



Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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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 2017

Message from the Chairperson

This September marks my family's seventh year at Glenbrook Community Preschool. I feel so very fortunate that my children'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.

The year ahead will be filled with many discoveries and new experiences for our children, and for us, as parents, as well. 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 as memorable as my family's has been.



Thank you for choosing Glenbrook Community Preschool, and best wishes for a happy and fun-filled year!

Kind Regards,

Nicole Liesemer, Chairperson

Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday Sept 22: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Tuesday Sept 26: PAC Meeting (7pm)
Monday Oct 9: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Day
Monday Oct 16: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Tuesday Oct 24: PAC Meeting (7pm)
Friday Nov 17: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Tuesday Nov 28: PAC Meeting (7 pm)

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 treasurer, community liason and fundraising coordinator. If you would like to attend, please email Nicole 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?

No Cook Playdough Recipe

2 cups white flour
1 cup salt
2 tsp cream of tartar
2 tbsp vegetable oil
2 cups of boiling water with food colouring added to it

Mix all ingredients in a bowl, turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.

About Glenbrook Community Preschool

Our Teachers

We are pleased to welcome back our wonderful teachers, Mrs. Fozzard and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Fozzard has been with the preschool for over 22 years, and this will be Mrs. Miller's 11th 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, Mrs. 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 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 teachers know if you are interested!**

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 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>