



Campus News

Campus Pre-School Association Newsletter
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February/March 2010

Chairperson's Message

With 2010 in full swing, it's hard to believe we are now halfway through this school year and preparing for the next! Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is right around the corner. **All current and former families of Campus Pre-School may register on Wednesday, March 3 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** You are *strongly* encouraged to attend the March 3 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 10 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.

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.

Also, please be aware that we have increased our fees for the 2010-2011 school year to \$90 for the two-day program and \$130 for the three-day program in order to cover increased operational costs. Last year, the board voted to increase paid prep time for teachers so it better reflects the actual time they put in before and after classes. We recognize that we have some of the best teachers in the city and we want to ensure they are reimbursed fairly. The fee increase will also help cover expenses in years when enrolment is lower due to the economy, such as the current year. Accessibility remains a priority for the teachers and the board — in comparison to other co-operative preschools in the northwest, the fees at Campus continue to be among the most affordable.

You may have noticed that there are new 2-hour parking signs on the street in front of the school. The community association requested the new parking zone to free up space for parents dropping off and picking up kids from the school, as well as for community members visiting the hall. So far, it seems to be working!

We are still anxiously awaiting completion of the upstairs hall and appreciate your patience. We are hoping it will be ready for the annual Family Social event, which will take place in late February or early March — please watch for details about this fun family event in weeks to come.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at the Pre-School. We will be nominating and voting in board members for the following positions: **Chairperson, Chair of Committees, Junior Registrar, Senior Registrar and Fundraising Chairperson(s)**. Nominations for the remaining board positions will occur in May. If you are interested in being on the board, please let your teacher or one of the board members know. 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. 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!

Sincerely,
Maureen McNamee,
Chairperson

Junior Report

by Mary Aubie

Junior schedule of events

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

- Feb. 1-10 **Friends and Feelings** – In combination with Valentine’s Day, we will talk about our friends and explore the emotions.
- Feb. 11-12 **Teachers’ Convention** – No school. We attended the Calgary Preschool Teachers’ Convention on Saturday, January 23.
- Feb. 15 **Family Day** – No school.
- Feb. 16-26 **Animal Friends** – A celebration of our fuzzy, furry friends, both real and stuffed! Do you have a pet that could visit the school?
- March 1-12 **Music-making** – We will be making and exploring lots of musical instruments. If anyone has an instrument they could demonstrate, we would be an appreciative audience.
- March 15-19 **Leprechauns and Shamrocks** – We’ll search for the elusive pot o’ gold and have fun with the color green.
- March 22-26 **Bunnies and Chicks** - We’ll have some fun in anticipation of the Easter Bunny and his pals.
- March 27-Apr.5 **Spring Break** – No school.



Special Events and Dates to Remember

Valentine's Day Fun

Feb. 9 & 10 – 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. 11 & 12 – No school. These are lieu days for the convention we attended in January.

Family Day

Feb. 15 – No school.

Stuffed Animal Pet Show

Feb. 25 & 26– Please send along a furry friend to join in the fun.

Spring Break

March 26 – Last day of school before Spring Break. Classes resume April 6.

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



Senior Report

by Heidi Dick & Sandra Jensen

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

Feb 1-12	<p>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 9th(a.m. class) and 10th (both classes). 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.</p>
Feb 11-12	<p>Teachers' Convention – No school. This is a lieu day. We attended a Convention in November.</p>
Feb 15	<p>Family Day – No school.</p>
Feb 16-19	<p>Celebrating Families Please send a small picture of your child as an infant for a "Guess Who" game. These pictures will be returned.</p>
Feb 22 – Mar 12	<p>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.</p>
Mar 15-19	<p>Teddy Bear's Picnic We will have some fun with our cuddly friends.</p>
Mar. 22-26	<p>Bunnies and Chicks We will be exploring seasonal changes and having fun with new spring creatures.</p>
Mar. 29- April 5	<p>Spring Break – No school. Classes resume on April 6.</p>

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



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Report from Fundraising

by Lisa Schaffer and Diane Graca, Co-Chairs

Why Fundraise at Campus Pre-School

We have been asked why fundraising is necessary for the pre-school. While the pre-school is a not-for-profit entity, our operating revenues just cover our operating costs. We rely on fundraising to cover all additional costs at the school. Such costs include:

- the purchase new play equipment, educational materials or to update toys
- subsidizing field trips
- professional development for our teachers
- general up-keep of the school
- providing treats and/or entertainment for the children on special occasions
- teacher bonuses when the budget allows

We also have a “rainy day” reserve fund in place where any excess funds raised are saved as a precautionary measure to cover any unforeseen costs that we may incur. As always, we appreciate the support from our families in our fundraising efforts.

2010 Parent Survey

At Campus Pre-School our teachers and board members do their best to provide a high quality pre-school experience for your children. We seek and value your opinion and input. This year in the **2010 Parent Survey** we have included four short fundraising questions along with the usual four general satisfaction questions. A paper version of the **2010 Parent Survey** will be sent home in your child’s backpack in early April. We are also offering an online version of the **2010 Parent Survey** for those who would prefer this mode.

Please use which ever survey method you are comfortable with (paper or online) and be assured the online survey does not retain your IP address and all answers will remain completely anonymous.

Note: If you wish a teacher or Board member to respond to you personally, please use the paper format and sign your survey.

You may complete the **2010 Parent Survey** online any time between April 1st and April 23rd by following this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PSQ3VTY>

Ongoing Fundraisers

Lovable Labels & Magazines Orders will continue to 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.

www.magfundraising.ca/CampusPreSchool

www.campuspreschool.lovablelabels.ca

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Alas, we have more sponsors to thank for our Silent Auction event — your contribution was much appreciated and helped make our event a great success.

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 Adrian and Rosanna
 Audrey Young: Sew for You
 Calgary Police Service
 Chuck E Cheese's
 Cineplex Odeon Sunridge Spectrum
 Deanna Cooley
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 Heidi Rhodes Burton
 Jana Webb
 Jane Carter
 M&M Meats
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 Pat Cooper
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 Relax Cafe
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Thanks again for your support

Notes and Dates

Campus Pre-School Calendar



Mark the following important dates in your calendar:

- Feb 11/12** Teacher's Convention – no school
(we attended 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 starts
- Apr 29/30** PD day for the teachers — no school
(this is a lieu day for our annual renewal of our CPR certification)
- May 21/25** PD day for the teachers – no school
(this is a lieu day for a conference we attended in October in Chestermere)
- 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 22/23** Organizational days – no school

Registrars' Report

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

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you had a great holiday.

Feel free to let your friends and neighbours know that we have openings in the following classes: three spots in each of the Senior classes (MWF am, TR am and TWR pm). The Junior classes currently have two spots available in the MWF am class.

If you know of anyone interested in attending these classes, please have them contact Claudia Cull for Senior registrations at senior@campuspreschool.com or Liz Hale-Boyes for Junior registrations at junior@campuspreschool.com. We will be taking registrations for this year up until April 1st.

Registration for current and alumni Campus families for next year will start on Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the preschool. New family registration will take place on Wednesday, March 10th, 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.

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

Campus Pre-School Registration 2010-2011

Campus Pre-School Alumni

Wednesday March 3, 2010
6:30-8:00 pm

General Public

Wednesday March 10, 2010
6:30-8:00 pm



CAMPUS BOARD MEMBERS

Position	Name	Email	Children at Campus
Chairperson	Maureen McNamee	ianandmo@shaw.ca	Jared, T/Th am Jr
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Campus News is published five times a year. We welcome submissions on disc or by email by the 15th of September, November, January, March and May to Leslie Allen at: leslieja@hotmail.com

CAMPUS PRESCHOOL E-NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to save paper, Campus Preschool newsletter is now 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.

If you prefer, a printed 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 wish to have a copy of the newsletter sent home with my child:

Student Name: _____ **Teacher:** _____