



## Glenbrook Preschool Society Newsletter

September 2021

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### Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

- Sept 24-** Non-Instructional Day, no school  
**Sept 30-** Truth and Reconciliation Day, no school  
**Oct 8-** Non-Instructional Day, no school  
**Oct 11-** Thanksgiving, no school  
**Oct 18-** Non-Instructional Day, no school

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
**DO NOT USE THE LARGE**  
**PLAYGROUND. IT IS SOLEY FOR**  
**THE USE OF THE ELEMENTARY**  
**SCHOOL CHILDREN MONDAY –**  
**FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m**

### Message from the President

I would like to welcome all our new and returning families. This September marks my family's third year with the preschool.

Our preschool strives to provide a nurturing, caring, and safe environment in which children are encouraged to grow and learn. The teachers and PAC feel privileged to share in this exciting milestone in your child's life.

I would like to encourage you to become involved in our preschool, whether that be through volunteering, meeting other parents, or attending our Parent Advisory Meetings. It is my hope that we can make your family's preschool experience a memorable one.

Thank you for choosing Glenbrook Preschool!  
Katie Derkacz, President

## R e m i n d e r s

- 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 VELCRO indoor shoes for your child that have a proper sole on them (instead of slippers), since we must go outdoors during school fire drills. NO LACES!
- 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.
- 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 Preschool Society 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. Thank you for your cooperation!

## About Glenbrook Preschool Society

### **Our Teacher and Aides:**

We are pleased to welcome back our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Miller. This will be Mrs. Miller's 16<sup>th</sup> year with the school. She is a certified Early Childhood Educator, trained to encourage creativity, discovery, and thinking amongst the students.

We are also welcoming back our fantastic Teacher's Aide, Mrs. McConnell. Mrs. McConnell has been with the school for more than 9 years.

Glenbrook Preschool Society would like to introduce you to the newest member of our team, Mrs. Oelhaupt. Mrs. O began teaching as a teaching assistant with Glenbrook Preschool in 2009. She went on to complete her Child Care and Early Education training and holds an Alberta Government Child Development Supervisor Certificate in Early Education. Mrs. O is very excited to be back in the classroom after taking a brief break from teaching to help support families at the Children's hospital.

All staff members are devoted professionals who love children and are dedicated to each student's development. They are very excited to be working together to provide a stimulating and positive experience for all of our children.

## P a r k i n g

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, 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.

## Covid and Illness Reminders:

- There will be hand sanitizing stations at the Preschool Entrance, as well as at the entrance to our classroom.
- Children displaying any cold/flu symptoms, are on any kind of medication to alleviate such symptoms, or who have family members with said symptoms, will not be permitted to attend class that day.
- Play/work centers, will continue to have restricted seating, allowing for better social distancing.
- High-touch surfaces and furniture will be sanitized following each class.
- Each age group has its own toys, which will be sanitized weekly.
- Each cohort has its own set of books, art supplies, and accessories for the sand table.
- Masking of students is not recommended; teachers are following masking mandates set by the CBE and are wearing masks inside.

## **Classroom Theme**

This month, the students will be busy exploring various shapes and colours as they settle into their new routines.



All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings which will be held via Zoom this year. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Katie at [president@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:president@glenbrookpreschool.org) or at [katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

Our next meeting is on September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.

## F u n d r a i s i n g

Did you know that Glenbrook Preschool Society 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 mandatory classroom volunteer commitments! We try to keep our tuition fees low and accessible to all families, so each year we typically run 2 fundraisers, one prior to Christmas, and a second in the spring. **All of our fundraising drives are voluntary.**

We currently have an ongoing fundraiser with Skip the Depot. We are registered as "Glenbrook Preschool Society" and funds can be donated directly to the preschool.

