



Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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We Are a Peanut Free Zone

Glenbrook Community Preschool will be providing a healthy snack for your child during their preschool class, so there is no need to pack one. In addition, please do not send any other food, such as birthday or holiday treats, to school with your child due to allergy concerns. Even food that has come in contact with peanuts can be potentially dangerous for some children. Thanks for your cooperation!

September 2016

Message from the Chairperson

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Glenbrook Community Preschool!

Whether this is your family's first year at the preschool, or you are seasoned preschool parents, we hope this year brings new discoveries, budding friendships, and plenty of fun.

Sending a child off to school for the first time can be a difficult change for parents. We hope it will also be a positive one, as your child learns and develops under the watchful eye of our caring and dedicated teachers. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful teaching team, who, with much love and patience, will guide our children through these initial steps towards independence.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all interested parents to join our monthly Parents' Advisory Committee meetings. Did you know that our PAC is made up of *all* parents whose children attend the school, not just parents on the Executive? If you would like to learn more about the behind-the-scenes workings of our preschool, please consider joining us. Your ideas and company would be most welcome!

Thank you for choosing Glenbrook Community Preschool, and best wishes for a memorable, fun-filled school year.

Kind regards,

Jen Straatman, Chairperson



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, September 23 ----- No School- Professional Development (PD) Day
Tuesday, September 27 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)
Friday, October 7----- No School- Professional Development (PD) Day
Monday, October 10 ----- Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
Tuesday, October 25 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, held the last Tuesday of each month at Glenbrook Elementary School. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Jennifer Straatman at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

Reminders

- If you need to contact us, the preschool phone number is 403-686-6868. Please leave a message, and our teachers will pick up messages at the end of each class. Please do not call Glenbrook Elementary School, as they are not equipped to answer questions regarding the preschool.
- Please label everything your child brings to school, and ensure your child brings a backpack containing an extra set of clothes to each class.
- Please choose indoor shoes for your child that have a proper sole on them (instead of slippers), since we must go outdoors during school fire drills.
- Due to issues we have had in the past, we are reminding all parents to please review the preschool's late pick-up policy, found in the Parent Handbook. The Parent Handbook can also answer many of the questions you may have about our preschool. Thanks!
- Please remember that our teachers cannot supervise children outside of class time. Why not find a "buddy" parent in your child's class to look after your child in the event you are delayed at pick-up time?

Glenbrook Community Association News

When you join the preschool, you also become a member of the Glenbrook Community Association. We'll keep you apprised of opportunities to make the most of your membership on a monthly basis!

About Glenbrook Community Preschool

Our Teachers

We are pleased to welcome back our wonderful teachers, Mrs. Fozzard and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Liz Fozzard has been with the preschool for over 20 years, and this will be Mrs. Brenda Miller's 9th year with our school. Our teachers are both certified Early Childhood Educators, trained to encourage creativity, discovery, and thinking amongst their students. They are devoted professionals who love children and are dedicated to each student's development. We are also welcoming back our fantastic Teacher's Aide, Robyn McConnell. Our Teachers and Aide are very excited to be working together to provide a stimulating and positive experience for all of our children.



Fundraising – Why we do it

Did you know that Glenbrook Community Preschool is not part of the Calgary Board of Education? As an independent, non-profit organization, we pay rent for our preschool classrooms, purchase our own supplies, and pay for caretaking services. Our program has low student:teacher ratios and no classroom volunteer commitments! We try to keep our tuition fees low and accessible to all families, so each year we run several fundraisers. This year we will have two fundraisers, one prior to Christmas, and a second in the spring. All of our fundraising drives are voluntary, but we wanted to let our families know why fundraising is important to us.

Parking

Glenbrook Elementary School has been very welcoming of our preschool. You can help ensure we maintain this positive relationship by respecting the school's rules regarding parking and child drop off and pick up, as outlined in the Parent Handbook. Please remember – enter only through the south side entrance marked "Boys," and do not park in the staff parking lot. Parking is available on the street at the back of the school and in the alley, noting the no parking signage and being careful not to block neighbourhood garages. Thank you for your cooperation.

Provincial Child Care Subsidy

Did you know that the provincial government subsidizes the preschool fees for children of a stay-at-home parent? There is a maximum household income, which varies according to family size, but it is more generous than many people realize!

For example, a family of four (two parents and two children) with an annual income of \$56,000 can qualify!

For eligibility requirements and further information please go to:
<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/15679.html>

or call 1-877-644-9992

Please note, you can use an online subsidy estimator to see if your household income falls within the limits without first having to fill out the application form. This estimator can be found at:

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/15668.html>