



Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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We are a Peanut Free Zone

Glenbrook Community Preschool will be providing a healthy snack for your child during his/her preschool class. Therefore, there is no need for you to pack one. Please do not send any other food to school with your child due to several allergy concerns. Even food that has come in contact with peanuts can be potentially dangerous for some children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land amongst the stars.

--Les Brown

Message from the Chairperson

Welcome back from summer vacation! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and is ready for a great start to the new school year! There are some exciting changes this year, a new classroom and a new teacher assistant. I would also like to mention that we have an extraordinary volunteer board this year that will be working extremely hard to ensure a successful school year for our children.

The Glenbrook Preschool relies heavily upon the volunteer efforts of our parents as part of your enrollment commitment. I realize your spare time is limited and filled with endless demands for volunteering efforts. However, if all of our parents could do just a little bit more than the minimum volunteer requirement it would have a dramatic impact on the success of the preschool. Please say "YES!" to volunteer when the phone call comes.

The Parent's Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. All parents are invited to attend and contribute. Please do not hesitate to address any questions or concerns with our teachers during the school year. Should they be unable to answer your question or concern they will refer the issue to a PAC member or myself.

Please remember that we are leasing the classrooms from the Calgary Board of Education. The Glenbrook Elementary School have been very welcoming. We must respect the school and the rules about drop off and pick up so we can foster this positive relationship. We hope to be here for a long time ☺

Thank you for your support this school year!

Lynda Phillips, Chairperson



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 13 -----Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Wednesday, Oct. 1-----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
Wednesday, Nov. 5-----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
Monday Nov. 10 and Tuesday, Nov. 11----No School (Remembrance Day Holiday)
Wednesday, Dec. 3 ----- Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
Wednesday, Dec. 17 --- Last day of classes before Winter Break
Monday, Jan. 5----- Classes Resume

Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu season is here and we would like to make our preschool a healthy place for our children. We ask that parents keep children at home if they are suffering with a cold or the flu, so that other children in their class, as well as their teachers do not become sick. Parents will be phoned to pick up their children from school if they appear sick in class. Please remember to wash hands often and encourage your children to cover their mouths and noses when they cough or sneeze. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everybody as healthy as possible☺

Reminders

- All parents are reminded to please read the Parent Handbook. It will answer many of your questions regarding the preschool. Please note that some information has been changed from previous years.
- Please ensure your child is sent to each preschool class with an extra set of clothes, including underwear and socks.
- The preschool phone number is 686-6868. Just leave a message and the teachers will pick up messages at the end of class. Please DO NOT call the Glenbrook Elementary School.
- There is no need to phone the teachers or school if your child will be absent. Teachers take attendance every morning at the door before parents leave.
- Please choose a pair of indoor shoes for your child that have a proper sole on them (instead of slippers). This is important in the case of school fire drills.

FUNdraising Drives

Throughout the year you will be asked to participate in our fundraising drives. These fundraisers help to cover some of the operating costs of the preschool, enable our teachers to obtain innovative new toys and contribute to covering snack costs. You should have already received information about our first Student Union Ticket Pack Fundraiser. Please take part in this great fundraiser that pays for itself in grocery store coupons alone!

Spaces Still Available

There is still limited enrollment space in some of our preschool classes for new registrants. If you know of someone who might be interested, please pass along our preschool phone number to them 686-6868.

Volunteer News

Our preschool relies on the commitment of parents to volunteer for a variety of positions throughout the year. This helps our school to run smoothly and reduces tuition costs. Thank you in advance to all our parents for their volunteer commitments. Please remember that if you have volunteered to be a lucky duck, you may be phoned to volunteer during class time if a teacher assistant is ill. We are currently still looking for a parent to volunteer his/her time to organize the preschool's files. If you are interested helping out with this position or have any special skills you would like to contribute, please contact **Nadine Foster, Volunteer Coordinator at 532-0311.**

About Glenbrook Community Preschool

Our School

Did you know that the Glenbrook Community Preschool is not part of the Calgary Board of Education? As an independent, non-profit organization, we pay rent for our preschool classrooms, purchase our own supplies and pay for caretaking services. Please respect the rules of the elementary school. The school asks that we keep the hallways quiet and clean (by removing dirty outdoor footwear). Parking is available on the street at the back of the school and in the alleyway as long as it does not block neighborhood garages. Also, please do not use Glenbrook Elementary School front office for any reason. Thank you for your help in developing a positive relationship with our landlords©

Our Teachers

Our teachers are certified Early Childhood Educators, which enables them to interact with and teach preschool children in a manner that motivates, encourages and develops creativity, discovery and thinking. They are dedicated educators who love children and are interested in facilitating each student's development. We are pleased to welcome back both of our wonderful teachers. Mrs. Liz Fozzard who has been with the preschool for over 18 years and this will be Mrs. Brenda Miller's 2nd year. Both bring a wealth of experience in early childhood education. Liz and Brenda are very excited to be working together to provide a stimulating and positive experience for all of our children.

Tidbits from our Teachers

Please take time to read the notes posted on the bulletin board in the cloak room (by the South side entry doors). A current copy of the newsletter will be posted here, as well as daily and weekly information.



We have a Website

Did you know that Glenbrook Community Preschool has a website? Have a look at: <http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org/>

This site will be updated on an ongoing basis with monthly newsletters and information about our school and teachers.

Anyone wishing to add to the monthly newsletter with preschool information, or to share a great parenting tip, website, recipe, or quote please contact **Nadia Honnet** the Newsletter Editor, at nhonnet@shaw.ca.