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# Greenfield Community Nursery School

## Newsletter

### OCTOBER 2008

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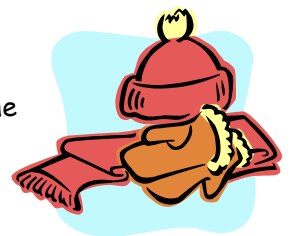
## *Notes from your Executive!*

It's hard to believe that winter is just around the corner. Soon those brightly colored leaves on the ground will be replaced with (I can't believe I am about to say this) "snow".

And with the change in season comes change at our school. We are excited that there are a lot of improvements coming our way, so be on the lookout for "change".

A few tips for the upcoming cold weather:

1. Be sure to have your little ones properly bundled up in preparation for the cold temperatures ahead of us. This includes a warm coat, hat, gloves, and warm clothes.
2. When coming into the boot room, please ensure EVERYONE has removed their outdoor shoes. It creates a lot of unnecessary work to clean the floors when people track in mud and snow to the classroom.
3. Last year, many parents expressed their concern about the poorly shovelled walkways leading up to our entrance. I can say I certainly was one of them. I have already brought up the walkways as a concern in preparation for winter, so with a little luck, the school has heard our concerns and will do their best to stay on top of the snow build-up.



4. The step just outside of our classroom has been scheduled for removal and replacement. As a word of caution, until this is done, please try to stay off it as it is uneven, falling apart, and becomes quite slippery when any moisture is on it. We will have it replaced as soon as possible as we are currently waiting on the school to assist us with this matter.

Our executive team is really starting to gel and between all of us, we are beginning to come up with some great ideas for purchases in addition to various field trips that were never experienced in the past. The influx from the casino has really helped out and we plan on putting everything we can towards improving the school. As a reminder, your suggestions are always welcome.

The group has agreed to have their executive meeting the second Monday of every month, with a few exceptions due to holidays. We will be meeting at the Whitemud library. Again we welcome your participation and your ideas and/or suggestions.

Lastly, our website design is completed. We will soon be placing this online for everyone to see. Once completed, we welcome any and all feedback. Find us at [www.greenfieldnurseryschool.com](http://www.greenfieldnurseryschool.com)



Enjoy the lovely fall season and the beautiful colors it brings.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mat L. Matthews', written over a horizontal line.

Mat L. Matthews,  
President, GCNS

The Executive meets monthly to discuss ongoing business of the preschool. Parents are always welcome to attend. October's meeting is scheduled for 7:00 October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Whitemud Crossing Library.

**Our 2008-2009 Executive**

- President: Mat L. Matthews- 780-433-2337
- Vice President: Coral Larocque- 780-436-5017
- Treasurer: Jody Marshall- 780-447-3058
- Registrar: Kim Christopher- 780-432-9441
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## Points to Ponder...

- Due to an unusual number of calls during class time, it has been decided that the landline will be turned off while classes are in session. Parents are asked to leave a message and the teachers will check these messages after class. Parents with an emergency during class should call the cell phone. For your convenience here are the numbers once again;

**Landline: 780-433-2599**

**Cell Phone: 780-218-2598**

- Please remember to send a **healthy, nutritious snack** with your child that does not contain nuts or nut products as we do have children in our school with severe nut allergies. For safety's sake we also ask you to cut up foods such as grapes and tomatoes. Please pack your child's snack in a separate bag (lunch kit or bag) in their backpack. The teachers will be setting up an area in the classroom for students to place their snacks when they arrive in order to stream-line snack time.



- Don't forget about the **Stay-at-Home Subsidy** available through the Alberta government. You can visit the government website at <http://child.alberta.ca/home/713.cfm> for more information about eligibility and procedures. Anyone wishing to apply should do so and contact our treasurer, Jody, for a letter confirming your child's registration in the playschool.

- Tax receipts for registration fee plus September through December 2008 tuition will be issued in January 2009 and tax receipts for January through June 2009 tuition will be issued in June 2009.

- Crocs are not considered acceptable footwear for the classroom - children must have running shoes.

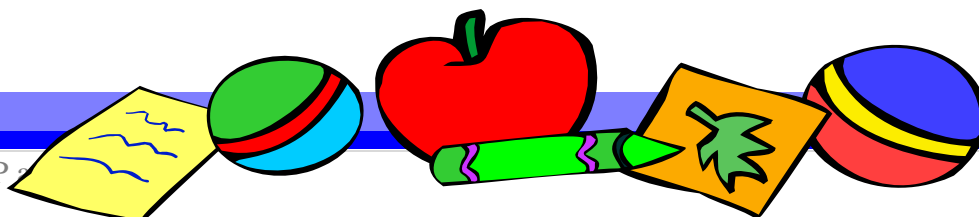
- Reminder for our Cleaning night on October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
These shifts typically take 2 hours, starting at 6:15 p.m. Cleaning supplies are provided but it is recommended that you bring your own gloves and sponges.



- Every month you will receive Scholastic Book Order forms. Should you wish to order place all order forms and a cheque (made out to Scholastic Canada Ltd) or cash in an envelope labeled Scholastic Order and your child's name. There are three separate order forms but you may combine payment into one cheque. Please return this to the classroom by the date specified on the order form.

Ordering through Scholastic Books helps our playschool library grow as the playschool gets credits towards classroom books with every order!!

Happy Reading! Erika Hunting (Scholastic Book Coordinator)



# Notes from the Teachers

Wow, September has flown by so fast and fall is here already. What a great month we had at playschool. Everyone was busy getting to know each other's names and learning how to make new friends. We learned new actions songs and games and we had a great time singing and dancing together. Here are some of the new songs we learned; "The More We Get Together," "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," "Five Little Monkeys" and many more great songs. We will continue to learn new songs for the month of October.

The children appeared to have a lot of fun with the themes that were planned for the month of September. They made wonderful crafts and also learned all about safety and rules for inside and outside of playschool. September was a great month, full of fun time play and learning experiences that were enjoyed together.

The weather was fabulous for our first field trip to The John Janzen Nature Centre. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outdoor adventure looking for nature items, playing games and exploring the grounds to see all the changes around the season of autumn. Thank you everyone for signing up to help out for the field trip.

Next week at playschool the children will explore and experiment with nature items that they collected on the field trip nature walk. They will make some great fall crafts to take home.

For the month of October I have planned some exciting and fun activities, songs, games stories and a variety of crafts for the children to explore with and create their own art ideas. The children will learn about *Fall and Nature, Harvest and Thanksgiving, Nutrition and Health, and Halloween Fun.*

**HALLOWEEN FUN PARTY DAY:** Each class will have their own Halloween party held during the regular class times. (Please refer to calendar for specific dates.)

- Parents are welcome to come into the room on their child's Halloween fun day to take pictures, participate in activities and join in the fun.
- The children will have their regular healthy snack to eat on this day but if you wish to send in small snacks or treats for the class it would be appreciated.

**Please remember:** NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS. ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGE AND UNOPENED.

HOME-MADE FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED DUE TO LICENSING AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.

- Children and adults can dress up for their day. PLEASE NO SCARY MASKS!!



I would like to send a special thank you to the executive members and to the parents and guardians for a terrific job in helping to get our first month of playschool off to such a positive start. Thank you everyone. I really do appreciate it.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a safe and fun Halloween,

Teacher Thérèse together with Teacher Claudette



