



Greenfield Community Nursery School

Newsletter

March 2009

Well, this year's registration was a tremendous success. We were over 50% full before we opened up registration to the general public. From what was reported, we had parents lining up for registration night shortly before 2 PM and we had waiting lists established before registration night was over. Our effort to tell everyone about our great nursery school has paid off.



Our latest status regarding Teacher Therese is that she is recovering from her visit to the hospital. It was a slow few weeks, but she is gaining her strength back. We are all looking forward to her full recovery and return to school. In the meantime, we thank everyone who has stepped forward to help out Teacher Claudette. All of your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Due to a security agreement with the Sweetgrass School, we will need to provide the custodian the names of the people who are to be granted access to the school on the cleaning night. We will be providing the school with those names that will be assigned to the cleaning night, however if you are unable to fulfill your commitment to cleaning night and you are sending someone as a replacement, we need to know ASAP so that we can notify the school. We understand that sometimes it is impossible as it is a last minute change, however if you can do your part to notify us the moment you know someone else is coming in your place, that would be greatly appreciated. The list of cleaning night volunteers are listed in the newsletter and posted on the internal website.

Additionally, please remember that if you cannot come to cleaning night and are sending someone else as a replacement, that person must be at least 18 years or older. This is identified in our Parent Handbook, also available on our website.

The classroom is taking on a fantastic new look thanks to all the efforts from the volunteers that have stayed after hours to assist the executive group. As well, we thank

those that have worked hard on cleaning night to get the classroom nice and clean!

Lastly, as we get move towards next year, we invite anyone interested in sitting on next year's executive group to put their name down. If you see a name on a spot, do not let that be a deterrent as these positions need to be nominated at the AGM. We welcome you as a volunteer as we continue to strive towards making this the best nursery school in Edmonton.

Best Regards!
The Executive Group

The Executive meets monthly to discuss ongoing business of the preschool.
Parents are always welcome to attend. The March meeting is scheduled for 7:00 March 10th, location TBA.

Our 2008-2009 Executive

President: Mat L. Matthews- 780-433-2337
Vice President: Coral Larocque- 780-436-5017
Treasurer: Jody Marshall- 780-447-3058
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FIELD TRIP!

The Frog Prince Puppet Show - John Janzen Nature Center
7000 143 Street (Corner of Whitemud Drive and Fox Drive
tel: 780-496-8787)



The Kaybridge Puppets brings this delightful fairy tale to life with puppetry and music. Set in Edmonton's river valley, a lonely frog learns to like himself and teaches a princess about the wonderful world of spring and friendship. A treat for young and the young at heart!
Program Length: 1.5 hours

- 30 minute performance
- 25 minute puppetry workshop led by the puppeteer
- 25 minute visit with baby bunnies and chicks

Mon/Wed a.m. class March 11/09, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. (show starts at 9:30)
Mon/Tues/Wed p.m. March 11/09, 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. (show starts at 9:30)
Tues/Thurs a.m. March 12/09 12, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. (show starts at 12:30)

- *Parents to provide transportation to and from John Janzen Nature Center.
- *As there will not be time for snack, please ensure your child has a hearty breakfast/lunch.
- *Permission slips are in the children's cubbies. Please sign and return forms on or before **March 3.**

Notes from the Teachers



Looking back...

What a fun and busy month we had! During the first two weeks, the children were ecstatic with the preparations and excitement of the Valentine's party. They made special cards and pictures for family and friends and the children had fun decorating the room with their incredible and unique pieces of art (which all of you have seen with your own eyes!) The party was a success and I thank all the parents who helped out on this busy day.

The trip to the sea caverns was a great experience for the children. The children were up-close and personal with a special penguin. They had an opportunity to observe different types of sea creatures such as sharks, sea turtles, fish, and sea lions. They were able to see and feel sting rays, starfish, and anemones. They also got to see a few reptiles. Back at the school, we talked about what they learned on the trip and we also learned more about the sea animals during circle time. We had a great time experimenting with different art such as creating an "under the sea" image with puffy paint, painting fish using marbles, and the children had fun creating their own type of rainbow fish.



For the family/friendship week, the children did a portrait of their family tree and had fun working with partners on their crafts. For example, in the morning class some children partnered up and painted a picture together and in the afternoon class the children were traced out on large paper then their partner would need to complete the drawing of their friends. This helps with getting to know each other and having to share with one another. We also sang songs such as, "The more we get together," and played a game of musical hugs.

We have posted the volunteer sign-up sheet in the playschool if you would like to help out for the field trip.

*Please note that if you are a parent volunteer, siblings are NOT allowed to attend. Thank you.

*We continue to need empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls for this month's crafts. If you have any, we would appreciate them.






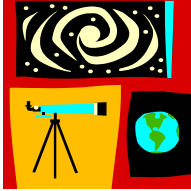
Thank you,
Teacher Thérèse and Teacher Claudette

Cleaning night on March 19th

These shifts typically take 2 hours, **starting at 6:00 p.m.** Cleaning supplies are provided but it is recommended that you bring your own gloves and sponges.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Circus Fun!	2 Wear a funny outfit or mix and match different colored clothes to wear any day this week.	3	4	5 
Puppetry! Sock puppets, hand puppets and masks.	9 	10	11 *Field Trip Today!* Off to the John Janzen Nature centre to see The Frog Prince Puppet Show.	12 *Field trip Today!* Off to the John Janzen Nature centre to see The Frog Prince Puppet Show.
Green Day Celebration! Fun with colors. 	16 Celebrating Green Day! Wear the color green	17 Celebrating Green Day! Wear the color green 	18	19
Space and Stars 	23	24	25 	26
Spring Break	30 No Playschool	31 No playschool	1 No playschool	2 No playschool
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