

# Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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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!



## Message from the Chairperson

September 2019

This September marks my family's fourth year at Glenbrook Community Preschool. I feel very fortunate that my child's first school experience has taken place under the loving and watchful care of the teachers at Glenbrook Community Preschool.

I would like to welcome both new and returning families to our preschool. The teachers and Parent Advisory Committee look forward to sharing this exciting milestone in your child's life.

Our preschool strives to provide a nurturing and caring environment in which children are encouraged to grow and to learn. As parents, it can be very difficult to send our children off to school, but please know that your child is being taken care of by the most loving and dedicated teachers.

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



Thank you for choosing Glenbrook Community Preschool!

Best wishes for an awesome year!

Nancy Koutselas, Chairperson

## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday Sept 20: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day  
Tuesday Sept 24: PAC Meeting (7pm)  
Friday Oct 11: NO SCHOOL – PD Day  
Monday Oct 14: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Day  
Tuesday Oct 29: PAC Meeting (7pm)  
Monday Nov 11: NO SCHOOL – Remembrance Day  
Friday Nov 22: NO SCHOOL – PD Day  
Tuesday Nov 26: PAC Meeting (7 pm)  
Wednesday December 18: Last Day of Class

**All parents** are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings held at the Glenbrook Community Hall (across the street from the school, second floor). We welcome your contributions! We are still looking to fill volunteer positions including Community Liaison and Fundraising Coordinator. If you would like to attend or volunteer, please email Nancy at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto: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 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?

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### Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Dates for the 2019 – 2020 Pre-School Year:

September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

All meetings are held at 7pm on the second floor of the Glenbrook Community Hall. Dates listed above are tentative. Any changes will be communicated via the monthly newsletter.

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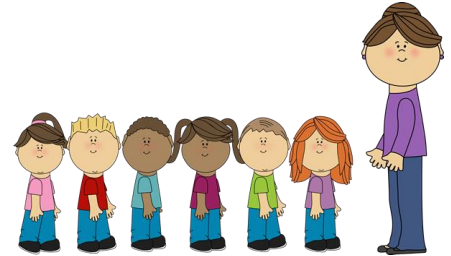
### Classroom Theme

This month, the students will be busy exploring various shapes and colours as they settle into their new routines. The sand table will also be available in the classroom.

## About Glenbrook Community Preschool

### Our Teacher and Aides

We are pleased to welcome back our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Miller. This will be Mrs. Miller's 14<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 Aides, Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Fozzard. Mrs. Fozzard has been with the preschool for over 30 years, serving as both a teacher and as an aide. Mrs. McConnell has been with the school for more than 8 years. 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.



### Fundraising

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 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 are still looking for a volunteer to run the fundraisers for this school year. Please let the preschool know if you are interested in this or other volunteer opportunities!

### 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.

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### Provincial Child Care Subsidy

Did you know that the provincial government subsidizes preschool fees for some families? There is a maximum household income, which varies according to family size, but it is more generous than many people realize!

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>