



# Campus News

Campus Pre-School Association Newsletter  
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## February/March 2012

### Chairperson's Message

With 2012 in full swing, it's hard to believe we are now halfway through this school year and preparing for the next! Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is right around the corner. All current and former families of Campus Pre-School may register on **Wednesday, March 7** from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** You are strongly encouraged to attend the March 7 registration night if you are planning to return to the Pre-School next fall. In past years, some classes have filled up at this advance registration. New families may register on **Wednesday, March 14** from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** Please ensure all your registration forms are completed and all your cheques prepared before you arrive for registration. For more information and to download forms, visit our website at [www.campuspreschool.com](http://www.campuspreschool.com). We do need a few more volunteers to help on both registration nights—please see the Registrars' report for more details.

Every year we rely on our families to help us spread the word about our great school. Flyers will be coming home in your child's backpack and we ask that you pass them along to anyone you know who might be interested in attending Campus. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the senior room for anyone who is able to drop off additional flyers at various locations in our surrounding communities. Thank you in advance for your help.

Our fees for the 2012-2013 school year will be **\$125** for the two-day program and **\$165** for the three-day program. The Board at Campus Preschool strives every year to keep fees as low as possible and within the range of other preschools in our area.

A special thanks needs to be extended to Sarah Anderson and Nancy Osnes and all those who have worked on the various fundraising committees, in particular the Silent Auction. We would like to move forward with our fundraising efforts utilizing our Charitable Status. In that regard, hopefully everyone took a moment to respond to our short poll on the casino as a future fundraiser for the school. Thank you for your views.

Our next General Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m.** at the Pre-School. We will be nominating and voting in board members for the following positions: Communications coordinator, Junior Registrar, Senior Registrar, Chairperson, Chair of Committees and Co-treasurer. Other positions that are coming up for renewal in May are **Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair**. We have yet to fill these positions; if you are interested in joining the board please contact myself or one of the teachers. Thanks to Jennafer Jones, Naava Migneault, Gudrun Schulze-Ebbinghoff, Sarah Anderson and Nancy Osnes who will be moving on from their Board positions.

Campus Pre-School has been recognized with an **Honorable Mention** for Best Pre-School by readers of **Calgary's Child magazine** in the **2012 Parents' Choice Awards**. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone — parents, teachers and board members — for the time and energy you put into our fabulous school. This award speaks to all of your hard work. Parent involvement is one of the cornerstones of Campus and your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure to be a member of this Board!

Our Family Social will be at the Capitol Hill Community Association Hall on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. Please see the last page of the newsletter for more details.

Sincerely,  
Karen Quinn  
Chairperson

## **A Very Special Thank You**

On behalf of Campus Pre-School Board of Directors and all the families at Campus, we would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to these very special supporters for their generous donations:

***Alliance Pipeline Limited Partnership***  
*(Nicole Wollner)*

***Calgary Showroom***

***EnCana Cares Foundation***  
*(Marianne Kobelka- through the employee charitable giving program)*

***Lynne and David Taylor***

***Homerail Ltd***  
*(Tanya Prins)*

Thank you for helping  
These generous cash donations will be used for school improvements such as painting and new flooring in the classrooms.

## Junior Report

by Mary Aubie

### Junior schedule of events

Upcoming **themes** for the junior classes are as follows:

Feb 6 - 15	<b>Friends and Feelings</b> – In combination with Valentine’s Day, we will talk about our friends and explore the emotions.
Feb 16 - 17	<b>Teachers’ Convention</b> – No school. We attended the Calgary Preschool Teachers’ Convention on Saturday, January 28.
Feb 20	<b>Family Day</b> – No school.
Feb 21-Mar 2	<b>Animal Friends</b> – A celebration of our fuzzy, furry friends, both real and stuffed! Do you have a pet that could visit the school?
Mar 5 - 14	<b>Music-Making</b> – We will be making and exploring lots of musical instruments. If anyone has an instrument they could demonstrate, we would be an appreciative audience.
Mar 15 - 16	<b>Leprechauns and Shamrocks</b> – We’ll search for the elusive pot o’ gold and have fun with the color green.
Mar 19 - 23	<b>What’s In An Egg?</b> – From dinosaur to insect to chicken. So much to discover!
Mar 26 - 30	<b>Spring Break</b> – No school



### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for your committee efforts and for your assistance on parent help days. A special thanks to outgoing board members – without you this school wouldn’t exist! And **three million cheers** for those parents who come early to help with snowsuits! I love you! Have a good Spring Break, Mary.



### Special Events and Dates to Remember for the Junior Classes

#### **Valentine's Day Fun**

**Feb 13 & 14** – If you wish to bring Valentine cards, please do so on these days. Plan an extra minute to help your child deliver them into our special “mailboxes.” (*Hint: This goes more smoothly if you put only your child’s name on each card!*)

#### **Teacher's Convention**

**Feb 16 & 17** – No school. These are lieu days for the convention the teachers attended in January.

#### **Family Day**

**Feb 20** – No school.

#### **Stuffed Animal Pet Show**

**Mar 1 & 2** – Please send along a furry friend to join in the fun.

#### **Spring Break**

**March 23** – Last day of school before Spring Break. Classes resume **April 2**.

## Senior Report

by Heidi Dick & Dawn Worobets

Upcoming **themes** for the senior classes are as follows:

Feb 6 - Feb 15

### **Friends**

We will be making **Valentines** for our friends and exploring feelings. We will have a very low key Valentine's "party" in class on **February 13 & 14**. If your child would like to bring cards for his or her classmates, please do so on these days. The children will have "mailboxes" and you can help your child distribute his or her Valentines.

Feb 16-17

**Teachers' Convention** – No school. This is a lieu day. We attended the Calgary Preschool Teacher's Conference in January.

Feb 20

**Family Day** – No school.

Feb 21-24

### **Celebrating Families**

Please send a **small picture** of your child as an infant for a "Guess Who" game. These pictures will be returned.

Feb 27 – Mar 16

### **Science**

We will be trying some simple experiments as we explore the world around us. If anyone would like to share an experiment with us, please let us know.

March 19 - 23

### **Teddy Bear's Picnic**

We will have some fun with our cuddly friends. Be sure to bring a Teddy for the picnic on Thursday or Friday

Mar 26 – Mar 30

**Spring Break** – No school. Classes resume on **April 2**.



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many bouquets and thank you to all parents for your help. Your work on committees, the board and in the classroom is essential. We especially want to thank those parents who regularly have helped us to get dressed for outside time. You are appreciated!



<b><u>Special Events and Dates to Remember for the Senior Classes</u></b>
<p><b>Valentine's Day Fun</b>  <b>Feb 13 &amp; 14</b> – If you wish to bring Valentine cards, please do so on these days. Plan an extra minute to help your child deliver them into our special “mailboxes.”</p>
<p><b>Teacher's Convention</b>  <b>Feb 16 &amp; 17</b> – No school. These are lieu days for the convention the teachers attended in January.</p>
<p><b>Family Day</b>  <b>Feb 20</b> – No school.</p>
<p><b>Celebrating Families</b>  <b>Feb 21 - 24</b> - send a <b>small picture</b> of your child as an infant for a “Guess Who” game. These pictures will be returned.</p>
<p><b>Teddy's Bears Picnic</b>  <b>Mar 22 &amp; 23</b> Bring Teddy in for a picnic.</p>
<p><b>Spring Break</b>  <b>March 23</b> – Last day of school before Spring Break. Classes resume <b>April 2</b>.</p>

## Report from Fundraising

by Nancy Osness and Sarah Anderson, Co-Chairs

### Ongoing Fundraisers

#### Lovable Labels & Magazines Orders

Please click on the links below for more information:

[www.magfundraising.ca/CampusPreSchool](http://www.magfundraising.ca/CampusPreSchool)

[www.campuspreschool.lovablelabels.ca](http://www.campuspreschool.lovablelabels.ca)

#### VRRRI Bottle Depot Account

You can drop off recyclable donations at the VRRRI bottle depot at any time now. Simply label your bags and tell them it is for **Campus Pre-School** and they will sort, count and credit our account!

### Charitable Donations

Having charitable status allows us to receive corporate donations more easily. We encourage parents to explore matching-grant opportunities, which some companies offer to their employees. These programs recognize employee contributions and volunteer efforts in non-profit and charitable organizations to support the causes they care about. For example, some companies offer **Community Service Grants** such as a

#### Charitable Donations & Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can be issued to those who donate gifts to charities.

At Campus Pre-School, tax receipts will be issued for:

- all corporate donations
- personal cash donations with a minimum of \$50

Our *Charitable Registration Number* is 887918183RR0001

To make a donation or for more information please contact the Treasurer: Bonnie Pettit at [bpettit@talisman-energy.com](mailto:bpettit@talisman-energy.com).

**Volunteering Grant** that provides a grant to an eligible organization at which you volunteer, a **Fundraising Grant** that provides a grant to an eligible organization at which you volunteer and take part in an organized fundraising activity or there may be an **employee charitable giving program** that provides an opportunity for employees to make donations to registered charities of their choice. These can often be attained with little effort, aid in our fundraising efforts to generate the necessary additional funds for the pre-school and create a less financially demanding fundraising environment on our parents.



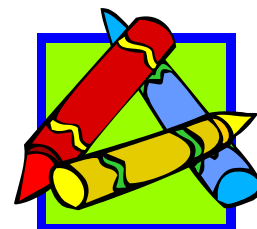
### Campus Pre-School Calendar



Mark the following important dates in your calendar:

- Feb 25**            **Family Social**
- Feb 16/17**        **Teacher’s Convention – No school** (lieu days for Preschool Teachers’ Conference in January)
- Feb 20**            **Family Day – No school**
- Mar 23**            Last day of school before Spring Break
- Apr 2**             School resumes
- Apr 6**             **Good Friday- No School**
- April**             **PD day – date to be confirmed.**
- May 17 & 18**      **No school.** Professional Development lieu days for CPR and first aid renewal in March.
- May 21**            Victoria Day – No school
- May 28 /29**        Field trip to Butterfield Acres
- June 20**            Year-End Picnic – All classes attend, last day of school
- June 21/22**        Organizational days – No school

Please see the Campus Pre-School website for the most up to date information. Minutes from the Board of Directors Meetings are now available!  
[www.campuspreschool.com](http://www.campuspreschool.com)



## Registrars' Report

by Karen van Steenis (Sr.) and Gudrun Schulze-Ebbinghoff (Jr.)

All our classes continue to be full, so thank you for getting the word out about our great pre-school.

Registration for next year is just around the corner!! For current and alumni Campus families registration for next year will be on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.** at the preschool. New family registration will take place on **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** also at **6:30 p.m.** Flyers will be sent home in your kids' backpacks – please distribute them to anyone you may think would be interested in our programs. We are in the process of updating the registration forms, so please make sure that the 2012/2013 forms are up on

the website before you print them off and fill them out. Please see our website to print off your registration forms for 2012/13 or click on the link below:

<http://www.campuspreschool.com/campuspreschool.com/FormsDocs.aspx>

We could use a few more volunteers to help out on the 2 registration nights. If you or other alumni that you know are interested in helping out please contact Karen at [senior@campuspreschool.com](mailto:senior@campuspreschool.com).

### Junior (max 16)

T/Th am – 16  
M/W/F am – 16  
T/Th pm – 16

### Senior (max 18)

T/Th am – 18  
M/W/F am – 18  
T/W/Th pm – 18

## Campus Pre-School Registration 2012-2013

### Campus Pre-School Alumni

Wednesday March 7, 2012

6:30-8:00 pm

### General Public

Wednesday March 14, 2012

6:30-8:00 pm





**Campus Preschool Family Social February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**2012**

(In conjunction with Capitol Hill Community Association and The City of Calgary)

**1.30 pm to 4 pm at Capitol Hill Community Centre**

**Admission Free**

**Theme- Winter Carnival**

**Singing, dancing and story-telling with Wally Woo Hoo from 3-4pm.**

Come along and enjoy:

\* Food and beverages\*

\*Cash BBQ\*

\* Colouring Wall, Craft Table, Tattoo Station\*

\* Outdoor activities, e.g. mini golf and snow soccer (weather permitting)\*

*Volunteers are needed –if you can help out please contact Jessica Poliquin at [jessicapoliquin@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicapoliquin@hotmail.com).*

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