



Greenfield Community Nursery School

October 2009
Newsletter

Message from your Executive

As we get well on our way into the fall things seem to be shaping up nicely at our play school. Krista and Danielle are doing a great job and it is nice to see the kids come to school in an excited fashion. Our first field trip was a success and I look forward to the new adventures the kids will be going on. As Krista and Danielle have put together a message going through the important reminders, the only thing I would like to add is insuring the kids are on time for class. Please do your best to get the kids in on time. Do not hesitate to contact the board if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Halloween to everyone.

Tyler Hill - President GCNS

Message from the Teachers

Hello Parents,

Overview of the last month:

October was filled with autumn and bird experiences. Some activities included nature bracelets, painting with leaves, creating a bird picture using finger paint and feathers and opening a special wrapped box to discover the new topic for October.

Upcoming Theme for November:

November is rodeo and farm month. Children will learn about the responsibilities of cowboys/cowgirls and animals raised on the farm. Since the rodeo in Edmonton will be a popular venue for families we thought bringing the rodeo to our program would give the children a glimpse of what it would be like to take care of animals. Activities may include: milking a cow, making a pig in a blanket or creating their own barnyard.

We would like to remind you of a few things to make your child's preschool experience the best that it can be.

Circle Time:

We will be starting Circle Time at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. We ask that you ensure your child has his/her name tag on, indoor shoes on, coats and backpacks hung on your child's hook before leaving the entrance. We would appreciate it if you could clear the entrance way as soon as your child is ready.

Field Trip:

We would like to thank those who volunteered their time to assist us on our first fieldtrip to the John Janzen Centre. The children were engaged in several hands on experiences, and most important they had fun! We would like to remind you that your field trip permission slips need to be on time as small groups are organized based on interest/friendship In the event your field trip form isn't in by the deadline, your child will not be able to attend the field trip.

Appropriate Dress:

We had our first snow fall for the year and winter is around the corner. Please dress your child appropriately as there will be times when we play outside. Please remember to remove your outdoor shoes as well as your child's and place on the boot rack as it is the preschool's responsibility to ensure the hallways are clean and safe.

School's Sick Policy:

We would like to remind you of the school's sick policy. According to The Health Regulation for Edmonton Public Schools posted on our outer entrance door states:

If you or your child have the following flu-like symptoms, DO NOT ENTER the building. Seek medical attention.

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Lack of appetite

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- Coughing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please note that in the event your child displays any of the following symptoms during his/her time in the class, we will phone and ask that you come and pick up your child.

Snack Time:

When preparing your child's snack, please don't include any items that contain nuts, chocolate or oranges as this is a school policy. We ask that your child brings a small easy to eat and a water bottle to eat time is limited.

Duty Responsibilities:

Changes have been made to the list of responsibilities of the duty parent. Please read through the list prior to your duty day. All parents who stay in the classroom during the class, as a duty parent or support are requested to actively participate in the program. This limits distractions and models appropriate behaviours encouraging the child's participation.

Show and Share:

At this time, we have decided that show and share will be done differently than in previous years. We will be introducing show and share on specific days with specific items from home. For example, one day will be designated for each child to bring in a favourite song. Another for a favourite picture. Dates designated for show and share will be announced.

Mailboxes:

We noticed there are several envelopes and papers left in the mailboxes at the end of the day. When you drop your child off, please remember to look inside his/her mailbox. We are in the process of reorganizing the mailboxes as there have been changes to our class lists. Changes will be made soon.

Email:

Please remember to check your email on a regular basis as there will be reminders regarding fieldtrips or information related to your assigned responsibility for the year, (cutting, purchasing, etc). Please note that you should check your spam folder as there may be times when our messages are found in this location.

Halloween Parties:

Our Halloween Parties are on **Wednesday October 28th, Thursday October 29th and the morning of Friday October 30th**. Children have the opportunity to dress up for the party. We are asking that each child brings in a **small bowl and a medium sized apple that is sliced in 4 pieces with the seeds cut off**. Each child will bob for his/her apple in their own bowl as we are keeping sanitation a priority.

**Teachers Krista and
Daniell**