



Greenfield Community Nursery School September 2009 Newsletter

Message from your Executive

The summer has flown by and it is time to get our children ready for the new playschool year.

I had a chance to spend some time with the executive team from last year and was impressed with their commitment to the school. They left us with a wonderful and organized school for our children to grow in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work.

This year we have a new committed team that have been hard at work preparing a great playschool year. It is a dedicated group of individuals, I look forward to our year together and we will continue to strive to make Greenfield Playschool a great experience for our children. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

I would also like to welcome our two new teachers, Krista Arndt and Danielle Charron. They are joining us this year and bring a new and exciting perspective. Please take some time and read their biographies. I am very pleased that they have chosen Greenfield Community Playschool.

Just a reminder that September 3rd is our Orientation Night. For many of you it will be the first opportunity to meet our new teachers. If you have not already, we strongly suggest that you read the Parent Handbook to familiarize yourself with what to expect the first day of school. If you do not have a Parent Handbook, please go to our website at www.greenfieldnurseryschool.com. It is a great site with all the information you need.

I look forward to seeing you at the Orientation Night and during the exciting year we have ahead of us. Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!!!

Tyler Hill - President GCNS

2009 - 2010 Executive

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Important Dates

September 3rd

Orientation Night
6:30 pm @ Sweet
Grass Elementary
Library

September 8th

FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL

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Danielle's Bio

I graduated from Early Childhood Development (2008) and the Special Needs Educational Assistant Program (2009) from Grant MacEwan College. I have had the privilege of teaching young children, while, at the same time, they have taught me. My experience spans 9 years with children ranging from birth - kindergarten. I have volunteered in orphanages in Peru, Bolivia, and most recently, Africa. My practicum consisted of daycares, pre-schools, head start programs and a multi-cultural centre, which assisted in integrating new families into Canada, including teaching children to speak English.

Children experience acceptance in practical ways. Each child has potential no matter what their circumstance. I am looking forward to building personal relationships with each child and supporting him/her in their development. I am excited to watch their discoveries as they learn a new concept or make a new friend. I offer my knowledge, skills, enthusiasm, to make sure that children are learning and reaching their full potential. I am approachable and my desire is to work with the parent(s) to ensure that, together, we can build confidence, curiosity and imagination within the child, so that learning becomes a constant.

During my spare time, I am a social butterfly, who is relationship oriented; whether it's over a cup of tea or having a laugh-out-loud moment playing games. I enjoy the outdoors. I love life!

"We worry about what a *child* will become *tomorrow*, yet we forget that he is someone *today*." Stacia Tauscher

Sincerely,

Danielle

Note from the Registrar

There are still spots available for the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class for 3 ½ to 4 year olds and the Friday morning class for 3 year olds. Please assist in filling these spots by communicating availability to anyone that may be interested. All other classes are full.

We will be distributing the class lists, parent duty rosters, volunteer positions, cleaning night assignments and staggered entry schedule for the first day of school.

Krista's Bio

My name is Krista Arndt and I love working with children. I am a recent graduate from the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta where I completed my degree in December of 2007.

Upon graduation, I began my career at an Early Learning Centre in Beaumont as an Educational Program Assistant. In Beaumont I had the opportunity to work with children of all age levels, from infants to kindergarteners. My responsibility was to provide best practice care to children by developing and implementing programming for each age level. In January, I began work with the Edmonton Public School Board. My role was to provide support to a Grade Five classroom as an Educational Assistant. I was responsible for directing small groups through projects in a variety of subject areas, as well as, working closely with one special needs students.

My previous work background has taught me that working with children requires a certain level of patience and understanding. I believe it is important to understand the context of each individual situation before drawing conclusions, as each child develops at their own pace. I

feel that my strengths as a teacher are that I connect well with others, I am a quick learner and I work well with children. I am a firm believer that fun enhances learning.

I perceive teaching to be a challenging but extremely rewarding profession. My experience in the classroom has taught me that effectively educating children requires a safe and positive learning environment. I feel that a teacher must not only work with the children in enhancing their learning, but with the parents and the community as well.

I am excited for the year to get started at Greenfield Nursery Play School. I look forward to having the opportunity to work along with Danielle, the Executive and you to make this year a positive learning experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Krista Arndt

Note from Fundraising

Our next casino is scheduled to occur in the second quarter of 2010; during the months of April, May or June of 2010. A volunteer, aged 18 or older, for each registered child with Greenfield Nursery School will be required to participate in the Casino event. More information regarding specific dates and volunteer position sign-ups will be provided once known.

No need to worry about hunting for

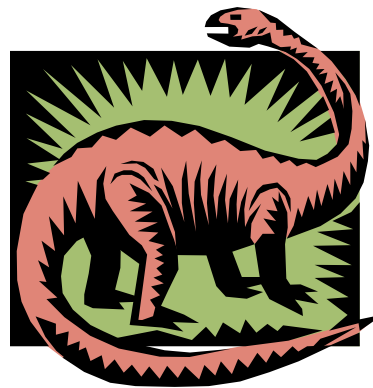
Christmas cards this year!!! Greenfield Community Nursery school will be offering you the chance to capture your child's artwork through a Christmas card. Your child's personalized card will be available for purchase early in the school year and leave you more than enough time to send out to all your relatives and friends.

Watch for the order forms to follow!



Note from Field Trips

GCNS is looking forward to another year filled with exciting fieldtrips for all our little ones!!! September will be a bustling month for everyone to get settled, followed by some great adventures for our children. Fieldtrip information will be distributed in the classroom as well as the GCNS newsletters each month.



Reminders

- All children must be completely toilet trained by the start of the school year. Teachers and duty parents are there to accompany children to the washroom, but do not assist in toileting.
- Please be punctual with dropping off and picking up your child.
- No Parking in the "School Bus Zone."
- Each child is required to bring a healthy snack. Please no food containing any nut by-products. No peanut butter or peanut products of any kind are allowed. The children are limited to a 15 minutes snack, so please keep that in mind.
- Children are to bring indoor non-marking, rubber soled shoes to be left in the classroom. These are to be left at the school in the child's personalized cubby.
- Children are also required to bring a change of clothing clearly marked with your child's name.
- After the first day of class we request that parent leave immediately following the drop-off. If your child is having difficulty with the separation, you are welcome to stay (provided you do not have any siblings with you) for the first two weeks. Both Krista and Danielle are cognizant of the separation anxiety your child may have and will work towards making the entrance into the school and the leaving of the parent a positive one. The school has found that children have a more positive experience when parents are absent from the room.
- Above all, please remember that we are all here towards making this a positive experience for our children.