



# Greenfield Community Nursery School

## Newsletter

### April 2009

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We know we said it before, but this time we mean it. Spring is upon us! With this last dump, we are sure the temperature will rise and the buds will start to appear. And with that comes the melting snow and lots of dirt. For this reason, we want to remind everyone to keep their boots and shoes in the bootroom and avoid tracking in any snow and dirt into the classroom. It makes things much easier to keep clean.

Spring break is near and we are expecting to see Teacher Thérèse returning back to class. We want to thank everyone for stepping up while she has been on the mend. The support and extra effort by all is greatly appreciated. While we understand some parents' concerns regarding the unusual circumstances about not having both teachers at the school recently, we want to thank those that helped to avoid any disruptions in class.

A few parents have some questions/concerns and we would like to invite those people to attend our next executive meeting. We would be happy to discuss the situation, the contingency plan we had in place and what we did to keep your children in school. Please contact any of the executive members if you would like to attend. A time and place will be established soon and we welcome your feedback. If you can't make the meeting and would like anything discussed, please feel free to email or call any of the executive members.

Lastly, we would like to let some of the parents know that while there are children on waiting lists for some of the classes, there are still other times that are not completely full as of yet. If you are on a waiting list and would like to consider switching to one of the available classes, please contact our registrar as soon as possible.

Enjoy each day as the weather gets warmer and we look forward to more spring activities planned for our children.

The Executive Group

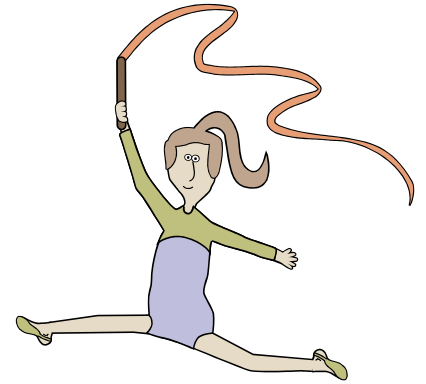
## **FIELD TRIPS!**

April is a busy month with two fun-filled field trips. We will leap into spring at Ortona Gymnastics and experience some old fashioned fun as pre-school pioneers at Fort Edmonton Park!

### **Ortona Gymnastics Field Trip**

Parents /Guardians to drive children to location  
Address: Ortona Gymnastics, 8755 50 Avenue  
Telephone: 780 466 3547

**Tues/Thurs a.m. class: Tuesday, April 7 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Mon/Tues/Wed p.m. class: Tuesday, April 7 1:00-2:30 p.m.**  
**Mon/Wed a.m. class: Wed April 15 9:30-10:30 a.m.**



- \*Please pack a small snack.
- \*Children should wear comfortable clothing.
- \*Please note that there will be no classes on Ortona field trip days -- parents/guardians are to drive their children directly to location.
- \*We will require 3 parents per class to help on the floor-please see sign up sheet in class.
- \*Permission slips will be available in class. If possible, please complete when you drop your child off for class. Thanks!
- \*Only children who are registered in Greenfield Playschool may attend. Parents/guardians and siblings are welcome to stay and watch in the stands.

### **Fort Edmonton Pre-School Pioneers**

Parents/Guardians to drive children to field trip  
Address: Fox Drive and Whitemud Drive (detour still in effect)  
**As you enter off Fox Drive into Fort Edmonton turn right at the sign with "Hotel Selkirk Guests" and proceed to the gate where you will receive further instructions.**  
Telephone: 780 496 8787

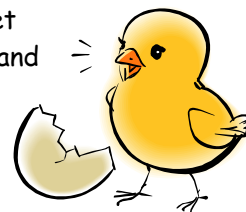
**Mon/Wed a.m. class: Wed, April 22 9:30-11 a.m.**  
**Mon/Tues/Wed a.m. class: Wed, April 22 1:30-3:00 p.m.**  
**Tues/Thurs a.m. class: Thurs, April 23, 9:30-11 a.m.**



- \*Please pack a small snack.
- \*We will require 4 parents/guardians per class to help.
- \*Sign up sheet and permission slips will be available in class after Spring Break.
- \*Only children who are registered in Greenfield Playschool may attend.

## Notes from the Teachers

**Looking back**....I can't believe March is already over! The children had fun making fun circus crafts, such as clowns, elephants, and lions. They enjoyed the Frog Prince puppet show at the John Janzen centre. The children even had the opportunity to see and feel chicks and rabbits on this field trip. Prior to the fieldtrip, the children were practicing how to be a puppeteer. The children had a lot of practice with sock puppets and paper bag puppets they made. For St. Patrick's day they had fun making shiny, colourful crafts and they also played different version of "Doggie, Doggie where's your bone?" which was called, "Leprechaun, Leprechaun, where's your gold?" At the end of the day some of the children got tricked by a silly Leprechaun! To prepare us for Spring break, we are learning (hoping) for spring. In class, we talked about what we see, hear, and smell during the spring season and as always the children come up with wonderful answers. I hope you liked the bright, cheerful crafts the children are bringing home. You might not see spring outside but you can enjoy a bit of spring in your home!



Have a **GREAT** Spring break everyone!  
Teacher Claudette

Welcome to spring! I am really looking forward to getting back to work after a long recovery from surgery. I missed the children and everyone so much. Thank you all for the beautiful flowers and cards; they meant a lot to me and they brightened up my day.



I want to send a very special thank you to Teacher Claudette for an outstanding job while I was away. I am very grateful for all her hard work and patience with teaching the children and working with the parents to help the playschool run so smoothly.

Another big thank you to the playschool Executive team and parents for all your extra help and dedication over the past two months. I heard about the big changes to the playschool room. I can't wait to see the new fresh look. Fantastic work everyone -- thank you again for everything. I really do appreciate it from the bottom of my heart.

Teacher Thérèse

**Looking ahead**...With spring here we will be taking the children outside to play at the playground and on to the school field. Please send your child to playschool with a warm coat, hat, splash pants and boots for the days that are windy, cold and wet.



Themes for the month of April...Let's celebrate spring!; Easter celebrations and fun with spring activities; What are the signs that spring is here?

**Easter party!** *Class parties will be held at the regular class times on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>.*

\*Parents are welcome to send in a healthy food snack to share with their class. Please give your child their regular playschool snack on the party day.

Happy Easter and springtime everyone!  
Teacher Thérèse and Teacher Claudette



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 April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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Casino Coordinator: Brenda Persaud- 780-437-0373  
Field Trips: Sheree Mireau- 780-431-0619

**Cleaning night on April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The shift typically takes 2 hours, **starting at 6:00 p.m.** Cleaning supplies are provided but it is recommended that you bring your own gloves and sponges. For this month, contact Kim Christopher for names of individuals scheduled to clean.

## April Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Easter Fun class parties!</b>  <b>Fun with Eggs and Rabbits.</b> 	6	<b>7</b> <b>Field Trip to Ortona Gymnastics!</b>  T-Th 10:30- 11:30 M-T-W 1:00- 2:30	<b>8</b> <b>Easter class party at the regular class time.</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Easter class party at the regular class time.</b>
<b>Spring Adventures</b>  <b>Let's look for signs of spring</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>  <b>No Playschool today!</b>	14	<b>15</b> <b>Field Trip to Ortona Gymnastics!</b> <b>M-W- 9:30- 10:30</b>  M-T-W: in class as usual.	<b>16</b> 
<b>Spring Adventures continued</b>	20	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> <b>Field Trip to Fort Edmonton!</b>  <b>M-W 9:30- 11:00</b> <b>M-T-W 1:30- 3:00</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Field Trip to Fort Edmonton!</b>  <b>T-TH 9:30- 11:00</b>
<b>More Spring time fun</b>	<b>27</b> 	28	<b>29</b> <b>Cooking Day</b> 	<b>30</b> <b>Cooking Day</b>