



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.

Get to know your Parents' Advisory Committee!! We will be posing pictures of the Committee in the cloakroom this year -- come and say hello when you see us in the hall!!!

Message from the Chairperson

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Glenbrook Community Preschool for another school year. Welcome back to those families who are returning to our school; and for those who are new to our school community, I would like to extend a special welcome. The teachers and the Parents' Advisory Committee look forward to sharing this exciting milestone in your child's life.

Our preschool strives to provide a nurturing environment in which children are encouraged to grow and learn more about the world around them. The year ahead will be filled with many discoveries and new experiences for your child, and for you as parents as well. I would encourage you to become involved in our preschool community, whether that be through volunteering, meeting other parents, or attending a meeting of our Parents' Advisory Committee. Some of the most enduring and meaningful friendships my children and I have experienced began at our preschool, and it is my hope that together we can make your family's preschool experience as special and memorable as ours has been.

Thank you for choosing Glenbrook Community Preschool and best wishes for a happy and fun-filled year!

Kristi Clark, Chairperson

Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, Sep. 23 - ----- No School--Professional Development Day (PD)
Tuesday, Sept. 27 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)
Fri. Oct. 7/ Mon. Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
Tuesday, Oct. 25----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
Friday, Nov. 11----- No School (Remembrance Day Holiday)
Monday, Nov. 14 -----No School (PD Day)
Tuesday, Nov. 29 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
Friday, Dec. 2-----No School (PD Day)
Tuesday, Dec. 20 ----- Last day of classes before Winter Break

All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC). These meetings are held at 7:00pm at Glenbrook Elementary School the last Tuesday of each month. The PAC welcomes your contributions!

Glenbrook Community Association News

★ When you register for Glenbrook Community Preschool, you become a member of the Glenbrook Community Association. Membership has its privileges!! On September 17th starting at 6:30pm, the Community Association is hosting a free family movie night in the park. Kung Fu Panda 2 will be playing at 8:30, popcorn and hot chocolate will be available and bouncy castles will also be part of the fun evening. The Community Association and park are located across the street from the school at 3524 45 ST SW.

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 a backpack containing 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).
- ➔ Make sure you **label** everything that you send to school with your child.

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 contributes to covering snack costs. Please see the attached letter to learn more about our fundraising goals, and the year's first fundraiser.

We have a Website

Check out our school website at: <http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org/>
This site will be updated on an ongoing basis with monthly newsletters and information about our school and teachers.

Spaces Still Available

There are currently spaces available for enrollment in our two and four year old preschool classes. Your referrals are a valuable way to attract new students and keep the preschool full and vibrant, so please spread the word and let your friends and neighbours know about our great preschool!

Provincial Child Care Subsidy

Many parents are unaware that the Province of Alberta provides a subsidy of up to \$100 per month, per child towards tuition for children who are cared for by a stay-at-home parent. This subsidy is in addition to the new Universal Child Care Benefit provided by the Federal Government.

There is a maximum combined family income and the stay-at-home parent cannot work more than 20 hours per week to be able to qualify. If eligible, parents must pay the preschool first and then refunds will be issued from the preschool after the government has reviewed attendance records and sent out the monthly subsidy for each child.

For eligibility requirements and further information please go to:
<http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/1153.cfm> or call 1-877-644-9992.

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 5th 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

Playdough Recipe

- 2 cups flour
 - 1 cup salt
 - 2 Tbsp. Cream of Tartar
 - 2 cups of water
 - 1 Tbsp. canola oil
 - food colouring
- ★ Combine and cook ingredients over medium heat
 - ★ Knead until smooth
 - ★ Store in an airtight container



Anyone wishing to contribute to the monthly newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor, Kim Gould, at gould.cal@shaw.ca.