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**Outdoor Playtime**

Spring is here, and this means more opportunities for outdoor playtime at preschool! Our students will be spending a portion of their class outside any time the weather permits, so please make sure your child comes prepared. A sun hat is encouraged, and appropriate footwear is essential. Please do not send your child in sandals. As well, if you wish your child to wear sunscreen, please apply it before coming to preschool. Thanks!



**This Month at Preschool**

Now that April has arrived, the students and teachers are exploring Easter themes. Bunnies and eggs are popping up around the classroom. After Easter, the students will be exploring the world of dinosaurs. Ask your child about what is at the sand bins, playdoh table and toys as we incorporate dinosaurs all over the classroom.



**Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates**

- Friday April 15: NO SCHOOL- Good Friday
- Monday April 18: NO SCHOOL- PD Day
- Friday May 20: NO SCHOOL- PD Day
- Monday May 23: NO SCHOOL- Victoria Day
- Wednesday June 15: Last Day of School for 4-yr old classes
- Thursday June 16: Last Day of School for 3-yr old classes

**R E M I N D E R :**

- If your child is not feeling well, or appears tired, or a bit "off", please do not bring them to Preschool. As well, if your child requires medication (even Tylenol) within 24 hours prior to the start of the child's class time, they may not attend class that day. Thank you for doing your part to help keep sickness out of our school.
- If your child has travelled outside of Canada, the Preschool requires the child not attend class for a period of 1 week from date of arrival home.
- The Preschool continues to adhere to the illness policy (any child with cold/flu symptoms, must stay home until symptoms have resolved and/or child is not reliant on medications.)
- The health and well-being of our students is our top priority, and being that our student population is unvaccinated, we are being proactive in our approach to limit the possibility of Covid variants spreading through our classrooms



## LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

With warmer weather rapidly approaching, our classes will often be taking their learning outside to the playground. Did you know that physically active play, like climbing, swinging, and running can help children to:

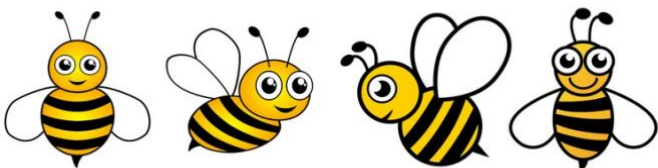
- Develop large muscles, strength, and balance
- Develop flexibility and coordination, including hand-eye coordination
- Develop skills such as throwing, catching, hopping, skipping, climbing and balancing
- Develop awareness of space, such as over/under, in front/behind, on top/beneath, inside/outside
  - Develop mathematical concepts such as long/short, big/small, wide/narrow
- Be confident in controlling their bodies and learn their limits
  - Learn to cooperate and share
- Understand that physical activity is fun and can release tension



### GLENBROOK PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House for the preschool for anyone interested in registering for the next school year. It will be April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30 and is an adult only event.

How do Bees get to school??  
On a school Buzzz



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

**Skip, hop, hurray!** Thank you for your generous donations toward the SPRING outdoors equipment fundraiser. We raised \$700 - 78% of our goal! Equipment will be ordered and arrive soon just in time for warmer weather!

**Do you have bottles piling up? Let SkipTheDepot help!**

1. Download the app and book a pickup using <https://app.skipthedepot.com/gps>
2. Place your bags outside
3. Donate your refund to Glenbrook Preschool Society!

A big thank you to **Kim Mitchell, Jesse Skwaruk, and Katie Derkacz** for your recent SkipTheDepot donation. Every donation supports exceptional preschool programming!



## E X C I T I N G N E W S ! !

Starting in September, Glenbrook Elementary School will now have a Before and After School Childcare program for children in kindergarten to Grade 6. For details, please contact the school at [glenbrook@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:glenbrook@cbe.ab.ca)

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram:  
“Glenbrook Preschool Society”

School updates and reminders will be posted to both.



### **Parents’ Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings:**

Next Meeting: April 26<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are held at 7:45 pm via Zoom.

Any changes will be communicated via the monthly newsletter.

If you’d like to attend, please email Katie at [president@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:president@glenbrookpreschool.org) or [katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com).