



Campus News

Campus Pre-School Association Newsletter
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Chairperson's Message

The school year has flown by — it's hard to believe its June already! In the final few weeks of school before summer vacation, our little ones can look forward to a trip to Butterfield Acres (June 2 and 3), a night at the movies with their pajama-clad buddies (June 9), and a Year-End Picnic with all classes there to mix and mingle (June 21). See the teacher reports and school calendar for details.

Campus Preschool recently received the good news that we are now a registered charity. This new status will enable us to access new forms of fund raising that we have not be able to utilize in the past. Thanks goes out to Mei-Lynn Freeman for taking on the huge task of applying for charitable status.

Also, a reminder that as the leaves start to come out on the trees and bushes in the playground, it becomes more difficult to see the children. For those who come a bit early to help with supervision, your assistance is appreciated.

The Campus Preschool Board held its final General Meeting of this school year on May 5 and welcomed three new members: Sarah Dick (Vice-Chair) Rhiannon Carter (Communications Co-ordinator) and Sarah Anderson (Secretary). The Board would like to extend a huge "thank you" to retiring board members Leslie Allen, and Mai Luu for their contributions to Campus Pre-School. We will miss you!

The next General Meeting and Orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Please refer to your orientation package (mailed in August) to confirm the details of this important meeting, where you will receive information regarding your child's upcoming school year.

If you have any questions or concerns over the summer months, please don't hesitate to contact one of the registrars, Jennifer King (Junior) and Claudia Cull (Senior), or myself. Please refer to the contact information on the last page of this newsletter. You may also visit our website at www.campuspreschool.com for information regarding our teachers, parent help, upcoming activities, and how to contact us.

We hope you have a wonderful summer, and wish good luck to our graduating Campus Pre-Schoolers as they embark on new adventures in kindergarten! On behalf of Campus Pre-School,

we would like to thank all of you for the time and energy you invested in your parent help days and committee assignments — it's been a truly co-operative effort!

Carolyn Blasetti,
Chair

Response to Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our annual parent survey. The kind words and thoughts were much appreciated. Our children are lucky to be at Campus Pre-School for their first educational experience. The survey was also helpful for the Board and teachers to get a sense of the issues that are concerning parents. The Board would like to address a few of the issues expressed by parents.

Volunteer Commitment

The cooperative philosophy of Campus Pre-School is an important feature of the school since the school's early beginning in 1966. Being involved in a cooperative program means each family contributes to the daily operation and administration of the preschool. Parents volunteer for the Board of Directors, committees, fundraising and volunteer as daily parent helpers assisting the teachers in the classroom. Without the hands on contribution of our parents and families there would be no Campus Pre-School.

Board of Directors

Board meetings are open to all parents and if you want to know more about how decisions are being made at Campus Pre-School you are welcome to attend. Board meeting minutes are also posted on the bulletin board in the front entrance. Please feel free to address any of your concerns to board members or teachers, contact information can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Snack

The program at Campus Pre-School is meant to be inclusive to all children. This includes snack time, which is a wonderful opportunity for a child to bring and share something special with all their classmates. Only in extreme cases of food allergies or interactions is it necessary for a student to bring their own snack. The best resource about food allergies are the parents of the child with allergies and you should feel welcome to address your questions and concerns to these parents. If you have a concern during your parent help day double check with the teacher before distributing the snack. We will also be posting allergy free recipes and suggestions on our website. If anyone has any suggestions or recipes please send them to the Communications Coordinator, Rhiannon Carter at carterrhiannon@gmail.com.

Some of the benefits of being involved in a cooperative preschool are:

- *Lower tuition*
- *Staff retention – our staff like working in a cooperative atmosphere*
- *You can observe how your child learns and interacts with his/her peers*
- *Seeing teachers in action provides ideas on how to help your child through typical pre-school challenges*
- *Connect with other families in the community and share ideas about parenting or*

Junior Report

By Mary

Junior schedule of events

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

- May 26 – June 4 **Fun on the Farm** — A look at the farm and all the animals that live there.
- June 7 - 18 **All the Things that Summer Brings** — It's all happening: holidays, camping and beaches. Does life get any better?!!
- June 21 **Year End Picnic** — See note below.
- June 22, 23 **Organizational Days** — No school for the children.

Special Events and Dates to Remember

Pajamas and Popcorn

Wednesday, June 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Come in your PJs for movies and treats! (Don't forget your favourite Teddy). All children must be accompanied, so this may be a good chance for the "other" parent to come to school.

Year End Picnic

Monday, June 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., rain or shine.

All classes come together for this Grande Finale! We meet by the wading pool in Bowness Park (west end) for a picnic and fun. This is a family event so everyone is welcome! Please bring your picnic lunch, beverages, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, hat, balls, Frisbees, blanket to sit on and lots of smiles. Come when it is convenient for you.

Good-bye, Good-bye!

It has been another year of growing, changing and making new friends, of challenges and adventures. Thanks for all your support and co-operation. Happy Summer!!

— Mary

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for Jan-June 2010 semester backpacks before the end of the month. Please take a moment to check for your receipts. Thanks!

-Wendy Trimble, Treasurer

Senior Report

Senior schedule of events

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

May 26-28 Farm Friends

May 31-June 4 We will be going on our trip to Butterfield Acres on June 2 and 3 in the mornings. See April/ May newsletter for the details. Permission forms have gone out to all the children.

June 7 – 11 Summer Fun

June 14 – 18 Camping, picnics, kites, and more! We will be having warm weather fun as much as we can. Be sure you slather on the sunscreen before school. Don't forget your hat! We will be outside more than we have been, weather permitting.

June 21 Year End Picnic - see note below

June 22, 23 Organizational days. No school for children.

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Thank you and Goodbye

This has been another busy, wonderful year that has flown by. We appreciate all your support and help. We have enjoyed getting to know all of you and thank you for letting us be a part of your child's life. Best wishes for a great summer and a new adventure at "Big School" in the fall. Do drop in and say "hi" if you are in the neighborhood.

— Heidi and Sandra

NOTES AND DATES

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Mark the following important dates in your calendar.

June 9	Pajama Party
June 21	Year-end Picnic – all classes attend; last day of school (at Bowness Park).
June 22&23	Organizational Days – no school

Registrars' Report

by Jennifer King (Jr) and Claudia Cull (Sr)
2010/2011 Fall Registration Status

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 – 13	T/W/Th pm – 18

Fall Registration - 2010-2011

Two of our junior classes are full for the fall, with waiting lists; but space is available in the Tues/Thurs afternoon class. Our senior classes are full. If you know anyone who would like to join our great school, they can call the **Jr. Registrar, Jennifer King at 403-284-0724** or the **Sr. Registrar, Claudia Cull at 403-289-9128**. You can also invite them to visit (before school ends) or give them a brochure.

We are now beginning our preparation for the August mail-out. Please remember your registrars need to be made aware of any changes of address and phone numbers.

Thanks everyone and have a great summer. See you in September.

Fundraising Report

by Lisa Schaffer & Diane Graca

First, we would like to thank all the families and friends who participated in our fundraising efforts this past year. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we had

another great year. Even though we raised just under \$13,000, which exceeded our goal of \$10,000, our efforts were not enough to help balance out the financial shortfall this year due to the yearlong low enrollment. When enrollment revenues can't cover the pre-school's cost, the Fundraising Chairs must continue their efforts beyond the set goal and planned fundraisers. Hence, the Bottle Drive this year (more on that below).

Why is fundraising so important at Campus Pre-School?

We have been asked why fundraising is necessary for the pre-school and how the money raised is used. While the pre-school is a not-for-profit entity, our operating revenues usually just cover our operating costs. Campus Pre-School relies 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, new play equipment and new toys)
- subsidizing field trips (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 like the magician when available
- 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.

However, as mentioned above, in years of low enrollment when a deficient occurs, all fundraising goes towards balancing out the financial year. During these low financial times,

the Teachers and the Board of Directors cut back where ever possible without impacting the educational environment that Campus is so proud to provide, and without dipping into the reserve fund if possible.

On a much more positive note, we **have just received charitable status!!** This will assist our fundraising environment immensely, but we will still need to fundraise. Having charitable status will allow us to receive corporate donations more easily, which we hope, means our efforts will be much less financially demanding on the parents at Campus Pre-School.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Teachers or the Chair of the Board, Carolyn Blasetti, who would be more than happy to provide any further explanations.

Bottle Drive 2010



Doug Schaffer & John Graca at the end of the day with Campus Pre-School's bottle collection

Diane and I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the parent volunteers who generously offered their time to help us with our spur-of-the-moment Bottle Drive Fundraiser. We would also like to thank everyone who generously donated their collection of recyclables to the Campus cause. We are proud to announce this fundraiser was extremely successful and we think our final tally will be over \$1000!! The final amount will be posted on the fundraising board when the depot is finished sorting. Since this was such a success, this fundraiser will be

added to the fundraising agenda replacing many of our smaller, less profitable fundraisers.

For those returning next year, our fundraising target and finalized time line will be included in the welcome packages sent out in August. We hope this helps improve communication with our families and provide a clear idea of the fundraising agenda for 2010/2011.

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

As always, we appreciate all the support from our families in our fundraising efforts and we hope

**VRRI
Bottle Depot Account**

We now have an account at the VRRI Bottle Depot.

You can drop off recyclable donations at the VRRI 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!

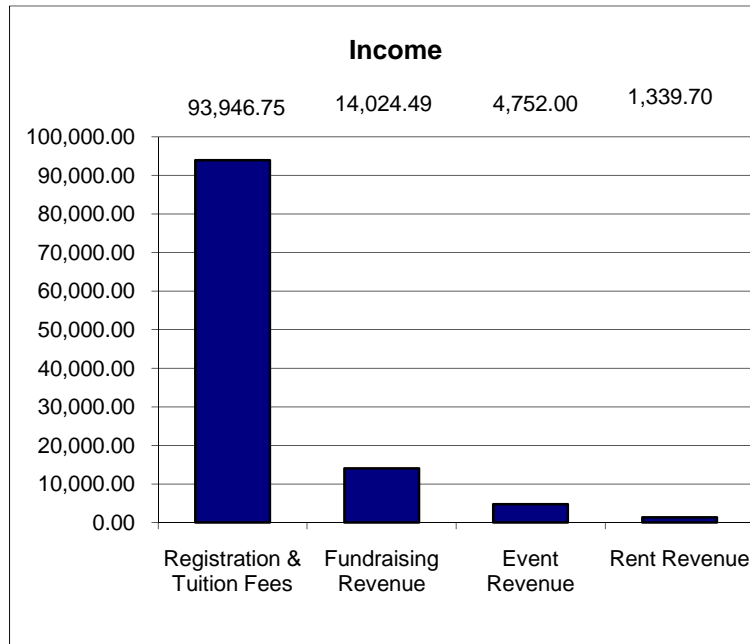
there is enough variety of fundraisers so parents can pick and choose which to support. We are happy to hear from you with any suggestions, comments or concerns. Please feel free to attend Board meetings as well if you are interested to hear more about our fundraising events. Have a great summer everyone and see you in September.

Lisa Schaffer & Diane Graca, Fundraising Chair

Treasurers Report

The following is a statement of Revenue and Expenses for Campus Preschool from July 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

This has been a difficult year for the school. Due to the economy, most of the classes were not at full capacity. That combined with the extra teaching staff required this year, has caused the not for profit organization to run over budget. Campus was paying for the professional development of 3 teachers instead of 2.

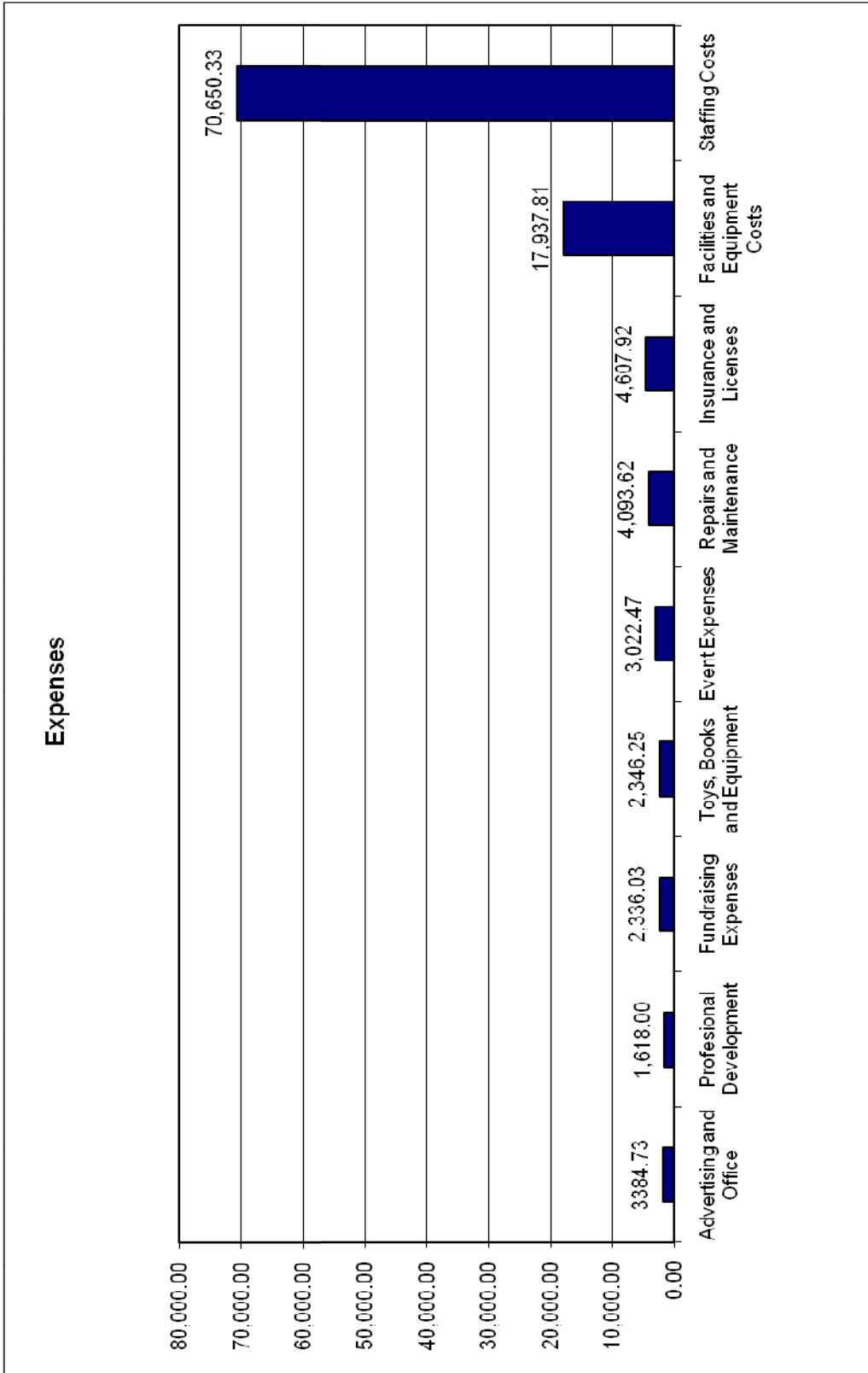


Statement of Revenue and Expenses	
July 2009-April 2010	
Income	
Registration & Tuition Fees	93,946.75
Fundraising Revenue	14,024.49
Event Revenue	4,752.00
Rent Revenue	1,339.70
Total Income	114,062.94
Expense	
Advertising and Office	1,865.66
Professional Development	1,618.00
Fundraising Expenses	2,336.03
Toys, Books and Equipment	2,346.25
Event Expenses	3,022.47
Repairs and Maintenance	4,093.62
Insurance and Licenses	4,607.92
Facilities and Equipment Costs	17,937.81
Staffing Costs	70,650.33
Total Expense	108,478.09
Net Income	<u>5,584.85</u>

There was also an extra teaching conference this year. The conference occurs every 5 to 10 years, and it would have been unfair to deprive the teaching staff of this learning opportunity.

Little things like snack/coffee for parent registration/orientation night, stamps, envelopes, etc also add up. Please review the attached charts for a more detailed breakdown of the income and expenses for the preschool. We currently show a Net Income, but forecasting the May and June expenses yields a net loss for the year.

Wendy Trimble, Treasurer



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