



Greenfield Community Nursery School

Newsletter

July 2009

Welcome all new and continuing parents! This is the last newsletter from the 2008-2009 executive team. A September newsletter from the 2009-2010 executive team will be e-mailed at the end of August.

We are thrilled to announce that we have hired two excellent teachers for next year. Teacher Danielle, whom some of you met at the Annual General Meeting, will be joined by Teacher Krista. Teacher Danielle holds an Early Childhood Development diploma and a Special Needs diploma, both from Grant MacEwan, and has considerable experience working with pre-school aged children, both in the Edmonton area and abroad. Teacher Krista holds her Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and has significant experience working as both an education assistant and an educational program assistant. We are confident that these two educators will work together to provide an excellent, stimulating, new program for our children.



In addition, Teacher Claudette, who will be on a maternity leave, has agreed to meet with Teacher Danielle and Teacher Krista to provide an overview of how the program ran last year. This will enable Teacher Danielle and Teacher Krista the opportunity to maintain the series of daily in-class events that children have thrived on in past years.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2009-2010 executive team to everyone. We would like to thank all seven individuals in advance for taking the time to volunteer to make the playschool run smoothly.

The 2009-2010 Executive Team

President: Tyler Hill- 780-438-5700

Vice President: Karri Adolf- 780-642-0498

Treasurer: Rajesh Ghosh- 780-435-5125

Registrar: Juliana Samaroo- 780-989-5670

Secretary: Mohammed Gamal El-Din- 780-231-3712

Casino Coordinator: Tammy Trembecky- 780-439-6948

Field Trips: Jenni Middleton- 780-438-0988

The executive team meets once a month to discuss on-going business of the playschool. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28 at 8 PM, location TBA. If you are interested in attending, please contact any member of the executive for the location.

As a reminder, September's tuition is paid one month in advance on August 1, 2009. All registered families have already submitted these cheques and the Treasurer will be cashing the cheques on August 3, 2009. Please note that families are eligible to withdraw, without penalty, on or before July 31, 2009. If you need to withdraw your child from the program, please call Kim at 780-432-9441 (before July 22, 2009) or Juliana at 780-989-5670 (after July 22, 2009). After July 31, parents will be required to provide 4-weeks written notice of withdrawal.



For the start of the school year, children will be required to be completely toilet-trained; no diapers, Pull-ups, or equivalent will be allowed in the class. Children who are not toilet trained will not be allowed to participate in classroom activities. This rule is independent on whether a parent stays with the child or not. Parents with children who are not yet fully toilet trained but are almost there can continue to pay tuition fees to hold the space for the child, who can begin to participate once diapers (etc.) have been dispensed with.

The Parent Orientation Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 3, at 6:30 PM** in the library of Sweet Grass Elementary School. We ask that one parent from each family make the necessary arrangements in order to attend this meeting.

Classes begin the week of September 8, with the first class being a staggered entry, in which half the class will attend for the first hour and half the class will attend for the second hour. Parents are invited to stay with their children during this hour. This hour is exceptionally helpful for the children (and their parents!) to learn the particulars of a day in the classroom. A schedule of the staggered entry will be provided at the Parent Orientation Meeting. After the first day of class, we request that parents leave

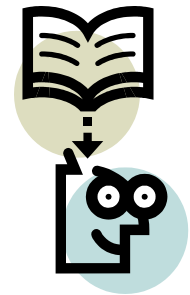


the classroom immediately following drop-off; we have found that children have a more positive playschool experience when parents are absent from the room. If, however, your child is having difficulty with the separation from their parent, you are

welcome to stay (provided you do not have any younger siblings with you). We do ask that you only stay for the first couple of weeks. Both Teacher Danielle and Teacher Krista are exceptionally aware of the separation anxiety experienced by children attending school for the first time and will work with you and your child to make their entrance into (and your leaving) the classroom a positive one.

If you have a request for your duty days (*i.e.* you are only able to do your duty days on a Monday/Tuesday, etc.), please e-mail requests to the registrar, Juliana, no later than **Monday, August 24**. This will provide Juliana with enough time to complete the annual duty roster for each class. The duty rosters will be provided to all families in the September newsletter and at the Parent Orientation Meeting.

A copy of the Parent Handbook is attached to this e-mail. Please take the time to read through this document as it outlines the requirements for the first day of class, dates of holiday school closures, etc. If you have any questions about the information contained with the Parent Handbook, please contact Tyler Hill, President.



We would like to thank all those parents from the 2008-2009 year for their support during the year. For those of you returning to the school, we look forward to our children learning beside yours (and to chatting in the hallways!)

Have a fantastic summer!
Mat, Coral, Jody, Laurie, Sheree, Brenda, and Kim

