

Campus News

Campus Pre-School Association Newsletter
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Chairperson's Message

Welcome to an exciting year of learning and fun at Campus Pre-School with our teachers Heidi, Mary and Dawn! We are thrilled to have Heidi and Mary back this year and would like to extend a very warm welcome to Dawn who is taking over from Sandra. We look forward to working with them all over the next year. Campus is a rewarding and exciting place to learn, build friendships and prepare for the big world of elementary school — for both the children and the parents. We are proud to announce once again that Campus Pre-School was recognized by Calgary's Child magazine as one of the best preschools that Calgary has to offer. Please watch upcoming newsletters for your invitation to vote in the annual Calgary's Child Magazine's Parents' Choice Awards.

We would like to sincerely thank the board and committee members who worked throughout the summer to get things ready for another school year. Since its update last year our website (www.campuspreschool.com) continues to be a work in progress and it's a great place to go for information on our teachers, school policies and more. If there is something you can't find, let me or one of our board members know and we'll try our best to make the information accessible.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank each of **you** for taking on your various commitments — your support is essential in continuing to make Campus the excellent school it is known to be. Through your work on committees and in the classroom, you help to enrich your child's experience, to keep the school running, and have some fun, too.

All parents are invited to attend board meetings (next one will be on 13th October 2011), and anyone interested in joining the board is encouraged to talk to one of the teachers or a current board member. Elections for board positions are held in February and May. Please watch your December/January newsletter and the bulletin board by the preschool entrance for reminders.

If you have any suggestions or questions about the school, please direct them to a board member or teacher. Our e-mail addresses are posted on the last page of every edition of our newsletter.

For those families who are new to Campus Pre-School — welcome. To those returning families — welcome back. We wish you all a great school year!

Karen Quinn,
Chair




Junior Report by Mary Aubie

Welcome to Campus Pre-School! I hope that by the time you get this newsletter, you and your child are both feeling comfortable at the school. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Time will be set aside for parent-teacher interviews in late January but don't wait until then to have a word on the playground. You can also give me a call at home if there are any concerns.

The play-school centers its activities on themes which change every week or two. The theme for September was "Getting to Know You." We are concentrating on learning names and school routines. Please see the **Special Events and Dates to Remember** on page four for important information. Upcoming themes for the Junior classes are as follows:

Junior Schedule of Events

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| Sept. 26-30 | All About Apples — It's harvest time and we'll be counting, tasting and singing about apples. |  |
| Oct. 3-14 | Fall Changes — The weather changes, animals prepare for winter and so do we. | |
| Oct. 10 | Thanksgiving — No school. | |
| Oct. 17-28 | Masks and Magic — A time for dressing up and let's pretend. We will be doing special Halloween activities. We will also have a very low-key "party" during class times on October 27 and 28. Please no costumes. They are difficult to play in and other children often find them frightening. | |
| Oct. 31-Nov.10 | Baths and Brushing/Sweet Dreams — We will be talking about bedtime, dreams and how hard it can be to stop playing. Also about what should happen before bed. | |
| Nov. 3 & 4 | Professional Development — We will be attending a conference titled "Permission to Play," at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis. This is an annual conference organized by the Early Childhood Education Council. No school for children. | |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day — No school. | |
| Nov. 14-25 | Eat to Grow — Not babies any more! We'll be thinking about how we've changed and how good food helps us grow. | |

Winter Dressing

Please remember to dress for the weather. We do go outside almost every day. Label outdoor clothes and boots. There are many look-a-likes and the children do not always know their own clothing. It saves us a lot of mixing and matching. Boots go in the basket in Heidi's and Dawn's room at the bottom of the stairs. All other outdoor things, (ie. coats, snow pants, mittens, hats, scarves) go in the cloth bags on your child's hook.

Please do not leave any of these clothes in your child's backpack because they are likely to be missed that way. Anyone who can come early to help with dressing will be welcomed with open arms!!

Senior Report

by Heidi Dick & Dawn Worobets

Welcome to Campus Preschool. It is wonderful to welcome back familiar faces and to meet new families. We are sure this will be another busy, fun year as we get to know all of you. If you have any ideas, skills or projects you would like to share please let us know. There will be a day in January for Parent –Teacher interviews but anytime you have concerns or questions please get in touch with us. You are welcome to call us at home or at school outside of class times.

The senior classes use themes in planning because they provide a loose framework for activities. We started the year with a theme of “Getting to Know You” with songs and games using the children’s names as they became comfortable with the routines and began to make friends. We moved on to explore colours.



Senior Schedule of Events

- Oct 3 - 7 **Fall**
 11 -14 We will explore seasonal changes, harvest time and make apple sauce.
- Oct 10 **Thanksgiving** - no school.
- Oct 17 - 31 **Halloween Fun**
 We will be doing spooky crafts, songs and games.
 We will also celebrate during class times on October 28 and October 29. Please no costumes, as they can be frightening or difficult to play in.
- Nov 1 - 18 **Fantasy / Fairytales**
 We will be reading, telling and dramatizing familiar fairy tales nursery rhymes and stories.
- Nov 3 & 4 **Professional Development**
 We will be attending a conference titled “Permission to Play,” at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis. This is an annual conference organized by the Early Childhood Education Council. No school for children.
- Nov 11 **Remembrance Day** - No School.
- Nov 21 -25 **Five Senses**
 We will do some exploring with our senses.
- Nov 28 –Dec 2 **Lights**
 We will explore this darkening time of the year and some ways of having light.

Notes

- ❖ Please remember to sign your child in and out on the attendance sheets and have her/him say goodbye.
- ❖ We use the clipboards to post notices of current information and school events. Please read them and pass information along to others in your carpool.
- ❖ We do go outside every day (almost). Please dress your child for the weather and don’t forget to put his/her name on everything – backpack, coat, sweater, snow pants, boots, mitts, hat, etc., etc.
- ❖ Thank you to parents helping to supervise on the playground. We appreciate the increased safety.
- ❖ Also, thanks to all parents for the work you do on the board and committees and your help in the classroom.

Special Events and Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving

October 11 – Statutory holiday. No school.

Halloween Magic by "Richard the Magician"

This half-hour magic show will take place in the gym on
October 24 at 10:00am & October 25 at 10:00am & 2:00pm. Parents and siblings welcome to attend
during your child's regular class time.

Professional Development

November 3 & 4 – No School for children.

Campus Pre-School Annual Silent Auction

Saturday November 19, 2011 from 7:00-10:00pm
Upper Hall - Capital Hill Community Centre

About Our Teachers

Mary Aubie I have been teaching junior classes at Campus since Sept. 2000. I enjoy it very much. My co-workers, the board, the parents and, of course, the children are all wonderful to work with.

I graduated from Mount Royal University in 1985 with a diploma in Early Childhood Education. I have several years' related pre-school experience. My husband Ray and I have two boys, Justin and Joseph, who are both graduates of Campus Pre-School. I love to read, do puzzles, walk with my dog, swim and spend quality time with family and friends.

My goal is to provide an enriching, safe and positive experience for your child with the emphasis on having FUN! I look forward to getting to know all of you throughout the year.

Heidi Dick I have been teaching four-year-olds at Campus since 1989 and I still enjoy it and learn from it every day. I have a BA in Child Development and Early Childhood Education from Pacific Oaks College in California.

Before moving to Calgary, we lived in Lethbridge for 12 years. During that time, a friend and I started a parent co-op preschool and I taught there for several years. I also was an instructor in the Early Childhood Diploma Program at Lethbridge Community College for five years. My husband and I have four children. Two of them attended Campus after we moved to Calgary. Now they have all graduated from university and I am enjoying being an Oma. I love hiking, biking and skiing in the mountains and I fill any spare time with reading.

I really value the community spirit that a parent co-operative like Campus Preschool creates. I find the connections I have made through the school continue to enrich my life both inside and outside of the classroom. I hope that this is also your experience at our school and I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Dawn Worobets After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Education, I returned to my hometown on the north coast of B.C. where I taught for several years. My favourite positions included Special Education for First Nations students in various elementary grades, Kindergarten, and grade 3. My husband and I moved our family to Calgary in 2006 where I have helped in the office of a non-profit organization and worked in a 3 and 4 year old preschool class.

My husband and I have three children. Our oldest daughter and son have both graduated from high school and our youngest daughter is in Junior High. In my free time I enjoy quilting, going for long walks, and working in my garden.

I am excited about joining Campus Preschool this year where I will teach the morning four year old class. I look forward to getting to know the children, as well as their parents, as we play and learn together throughout the year. It is my aim to provide a rich and fun learning environment where each child is valued.

Registrar' Report by Karen van Steenis (Sr.) and Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff (Jr.)

Hello and welcome to all newcomers and returning families! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we look forward to getting to know all the new faces over the next few months.

All junior and senior classes are currently full. We thank everyone for supporting Campus Preschool and spreading the word about our wonderful school to your friends, family and neighbours! If you know of anyone who is interested we do have wait lists for all classes and we can be contacted for more information.

Junior (max 16)	Senior (max 18)
T/Th am – 16	T/Th am – 18
M/W/F am – 16	M/W/F am – 18
T/Th pm – 16	T/W/Th pm – 18

Please have a look at the class lists posted in your classroom to verify all your information is correct and up-to-date. Remember to let us know if you move or change your phone number so we can keep our information current. If you have any questions or concerns, give us a call and we will be happy to help you in any way we can. . You can reach **Karen** (Senior Registrar) at senior@campuspreshcool.com , or **Gudrun** (Junior Registrar) at junior@campuspreschool.com.



SCHOOL CALENDAR



Campus Pre-School 2011-2012 school calendar:

- Oct 10** Thanksgiving Day – no school.
- Oct 24 & 25** Guest Magician at 10:00am for the morning classes and 2:00pm for the afternoon classes.
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day – no school.
- Nov 3 & 4** **Professional Development- No school for children.**
- Nov 19** Silent Auction Night (adults only).
- Dec 19&20** Christmas parties and last days of school before Christmas (TWTh class party is on Tuesday, Dec. 20). Parents should plan to attend. Parties are 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.
- Dec 21** Organizational Day – No school for children.
- Jan 9** School resumes.
- Jan 26&27** Parent-Teacher Interviews – No school for children.
- Feb 16&17** Teacher’s Convention – No school. We will attend the Preschool Teachers’ conference in January and these are lieu days.
- Feb 20** Family Day – no school.
- Mar 23** Last day of school before Spring Break.
- April 2** School resumes.
- April 6** Good Friday. No School.
- April** There will be a PD day for teachers. We will be doing the annual renewal of our CPR certification. Date to be announced.
- May 21** Victoria Day – no school.
- May 29 & 30** Field trip to Butterfield Acres.
- June 20** Year-end Picnic – all classes attend; last day of school.
- June 21&22** Organizational days – no school for children

Fundraising Report

by Sarah Anderson and Nancy Osness, Fundraising Co-Chairs

Why Fundraise?

Another preschool year is upon us and it is nice to see old and new faces. Campus Pre-School's longstanding success can be attributed to its incredible teachers, who create a rich space for our children to play and grow. It is also due to the parental involvement in the preschool. Since Campus is a co-operative, not-for-profit preschool, we run a very tight budget with little room for "extras." We rely on fundraising to cover all additional costs at the school. Such costs include:

- professional development for three teacher (conferences/workshops, licensing requirement updates, association memberships)
- general up-keep of the school (cleaning supplies, printer ink)
- the purchase of educational materials (potting soil, shaving cream, frog food etc.), new play equipment or to update toys
- subsidizing field trips, like the bus rides to the Duck Pond/Riley Park and Butterfield Acres
- providing treats and/or entertainment for the children on special occasions (gifts at Easter/Christmas, activities that involve food (making orange juice, apples to taste), the pony ride at Butterfield Acres and special guests
- teacher bonuses when the budget allows

As always, we appreciate all the support from our families in our fundraising efforts and we hope there is enough variety of fundraisers so parents can pick and choose which to support. Watch for posters on the fundraising boards in each of the classrooms, notices in your child's backpack, by email and on the Campus Pre-School website announcing our most recent fundraising activities. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, fundraising ideas or want to get more involved.

Campus Pre-School has Charitable Status!

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.** This will allow us to provide an additional fundraising source to the pre-school and will be less financially demanding on our parents. These can often be attained with little effort and prove to be very beneficial to the school's fundraising effort.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Vecova Bottle Depot Account

We now have an account at the Vecova Bottle Depot.

You can drop off recyclable donations at the Vecova 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!

Online Magazine Fundraising Store: has over 650 of the most popular magazine titles.

- Anyone in Canada can **order or renew** their magazine subscriptions any time day or night www.magfundraising.ca/CampusPreSchool
 - 37% of all online purchases will be returned to Campus Pre-School!!
- So please pass on this website to your family and friends, and with your help we are sure to reach our fundraising goal, which will help us continue to create a rich environment for our children to play and grow.

Lovable Labels: will help you get all your children's personal belongings labeled.

- Order through the online store www.CampusPreschool.lovablelabels.ca and your labels will be sent directly to your home.
- 20% of all online purchases will be returned to Campus Pre-School!!

Save the Date!

Saturday, November 19th – Campus Pre-School's **Annual Silent Auction** will be held in the hall above the Preschool.

This evening is our **MAJOR** fundraising event for the preschool and a great way to get some Christmas shopping done while sampling some delicious food. If you are able to donate an item to the silent auction please contact one of us.

Many businesses are willing to participate when asked, since it is a great advertising opportunity while donating to a great cause. Get creative! Your own professional services such as accounting, legal services, carpentry or house cleaning can be donated. Gardening, cooking, baking, homemade items or even babysitting services can also be offered.

Watch for more information on the Fundraising notice boards, via email, on the Campus website and in your children's backpacks. Hope to see everyone **Saturday, November 19th**! If you have any questions regarding any of our fundraisers, please contact **Sarah Anderson** at sarah_anderson@shaw.ca, 403-282-3511 or **Nancy Osness** at osness@telus.net or 403-249-8130.

Did you know?

Last year we raised \$1470.80 just by donating our bottles and cans to the Campus Preschool Account at the Vecova Bottle Depot? To make it easier for families to aid in this fundraising we will be collecting bottles and cans at the preschool **Thursdays and Fridays**. Please bring in your empties and we will bring them in to Vecova for you.



Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can be issued to donors who make 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 Co-Treasurers: **Naava Migneault** at naava55@hotmail.com or **Bonnie Pettit** at bpettit@tailsman_energy.com

Campus Pre-School's Illness Policy

Campus Pre-School now follows the newly amended Child Care Licensing Regulation and Family Day Home Standards Manual for Alberta. Under this amendment an ill **child will be defined as a child who:**

- is **vomiting**, has a **fever** (greater than 38 degrees Celsius without fever reducing medications), **diarrhea** or a new unexplained **rash** or **cough**;
- requires greater attention than can be provided without compromising the care of other children in the program;
- displays any other illness or symptoms that staff members knows or believes may indicate that a child poses a health risk to other children, caregivers or staff.

For more information please click on the link below, talk to your child's teacher or the Chair of the Board, Karen Quinn.

http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/documents/childcare/pdf_Info_Parents_using_regulated_child_care.pdf

Preparing for Parent Help

By Jennafer Jones, Chair of Committees

Welcome to Parent Help at Campus Pre-School! As you may have already discovered, Parent Help days are an excellent opportunity to see your child at play while also getting to know other children at the preschool. Your role as a parent helper is critical. A parent must be in class every day to ensure Campus Pre-School meets Social Services' requirements

for the correct adult-child ratio. In other words, *we couldn't run our classes without you!*

Parent Help schedules are developed by volunteers. We appreciate the role these volunteers play in ensuring things run smoothly. Parent Help schedulers will develop calendars a month at a time and post them at the preschool two weeks before the start of the month (e.g. November schedules should be posted by October 18). Copies of the calendars are also sent to you via e-mail or in your child's backpack if you request. The calendars provide all parents' phone numbers, any allergies or food restrictions in the class, prohibited foods, and the phone numbers for your parent help scheduler and the Vice-Chair of the Board. If you are unable to attend on your scheduled day, use the phone numbers on your calendar to try and find another parent who can switch with or replace you. If you are unable to find a replacement on your own or with the help of your parent help scheduler, contact the Vice-Chair.

All parents are encouraged to get involved in scheduling. If you would like to be at school on a particular day (e.g. your child's birthday), or if you would like to select days before the schedule is posted, contact your parent help scheduler in advance to arrange it. Also, please remember to fill out your Parent Helper form — this helps the scheduler know which days you can or cannot volunteer.

On your parent help day, arrive at the scheduled time and take the first few minutes to prepare your snack. Remember that Social Services requires that all fruit and vegetables be washed and cut in the preschool kitchen. As well, please make sure that any other food preparation is done at the school (e.g. cheese cutting). Baked goods from home are fine to bring in, keeping in mind that no nuts of any kind may be used. Please read the ingredient list on packaged food carefully to avoid bringing in anything that contains (or may contain) nut products. Don't worry about what to bring — your best bet is to bring in a simple snack that is nutritious and liked by your own child. Remember that this is a "snack," not "lunch"! Note that water will be provided as the beverage.

Enjoy the time with your child and the class! I guarantee that you'll go home happy and exhausted!

Committees

Thank you to all for your patience while the volunteer committees were put together this year. Please contact **Jennafer Jones** at jenjones007@yahoo.com if you have any questions or concerns. Also the teachers, Board members for your committee and the chairs are all great resources. Your required participation on a committee is an integral part of our preschool. The willingness and enthusiasm of our parents is an important reason why our program is successful and rewarding for everyone here at Campus Pre-School. Our parent commitment and effort is greatly appreciated.

Play dough

3 cups flour	3 cups water
3/4 cup salt	6 Tbsp vegetable oil
6 tsp cream of tartar	food colouring, sprinkles, Kool-Aid



Measure exactly. Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Mix well. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly until a ball forms (**DO NOT OVERCOOK**).

Knead dough on lightly floured surface until cool. Place in an airtight container and store in fridge for up to 6 weeks. If it's too oily, knead in more flour or use only 4 Tbsp of vegetable oil next time.

Campus Preschool Newsletters

In an effort go green and decrease the amount of paper coming home, Campus Preschool newsletter will be available through our website. The newsletter is published 5 times per year October, December, February, April and June and will only be available online <http://www.campuspreschool.com> under the **NEWS** heading.

If you **do not have** an email account, a copy of the school newsletter can be sent home. Please ask your child's teacher for a printed copy. Please remember to email us at info@campuspreschool.com if your e-mail address changes during the year.

Child Care Subsidy Program

Alberta Children's Services provides several child care subsidy programs to assist eligible families with costs. Grants are available for Campus Pre-School students who qualify under the **Stay-at-Home Subsidy Program**. For more information about the subsidy, pick up a brochure at the school, phone the local Child Care Subsidy Office at 297-6100, or visit the website at www.calgaryandareacfsa.gov.ab.ca. For more information you can also contact Sarah Dick, Vice Chair at sarah.dick@mail.mcgill.ca.



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