



September 2022

Glenbrook Preschool Newsletter



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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 23- PD Day

Sept 30 - Truth and Reconciliation day

Oct 7 - P.L. Indigenous Education

Oct 10 - Thanksgiving

Oct 28 - PD Day

Nov 1 - No School

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day

Nov 25 - PD Day

Dec 20 - Last class for 3's

Dec 21 - Last class for 4's

Winter break Dec 22 – Jan 8



Message from the Vice-President

Hello! I would like to welcome all of our new and returning families of Glenbrook Preschool this year. September 2022 marks my family's first year with the preschool and I am excited to be apart of it.

The teachers and PAC feel privileged to share in this exciting milestone in your child's life. Making it our mission to provide a

nurturing, caring and safe environment in which your child is encouraged to grow and learn.

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!

Michelle Ibbotson, Vice-President



About Glenbrook Preschool Society - Our Teachers and Aide:

- We are pleased to welcome back our wonderful teacher, **Mrs. Miller**. This will be Mrs. Miller's 17th 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**. This will be Mrs. McConnell's 13th year at Glenbrook Preschool.
- We are happy to announce last year's MRU Practicum Student **Ms. Coda** will be joining the Glenbrook Preschool team as Teacher's Aide on Mondays. She will be continuing her practicum on Tuesday's and Wednesday's at the preschool.
- 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.

Classroom Theme

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



Illness Reminders

If your child is ill, you must keep him/her home (both for your child's sake and to ensure that the other children do not become ill). If your child becomes ill while at school, you will be called to come and pick him/her up. Your child must be medication-free (including cold medication, Tylenol, Advil, etc.) for 24 hours prior to the start of class time.

PLEASE REFER TO PARENT HANDBOOK (PAGE 5) FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

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, 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.

Fundraising



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.

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 president@glenbrookpreschool.org or katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

*Our next meeting is on September 27th @ 7:30pm.
(Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month)*

***The Parents' Advisory Committee is looking for someone to fill the "President" role and "Secretary" role. If interested please email katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com**



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 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER:

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



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