



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.

A little kid humor...

Knock Knock. Who's there?

Atch. Atch who?

Bless you

Message from the Chairperson

Welcome to all new and returning students and families to another wonderful year at Glenbrook Community Preschool. The teachers and the Parent's Advisory Committee look forward to making this a special and memorable one for everyone. Our preschool is a place of discovery, allowing students to develop and grow through fun-filled days of child-directed play. Here, our children are able to explore a variety of activities at their own pace, whether it be painting, playing dress-up or making new friends. And most importantly, our children have the opportunity to learn about themselves and the world around them. Glenbrook Community Preschool is a small but important step in their lifelong journey of learning. Enjoy each milestone!

Jean Lucas, Chairperson



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 29 -----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)

Friday, Oct. 9 -----No School (PD Day)

Mon. Oct. 12/ Tues. Oct. 13 -----Thanksgiving Break (no classes)

Tuesday, Oct. 27-----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Wednesday, Nov. 11----No School (Remembrance Day Holiday)

Tuesday, Nov. 24 ----- Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Wednesday, Dec. 16 --- Last day of classes before Winter Break

All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Parent's Advisory Committee (PAC). These meetings are held at 7:00pm at Glenbrook Elementary School the last Tuesday of each month. Please RSVP to derrickandshelley@shaw.ca at least 2 days in advance if you would like to attend. The PAC welcomes your contributions!

Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu season is here already and we would like to make our preschool a healthy place for our children, especially this year with the threat of the H1N1 flu virus. Parents and children alike are asked to please use the hand sanitizer available before entering the preschool classrooms. We also ask that parents keep children at home if they are suffering with a cold, flu or just seem a bit "off", 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 (with their elbows) when they cough or sneeze. For more great information on how to protect yourself and others from the cold and flu, visit:

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/Influenza-Self-Care.pdf> .

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. When calling, please simply leave a message. The teachers will pick up messages at the end of class. Please DO NOT call the Glenbrook Elementary School.
- 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.
- Please take the time to read the notes posted on the bulletin board in the cloakroom (by the south side entry doors). A current copy of the newsletter will be posted there, as well as daily and weekly information.

FUNdraising Drives

Throughout the year you will be asked to participate in several fundraising drives. These help to purchase innovative new toys for the classrooms and contribute to covering snack costs. The first fundraiser of this year will be selling Student Union Ticket Packs. These books contain many great money saving coupons and quickly pay for themselves, not to mention that our preschool directly receives \$9.50 from each book sold. Thank you in advance for supporting our school's fundraising efforts.

We have a Website

Did you know that Glenbrook Community Preschool has a website? Take 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.

Playdough Volunteers Needed

The playdough coordinator is looking for parents to volunteer their time to assist in supplying the preschool with playdough throughout the year. Each week a parent volunteer from each class is needed to make playdough. The sign-up list and recipe will be posted in the cloakroom. This is a fun and easy job for anyone still looking for a volunteer opportunity. Thanks for your help.



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. Glenbrook Elementary School has been very welcoming to our preschool. You can help ensure we maintain this positive relationship by respecting the school's rules regarding parking and child drop off and pick up, as outlined in the Parent Handbook. Please remember – enter only through the south side entrance (marked "Boys"), and do not park in the staff parking lot. Parking is available on the street at the back of the school and in the alley, noting the no parking signage and being careful not to block neighborhood garages. Thank you for your cooperation☺

Our Teachers

Our teachers are certified Early Childhood Educators, who interact with and teach in a manner that motivates, encourages and develops creativity, discovery and thinking. They are dedicated professionals 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 20 years and this will be Mrs. Brenda Miller's 3rd 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

- ➔ If any parents have unwanted styrofoam packing chips at home, the teachers would appreciate you donating them to the preschool.
- ➔ If you haven't done so already, please remember to give your child's teacher the name, telephone number and full address of your child's alternate emergency contact (not a parent) in writing. This information is needed to fulfil the school's licensing agreement. Thank you.

Policies and Procedures Manual Amendments

This year some changes have been made to the preschool's policies and procedures manual. An updated version of the manual will be posted in the cloakroom. These changes will be voted on to be made permanent at the October preschool meeting. Please take a look if you are interested and email Shelley at derrickandshelley@shaw.ca if you are interested in attending the meeting to vote.



Anyone wishing to contribute to the monthly newsletter, please contact **Nadia Honnet**, the newsletter editor, at nhonnet@shaw.ca.