



# Campus News

Campus Pre-School Association Newsletter  
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## Chairperson's Message

This has been a busy fall at Campus Pre-School. We appreciate your support and patience during the recent asbestos removal from the gym, and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the renovations being completed in the new year — the sooner the better!

Now that a few months have gone by, it's great to see all the children settling into their routines, making new friends and having fun on the playground. We hope everyone is enjoying their preschool experience. If you haven't already, please consider voting for Campus Pre-School in Calgary's Child magazine's annual Parent Choice Awards. Campus has been named one of the city's best preschools in recent years, and although those of us at the school already know how special it is, the publicity helps attract new families. We are lucky to have a preschool that recognizes the value of a play-based approach to learning, has enthusiastic and experienced teachers, and gives our children the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. We still have spaces available in some classes this year, so please help us spread the word.

We'd like to give a HUGE thank you to our Fundraising Chairs (Lisa Schaffer and Diane Graca) and their committees for some great fundraising initiatives in the last two months. Thanks also go to Nicole Ely-Joshi, one of our talented parents, who provided family photo sessions and donated the sitting fee to the school.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the annual Silent Auction, and it takes everybody's help to make it a success — from those who contribute, to those who attend, to the volunteer committee that puts in hours of effort behind the scenes. It was a challenge this year, due to the change in location and the state of the economy, but with an enormous amount of hard work, Silent Auction Committee chair Colomba Soluri and her hardworking team pulled off a fantastic event. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Fundraising enables us to make some wishes come true for Mary, Heidi and Sandra. They are able to purchase things for the school that enhance their programs and benefit our children, and to provide special events, such as the trip to Butterfield Acres in the spring. Thank you again to all of our families for helping to make our fundraising events so successful.

As you will have noticed, this month is the first time we are emailing our newsletter. A copy will also be posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the school. Please let your registrar know if your email address changes. Finally, a reminder to parents that some board positions will become available in February. If you are interested, please talk to a board member (contact information is on the last page of this newsletter).

Happy Holidays!  
Maureen McNamee, Chair


Seasons  
Greetings

## Junior Report

by Mary Aubie

### Junior schedule of events

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

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| Nov. 30-Dec.4     | <b>Five Senses</b> – Exploring the winter world with our five senses. Do you have anything interesting for us to see, taste, touch, smell or feel?          |  |
| Dec 7-14          | <b>Lots of Light</b> – This is the dark time of year. We'll be talking about stars, firelight, lanterns, Christmas lights and candles.                      |   |
| Dec 15-16         | <b>Christmas Celebrations and Parties</b> – Tues. am & pm classes, Weds. am only. See the details below. Please note <u>changes</u> in class <u>times</u> ! |   |
| Dec 17            | <b>Organizational Day</b> – No school for children.   |   |
| Jan. 4-15         | <b>Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales</b> – We will be playing and acting out all the favourites.   |   |
| Jan 18-Feb 1      | <b>Winter Fun</b> – We will explore all the joys and activities of this time of year.   |   |
| <b>Jan. 25-26</b> | Parent/Teacher Interviews – <b>No school for children</b>   |   |

### Christmas Party

**December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is welcome to attend Campus Pre-School Christmas parties, including siblings and grandparents. Naturally, parents are to accompany their children. For the first half-hour there will be seasonal art activities. Then we will join Heidi and Sandra's class in the gym for songs and a play put on by us, "**the teachers.**" Following the play we will finish with Christmas snacks in the classroom. Please watch for sign-up sheets for Christmas goodie contributions.

### Party schedule

*(Please note time change – morning classes come later and afternoon classes leave early)*

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|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Dec 15</b> | <b>10 - 11:30</b>  | (T/Th am class)  |
| <b>Dec 15</b> | <b>1:00 - 2:30</b> | (T/Th pm class)  |
| <b>Dec 16</b> | <b>10 - 11:30</b>  | (M/W/F am class) |

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

...to those of you who have conscientiously labeled all outdoor clothing!  
 ...to those who come early and help with dressing and playground supervision - we love you!  
 ...to all of you for your efforts on the board, on committees, and helping out in the classroom.  
 ...to all of you for sharing your entertaining and wonder-full children. We learn something new from them every day.

*We hope everyone has a relaxing and joyful holiday season. See you in the New Year!*

- Mary

## Alberta Child Care Subsidy

Alberta Children and Youth Services provides financial assistance to eligible low- and middle-income families using licensed pre-schools. You can find more information and apply at the Alberta government web site at [www.child.alberta.ca/home/1153.cfm](http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/1153.cfm) or follow the link from [www.campuspreschool.com](http://www.campuspreschool.com). If you need an application form you can pick one up from Mary.

## Senior Report by Heidi Dick and Sandra Jensen

### Senior schedule of events

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

Nov. 30- Dec 4 **Lights and Festivals**

Dec. 7 – 11 As we are back to the darkest time of the year, we will be exploring light We will be focusing especially on Christmas and enjoying Christmas songs. If you have any special family traditions or customs you would like to share with us, please let us know. We will be making candles in class and will need an extra parent to help. Please watch for a note on the clipboard.

Dec 15 **Christmas Party** (see note)\

am & pm Please note times: 10:00 – 11:30 am and 1:00 – 2:30 pm These are the last classes until January 4<sup>th</sup>

Dec 16, **Christmas Party** (see note)

am only Please note time: 10:00 – 11:30 This is the last class until January 4th

Dec 17 **Organizational Day** No school for children

Jan 4- 8 **Winter Fun**

11 – 15 We will be enjoying winter activities as much as we can.

Jan 13-14 **Class Pictures** - children have regular school

Jan 18–22 **Beach Days!** Tune up your imagination! We will be escaping the cold for some warmer fun

Jan 25-26 **Parent Teacher Interviews** – no school for the children.

Watch for a sign – up sheet on the clipboards.

Jan 25-29 **Puppets** – We will make some different kinds and try them out

### Christmas Party

**December 15 10-11:30** (T/Th am class)

**1:00-2:30** (T/W/Th pm class)

**December 16 10-11:30** (MWF am class)

The Christmas party is a family affair, so please plan to accompany your child. Siblings, grandparents, etc. are also welcome. We will do seasonal crafts for the first half hour, and then we will join the junior class in the gym for songs and our annual teachers' play. We will finish with snacks in the classroom. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for party refreshments.

*This is the last class before the Christmas break so we would like to wish everyone a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year. Heidi and Sandra*

### Winter Dressing

Getting 18 four-year-olds dressed for enjoying the snow is a challenge. We have learned a few things that help make winter gear more manageable:

1. Label EVERYTHING!
2. Hang snow pants on your child's hook, not in the backpack.
3. Place your child's mittens in the top of their boots or their coat sleeve and their hat in a coat sleeve.
4. Place snow pants and coats on hooks and then backpacks on top.

It is much easier to get art work in the backpack and everything does not come out when they are looking or their mitts or snowpants. Thanks for your help and remember, if you are early, come on in and help us dress — just knock on the door when we finish the story. We really appreciate it!

## NOTES AND DATES

### Parent Teacher Interviews

On January 25 and 26 we will be having Parent Teacher interviews. This is a chance for you to talk with your child's teacher about any concerns you may have. There will be a sign-up sheet on the clipboards the week before that and if you want to have an interview you may sign up in a time slot during your child's regular class time. There will be no school for the children on those days. If that day does not work for you but you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please speak to us and we will arrange another time.

### Class Pictures

We have a class picture taken of each class and make them available to parents to buy if they wish. We will be doing this in the second half of January during regular class time. The dates for class pictures this year are:

MWF am Jr. and Sr. classes: Wednesday, Jan 13

TTh am Jr. and Sr. classes: Tuesday, Jan 14

TTh pm Jr. class: Tuesday, Jan 14

### Snacks

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of bringing a nutritious snack for the children on your parent-help day. Snacks are part of a child's total daily nutrition, so keep that in mind as you plan what to bring. We want to be developing good eating habits. Consider fruit, vegetables, crackers, cheese, muffins, bagels, yogurt, etc. Please try to keep the sweets for special birthday snacks. Also remember to consider the allergies in your child's class. These are written on the Parent Help Schedule that you receive and are posted in the classroom.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec.15-16** Christmas parties and last days of school before Christmas (TWTh class party is on Tuesday, Dec. 15). Parents should plan to attend. Parties are 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17** Organizational Day – no school for children.
- Jan. 4** School starts.
- Jan. 13-14** Class Pictures
- Jan. 25-26** Parent-Teacher Interviews – no school for children.
- Feb. 11-12** Teacher's Convention – no school. We will attend the Preschool Teachers' conference in January and these are lieu days.
- Feb. 15** Family Day – no school.
- Mar. 26** Last day of school before Spring Break.
- April 6** School resumes.
- 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** There will be a PD day for the teachers. Date to be announced. This will be a lieu day for a conference we are attending on October 24<sup>th</sup> dealing with brain development and laughter yoga.
- May 24** Victoria Day – no school.
- June 2-3** Field trip to Butterfield Acres.
- June 21** Year-end Picnic – all classes attend; last day of school.
- June 22- 3** Organizational days – no school for children

## Annual ski lessons at Calgary Olympic Park

A great chance to get your little ones started early! Ski and Snowboard lessons are being offered at Canada Olympic Park in three groups this year: **December 7, 9, and 11 (9:15 – 10:15 am)**, **February 5, 8, and 10 (1:15 – 2:15 pm)** and **March 1, 3 and 5 (12:00 – 1:00 pm)**. The cost of the lesson, including lift ticket, is \$20 each day. Rentals of ski and snowboard equipment are available for \$10. Please note: These are unparented lessons — there is an observation area available. Parents are responsible for bringing their child to COP and getting them dressed and geared up for the lessons.

Sign-up sheets are available at the pre-school. **Deadlines** for registration are **Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** for group 1, **Jan 20<sup>th</sup>** for group 2, and **Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** for group 3. A minimum of 8 children is required for the lessons to take place with a maximum of 20 children per group. Please contact Stacey Sutton (MWF Sr) with any further questions about this event @ [staceysutton@shaw.ca](mailto:staceysutton@shaw.ca) or (403-217-2164) Happy Winter!

## Registrars' Report

by **Liz Hale Boyes (Jr.) and Claudia Cull (Sr.)**

Welcome to our new families that have joined since our last newsletter! New class lists will be available from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to reflect the changes. Currently we have spots available in both the junior and senior classes as outlined below. Spread the word about our fabulous school! Should you have friends or family interested in Campus Pre-School, please have them contact a registrar for more information.

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 Claudia (Senior Registrar) at [senior@campuspreshcool.com](mailto:senior@campuspreshcool.com) , or Liz (Junior Registrar) at [junior@campuspreschool.com](mailto:junior@campuspreschool.com).

We wish you happy and safe holidays and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Junior (max 16)	Senior (max 18)
T/Th am – 16	T/Th am – 17
M/W/F am – 15	M/W/F am – 15
T/Th pm – 14	T/W/Th pm – 15

## Report from Fundraising

by **Lisa Schaffer and Diane Graca, Co-Chairs**

In our co-operative environment fundraising is one of the keys to our success as a top-notch pre-school. It seems there has been a new fundraiser every month (and there was!), but this is the busiest time of the year in the fundraising world. Things will slow down now and we don't have any plans until our spring Plantation Garden Centre fundraiser. As always, we appreciate all the support from our families in our fundraising efforts and we hope there is enough of a variety of fundraisers so parents can pick and choose which to support. We are happy to hear from you with any suggestions, comments or concerns.

## Family Portraits

On behalf of the committee, thank you to all the families who helped make our Family Portrait Fundraiser another successful event! A big **thank you** goes out to Nicole Joshi for opening her studio to us. Her hard work and dedication to Campus Pre-School, not only as a parent at the school, but also as our photographer this year, has gone above and beyond our expectations. Thank you Nicole, you made this a great experience for the whole family and we have fantastic photos to prove it!

### Online Fundraisers

Lovable Labels & Magazines Orders will be available to order all year around. So continue to tell your friends and family to use our websites to order through so Campus reaps the benefits. Both these online fundraisers have proved to be very popular thanks to everyone who has ordered through them and passed them on.

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

### Christmas Wreaths

Thank you to all our families who supported our Christmas wreath sale. We hope you enjoy your fragrant wreaths throughout the holiday season and for the rest of the winter.

*Thanks again for your support and have a great Christmas holiday!*



### Silent Auction Evening Dancing Through the Decades Another tremendous success!

The ninth annual Silent Auction evening was another great success. It was a wonderful evening of food, drinks, musical entertainment and lots of great auction deals! The total amount of money raised is still being determined, but we will keep you updated. Thank you to everyone who donated and shopped till they dropped. Your participation helped to make this year's auction another fantastic evening out.

A special thanks goes out to the Downstairs Band, who performed wonderful jazz music for us again this year. We also are very appreciative of Springbank Cheese for once again contributing to this event.

Thank you to the Extracurricular Committee, Jackie Pearson, Stacy Sutton, Kim Brown, Flora Vrana, Nicole Jurek MacNeil, Susan Worthington and Teresa Daffern, for looking after the food for the event and ensuring we all had something to nibble on while bidding on items, socializing and listening to the wonderful music of the band.

This auction would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Silent Auction Committee. Colomba Soluri did an amazing job chairing the committee, which included Kristi Santosham, Lisa Worthington, Colleen Holm, Sonia Basati, Roisin McCormick, Maggie Renaud-Young, Lara Olsen, Pablo Policzer, Annalise Coles, Indira Caro, Trisha Upton, Carey Boyarski, Jamie Sanderson and Shey Thawer. Thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm, commitment and dedication.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to secure an item donation for the auction. Our parents' commitment, participation and efforts are greatly appreciated. You have made our Silent Auction, and Campus Pre-School's major fundraising event, another fun and successful evening!

And last but not least, thanks to all the donors and sponsors to our Silent Auction - your contribution is much appreciated. Please see the list of donors and sponsors at the end of the newsletter.

If you have any comments about the event, please contact us by email or leave a note with your child's teacher. We want to be able to continue to offer worthwhile experiences for our families, and need your feedback to do so.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the donors and sponsors to our Silent Auction event — your contribution was much appreciated. These businesses support us, so let's support them.

Adrian and Rosanna	Costco	Mango Macaw Painting
Agat Laboratores	Crave Cupcakes	Margaret Clow
AJ Tailoring	Cross Iron Mills	Mariter Posadas
Alliance Pipeline	David Higginbottom	Maxine Walroth
Allissa Ho	Deerfoot Inn & Casino	Mi Tierra - Mexican
Amanda Davis	Denielle Cattoni	Restaurant
Amber Pendergast	Denny's	Michelle Colleton
Amin & Shey Thawer	Diane & John Graca	Michelle Sledz
Amparo Foster - Royal	Dr. Barbara Chipeur Family	Nicole & Clayton MacNeil
Lapage	Dentistry	Nicole Ely-Joshi
Andie Shaffer	Dr. Patricia Hort/Lifestyles	Photography
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Anna Martin	Eidelweiss Imports	Ouellet Family
Annalise Coles	Elizabeth Underwood	Pat and Gary Cull
Avis Riva (grandmother)	Ernst & Young LLP	Peter's Drive Inn
Babes in arms	Fast Forward Weekly	Petricia Hamilton
Barbara Pigott	Fisher Scientific	Plantations Garden Centre
Bark Mulch Depot	Flora Vrana	Rahim Merali/Good Earth
Beaners	Francesphoto - Christina	Cafe RGH
Bernard Pigott	Robinson	Regis Hairstylist Market Mall
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Clinic	Irene Jackson	Salsa Babies
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Brown Family	Jane Webb	Samantha & Emily Jensen
Bugs and Blossoms	Jeanie Reimer	Samuel Estrada-Caro's Aunt
Cactus Club Cafe	Jeniffer Morash King	San Ma
Camaiah Design	Jersey City	Sandra Jensen
Campus Pre-School Board	Kim Ade	Sandra Perron
Capitol Hill Gourmet Club	Kristi Mardyn	Schanks North
Chatters Market Mall	Kristie Billard	Schlumberger
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Callebaut	Lina's Italian Market	Shakers Fun Center
Chris Altmeyer	Lisa Schaffer	Shannon Williams
City Core Developments	Little Wonders	Shanta Harmon
CityLife Financial	Livingstone and Cavell	Shawna Schebesch
Claudia Cull	Extraordinary Toys	Soluri Family
Coffe&Scream	Look Family	STANTEC
Colleen Holm	Lorelli Nowell	Starbucks
Community Natural Foods	Love Puff Industries	Suncor
CO-OP Calgary	Incorporated	Tabia MacDonald
Corrine Ferguson	Mai Lee	

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Being  
The Lee Family

Theatre Calgary  
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### Campus Preschool E-Newsletters

In an effort to save paper and decrease the amount of paper coming home, Campus Preschool newsletter emailed to all parents and available online at <http://www.campuspreschool.com>. The newsletter is published 5 times per year October, December, February, April and June and will only be available online.

If you **DO NOT HAVE** an email account, a copy of the school newsletter can be sent home. Please fill out the form below and send it back to the school. Please remember to contact us if your e-mail address changes during the year.

**I do not have an email account and I wish to have a copy of the newsletter sent home with my child:**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_