, Halloween. This is always a class favorite. Please send your children in costume at regular class time on Wednesday, October 30th. Helpers, please feel free to dress up too! Parents, please 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 will be starting patterning and the Letter of the Week very soon. I will be sending a note home about this and 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 for 3 YR and 4 YR classes:**

- 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 (4 YR program) and Thursday (3 YR program)
- Please, Please take your child to the WASHROOM BEFORE and AFTER class. This will help from the constant trips to the washroom during class time
- Please sign in and out on the attendance sheet on the board outside the classroom (Initials please, not check marks)
- 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 your child's REUSABLE CUP and also remember to take it home to wash
- Please encourage independence, as we will also focus on this in the classroom (shoes and coats on)
- Please help your child with the Letter of the Week (4 YR class)
- Please let teachers as well as room rep know if any switching with helper days have occurred
- Please call in if your child will be away- 780-483-1864 Ext 3
- 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 you child's learning

Thank You Yours in Partnership, Mrs. Laurie Knoll





## REMINDER!!



Picture Day is Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for 4-year-old classes, and Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for 3-year-old classes. The photographers will be using a 'green screen' so they advised it's best to avoid wearing green.

There will be individual photos taken as well as a class photo.  
Looking forward to seeing all those smiling faces!

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Greetings Playschool Families,

Our annual fundraiser from Worlds Finest Chocolates has come and gone and hopefully your families and friends have been buying them from you. This is a great money-raiser for the playschool and if anyone wants another case feel free to contact me, I will be happy to oblige.

Another on-going fundraiser that you can support any time of the year is Mabel's Labels. These personalized durable labels are laundry, dishwasher, and microwave safe – and they are 100% guaranteed. The shipping is free! Just go to: [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and ensure that our school is in the top left hand corner, then shop away.

Near the end of October the playschool will be doing a Cineplex fundraiser. We all go to the movies, right? Now you can go to the movies AND help the playschool!!! It is a win win. This is a perfect opportunity to save on family outings and Christmas gifts! Please watch for the poster that will go up in a couple weeks.

I am of the mindset that every dollar counts. If any of you have a fundraising idea that we aren't doing, please reach out. I am all ears.

Thank you for your support,

Taneal Pryce

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

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### **Parent Volunteer Days:**

Please make a point of checking and noting your assigned parent volunteer day at the beginning of each month. If you have any scheduling conflicts please try reaching out to other parents in your class to "switch your volunteer day" and notify your room representative of the change in the calendar as well as your teacher. If you cannot find someone to switch your day with, please contact your classroom Ghost Parents to cover off on your day. Please note, that YOU still need to provide the snack for your assigned day, 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.



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Hello Playschool Families!

What a great start to the school year! I wanted to send a big thank you out to all our Playschool families, teachers and board members. It

takes a lot of hard work, patience and cooperation from everyone to start off the school year. I hope everyone is settling into their class nicely.

Registration is still open even though classes have started. We still have a few spots left in both 3 and 4 year PM classes so please spread the word.

I hope everyone has a wonderful October and please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns.

Thank you,

Michelle Bottriell

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**Important Dates for the 2019/2020 school year:**

*October:*

- *14th - Thanksgiving - No School*
- *16th - 4 Yr Program Picture Day*
- *17th - 3 Yr Program Picture Day*
- *25th - PD Day - No School*
- *30th - 4 Yr Program Halloween Party*
- *31st - 3 Yr Program Halloween Party*

*November:*

- *9th to 13th - Fall Break - No School*
- *29th - PD Day - No School*

*December:*

- *12th - 3 Yr Program Christmas Party*
- *13th - 4 Yr Program Christmas Party*
- *14th to Jan. 5th - Christmas Break - No School*

*January:*

- *1st to 5th - Christmas Break - No School*

*February:*

- *13th - 3 Yr Program - Valentines Day Party*
- *14th - 4 Yr Program - Valentines Day Party*
- *17th - Family Day - No School*
- *18th - PD Day - No School*
- *27th to Mar. 1st - Teacher's Convention - No School*

*March:*

- *1st - Teacher's Convention - No School*
- *10th - Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6:00 PM - Parents Welcome!*
- *21st to 29th - Spring Break - No School*

*April:*

- *8th - 4 Yr Program Easter Party*
- *9th - 3 Yr Program Easter Party*
- *10th to 13th - Easter Weekend - No School*

*May:*

- *9th - Spring Tea*
- *16th to 20th - May Break - No School*

*June:*

- *11th - 3 Yr Program - Last Day of School*
- *12th - 4 Yr Program - Last Day of School*

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Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Hello Everyone!

I wanted to say thank you to all of our parent volunteers! This year is off to a great start and we couldn't do it without all of you. Also, a big thank you to the parents that took on the bigger jobs this year. Karin Ferrari our Change Over Captain, Jesslyn Michel our Toy Cleaning Captain, Pamela Littman our Scholastic Book Coordinator and of course our Room Peps who have done such an amazing job making the calendars so far: Carla Sitko (3YR, AM), Robyn Sporer (3YR, PM), Anastasia Phills (4YR, AM) and Lisa Hart (4 YR, PM), you are all doing a wonderful job.

If anyone needs any extra information on your volunteer duties, please feel free to contact me.

Let's keep up the great work!

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Tis the season! Enjoy this autumn recipe:

**Pumpkin Pie Muffins:**

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon ground chia seeds
- 3 tablespoons water
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a muffin tin with 6 baking cups. In a large bowl, stir together the chia seeds and water and let them sit together for about 5 minutes while you measure the rest of your ingredients.

Once the ground chia and water mixture has thickened, stir in the pumpkin, oats, maple syrup, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and baking soda. Once a batter is formed, stir in the vinegar, mixing well to make sure everything is evenly incorporated.

Divide the batter among the 6 cups and bake until the centers are firm to a gentle touch, about 20 to 25 minutes. Allow them to cool for at least 15 minutes before serving. You may store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge for a quick snack or breakfast on the go— they taste great cold, so there's no need to reheat.

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