



La Perle Playschool

Newsletter

January 2021



Hello Playschool Families,

It has been an adventure having playschool during a pandemic but this past 5 months has been a success. A huge heartfelt thank you to all of our parents for all of your hard work and understanding as we navigate these strange times. Without your continued support, volunteer hours in the classroom and the extra toy cleanings we had to implement this year, Playschool would not have run. Your dedication to this program is so appreciated. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to adapt their program so the children have an exciting year at school. They have done a wonderful job creating crafts, new ways to move around the room and decorating the classroom for every theme. They are the backbone of our playschool and we are so lucky to have them. I would also like to thank the board for all their hard work over the past 5 months. This dedicated group of parents has ensured the playschool runs smoothly in the background. It has been a heavy year but our board has really stepped up and worked creatively to keep the school running smoothly for our students and families.

We have some new fundraisers coming out in the next few months, as well as our Spring Tea Raffle. Additionally, registration for next year will be opening in February. Please watch your emails for that information.

Thank you again and please continue to stay safe!

Alanna Williams



A Message from our Teachers



Dear Three Year Families

I want to wish each one of you a Happy New Year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being with your children since October. It is hard to believe that January is almost over.



We have had fun this month learning about space, the solar system and the names of planets. We will soon begin learning about our 5 senses, and how important each one of them are. February will be an enjoyable month with Valentines and a Valentines party. During the last two weeks in February, we can begin to dream about summer as we celebrate with Beach days. The children will be encouraged to wear beach attire on February 23, the day of our Beach party. March brings the topics of Teddy Bears and Easter, with an Easter party on the 23rd of March.



At playschool, when the children come in to class, they take off their boots and coats and then put on their runners. If I could have you practice with your children at home taking off their boots and coats, and putting them on again, it would be very helpful. The more independent they can become in this simple task, the more time we will have for classroom learning.



I appreciate you showing up early for your parent helper days and helping to keep our classroom clean. We couldn't do without our parent helpers.

I love the time I get to spend with your children, they have grown so much since October.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. Stay well and healthy.

Sincerely,

Carma Wong



Dear 4-Year Families,

I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year! 2021 brings hope for a

better year. It's been such a different year even at playschool. The 4-year classes are usually able to go on many field trips and have some wonderful visitors. This year is much different but we must see the positive, and we are happy that we can be together to socialize and learn. I want to take this time to thank Mrs. Wong for subbing for me when I had to self-isolate, I'm sure the children enjoyed reconnecting with her.



We start January with our unit on "SPACE". The children will learn about the Solar System, learning the names of the planets and singing new songs. It will certainly be a BLAST! Our next unit will be a week talking about "Our 5 Senses". The children will learn that our 5 senses are smell, taste, hear, see and feel. February will start with our theme on Valentine's Day and Friendship. Our room will look very Red! We will learn the colors red, pink, and purple, but most importantly, how to be a good friend. We will concentrate on being "Kind" to everyone. The children are welcome to bring Valentine cards for their friend's on party day. There are 13 children/ 1 teacher in the morning and 12 children in the afternoon. Please only get your children to print who the card is FROM. They will be putting them in their friend's mailbag as a center at the party.



Thank you again for helping with the letter of the week at home and your encouragement with being independent. It is amazing how far the children have come since the beginning of the year. We will continue to do kindergarten readiness activities including patterning, learning the alphabet, numbers, printing their name, and being independent. Again, the children are growing in more ways than one! They are growing physically for sure but in all areas of development, I'm so proud of them.



I want to take this time to thank the playschool board who has been very supportive and they help to make this playschool run so smoothly. They have done a fantastic job keeping us all safe in these unprecedented times. Thank you also to all of you parents for doing your toy cleaning duties and classroom jobs. Your help makes my job that much easier.



I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and all the fun things in store.

Let's all stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Partnership,

Mrs. Laurie Knoll



Hello and Happy New Year to all our playschool families!

Thank you for all the support you have shown to La Perle Playschool's fundraising efforts so far. As we do not have the 3yr PM class running this year, there have been some extra challenges in raising the funds needed to help keep the playschool operating. This has meant we've needed to do some extra fundraisers both past, and in the future. We are happy to report we have raised \$4465.73 from the chocolate fundraiser, 50/50 raffle, Art Cards by Kids and Skip the Depot. We THANK YOU for doing everything you can to help raise funds in support of our playschool program!

That all being said, we have some exciting fundraisers coming up that we would like to tell you about!

Our first fundraiser of 2021 will be Purdy's Chocolates for Easter. We will be sure to have the catalogues and order forms out to all our families with plenty of time to receive all of your Easter goodies!

Following that, we will be selling Panago Pizza gift certificates again. They can be used at any Panago location so if you have family or friends not in our area, they won't have to worry.

We are also working on getting all the information sorted out for the Spring Tea Raffle (draw is in May), and will have the raffle tickets and information sheets out in the near future.

Thank you again for your continued support, and if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!

Sincerely,

Your Fundraising Coordinators

Carla, Jenny, and Wendy



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

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for contributing their time and talent. Part of the success and quality of LaPerle Playschool is because of the hard work our parents and their dedication to our children.

Thank you to everyone!

Christine Baehr - Volunteer Coordinator





JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

Dear Playschool Families,

The first half of the school year has flown by! I would like to give a huge thank you to our Teachers, the Playschool Board and our dedicated families for making sure our Playschool was able to operate through Covid. THANK YOU!!!

It is hard to believe we are already thinking about the 2021/2022 school year. By now you would have received a letter from me indicating we are excepting early registrations. Our max class size is still a bit smaller than previous years, so if you are interested in registering for the upcoming year please get your registration forms into the teachers as soon as possible. Registration opens to the general public on February 8th.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at Laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com or 780-935-7746

Thank you!
Michelle Bottrriell - Registrar



FEBRUARY COVID CLEANING FEE WAIVED

Please be advised that the Playschool Board of Directors has decided not to collect the second \$50 Covid Cleaning Fee from families in February. All families that paid the first \$50 will not be required to pay the additional \$50 in February. For our families that have started with us later in the school year, if you have not yet paid the \$50 it will be collected in February. This decision was made in light of our program being eligible for more government funding then originally forecasted at the start of the school year.



In lieu of the extra week school closure in December, the Playschool Board of Directors have decided to extend the Playschool school year an additional week in June. **Please note: the last day the Playschool will be open is Friday June. 18th 2021.**





A big thank you to all our families for doing such an awesome job keeping the Playschool clean and safe! We couldn't do it without you!

Please see signup.com to view the full updated calendar for toy cleaning nights.



4 year old classes toy cleaning nights have shifted to Thursdays. Please check out signup.com for your updated day.

Thank you! Karen Khurshed - Cleaning Coordinator



Pizza in a bowl:

Ingredients:

8 ounces uncooked rigatoni (about 3 cups)
3/4 pound ground beef
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 can (15 ounces) pizza sauce
2/3 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
1 package (3-1/2 ounces) sliced pepperoni
Chopped fresh basil or arugula, optional

Directions:

- Cook rigatoni according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Add pizza sauce, soup and cheese; cook and stir over low heat until cheese is melted.
- Add rigatoni and pepperoni to beef mixture. Heat through, stirring to combine. If desired, top with basil before serving

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