



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 the summer break is nearly here! We have already had our wonderful day trip to Butterfield Acres; seeing all the lambs, kids and baby bunnies really made it feel like spring had finally arrived. In the final few weeks of school before summer vacation, our little ones can look forward to a night at the movies with their pajama-clad buddies (**Wednesday, June 8**), and a Year-End Picnic with all classes there to mix and mingle (**Monday, June 20**). See the teacher reports and Dates to Remember for details.

The Campus Pre-School Board held its final General Meeting of this school year on May 18 and welcomed one new member: Laura Sharp (Secretary). Laura is taking over from Sarah Anderson, who is not leaving the board but is staying on as Fundraising Co Chair. We are delighted that Sarah has offered to stay on the board; she has a great deal of experience and has made a very much-appreciated contribution to the board over the past year as Secretary. Sadly, Wendy Trimble is stepping down as Treasurer at the end of June. Wendy has gone above and beyond the call of duty to organize the finances of the school and we are immensely grateful to her for all that she has done. We are now looking for a new **Treasurer**, and would ask that any parent who is interested contact either Jennafer Jones (Chair of Committees) or myself by the June 10th. The Board would like to extend a huge "thank you" to retiring board members and for their contributions to Campus Pre-School.

We are also very, very sad to say goodbye to Sandra Jensen who has been teaching at Campus for the past two years. She has been an invaluable asset to the school and is much loved by the children and parents. We wish Sandra, and her family, all the best in their move to Georgia. We hope we can stay in touch. I would also like to welcome our new teacher Dawn Worobets who will join Campus in the fall. We are delighted that Dawn is coming to the school and look forward to meeting her soon.

The next General Meeting and Orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. 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, Gudrun Schulze-Ebbinghoff (Junior) and Karen van Steenis (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.

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

Karen Quinn,
Chair

Casino at Campus Pre-School: PROS AND CONS

Since receiving Charitable Organization status, Campus Pre-School has become eligible to participate in some fundraising activities that were unavailable to us in the past. One of these activities is a casino fundraiser, though hosting a casino was not the purpose in becoming a Charitable Organization.

The Board has been discussing the pros and cons of a casino, the uses of the funds it could provide, as well as the moral implications of the funding source.

Campus is eligible to use casino funds for a variety of items including:

- administrative costs
- educational programs like field trips, but also bursaries and scholarships
- equipment and furnishings
- facility costs like leases
- further education expenses for our teachers
- wages for our teachers
- an endowment fund for future uses

Accepting funds that are the result of gambling has created a moral dilemma and raised questions about the schools objectives and character.

The Board agrees that it would be valuable to ask all of the Campus families for their input into whether or not we should be pursuing a casino. To that end you will be receiving an email with a link to a very short poll asking whether **you agree or disagree with pursuit of this funding avenue**. Your input is valued and very much appreciated, so please take a brief moment to answer the poll when it arrives in your inbox.

If you have questions about the casino, feel free to direct them to Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff (gudrun@wproperties.ca) or to any member of the board.



Junior Report

by Mary

Junior schedule of events

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

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| May 25 - June 3 | Transportation -Trains, planes and automobiles and all the other things that move us around. |
| June 6 , 7 | University Research Park Duck Pond - We will ride a city bus, take a short walk and enjoy a little picnic. See details below. |
| June 6 - 17 | All the Things that Summer Brings - It's all happening: holidays, camping and beaches. Does life get any better?!! |
| June 8 | P.J.'s and Popcorn - Join us for an evening of "old-fashioned" movies and snacks. |
| June 20 | Year End Picnic - See note below. |
| June 21, 22 | Organizational Days -No school for the children. |

Good-bye, Good-bye!

It has been another wonderful year of getting to know you and your precious children. Thank you for all your help and involvement over the last 10 months and for entrusting your children to my care. I wish everyone a very happy, restful and rejuvenating summer!

— Mary



Goodbye Ducklings! The children enjoyed the experience of watching ducklings hatch and grow. The ducklings have been returned to Mink Hollow farm. Thanks to our teachers for this wonderful experience!



Playing with ribbon sticks during an outdoor gym class.

Junior & Senior: Special Events and Dates to Remember

Field Trip - Riley Park (Senior Classes Only)

Wednesday, June 1 – MWF Class / **Thursday, June 2** – TWTh & TTh Classes

We will take a ride on a city bus to Riley Park.

Field Trip - University Research Park - Duck Pond (Junior Classes Only)

Monday June 6 & Tuesday June 7

We will ride a city bus, take a walk and stop for a picnic at the pond. Pick-up is at the pond so we'll need to do some arranging. Watch for permission forms in back packs.

I will need some extra parent volunteers for the bus ride.

Pajamas and Popcorn

Wednesday, June 8 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 20 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.

Senior Report

by Heidi and Sandra

Senior schedule of events

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

May 25-27 Transportation and Community Helpers

May 30-June 3 We will take a ride on a city bus to Riley Park. MWF class will go on June 1. TTh and TWTh classes will go on June 2. Permission forms have gone out in backpacks.

June 6 -10 Summer Fun

June 13 - 17 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 20 Year End Picnic. See Special Events section on page 3.

June 21, 22 Organizational days. No school for children.



The children anxiously wait for ducklings to hatch.



Learning about bees in Sandra's class!

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for Jan-June 2011 semester will be in backpacks before the end of the month. Please take a moment to check for your receipts. Thanks!

-Wendy Trimble, Treasurer

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

Registrars' Report

by Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff (Jr) & Karen van Steenis (Sr)

Fall Registration - 2011-2012

All of our junior classes are full for the fall, with waiting lists. Two of our Senior classes are full, with waiting lists; the T/W/Th afternoon class still has spaces available. If you know anyone who would like to join our great school, they can email the Jr. Registrar, Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff at gudrun@wproperties.ca or the Sr. Registrar, Karen van Steenis at vs.karen@shaw.ca. You can also invite them to visit (before school ends) or give them a brochure.

2011/2012 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 – 16	T/W/Th pm – 12

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 Nancy Osness and Sarah Anderson

As the year winds down, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in raising funds for our school, through volunteering on our committees or donating items for our silent auction. Funds raised this year have made a huge difference in helping maintain the level of teaching and programs our children receive at Campus.

Diane and Lisa did an amazing job as fundraisers and we appreciate so much every hour they spent helping our school. Thank you both ladies!!!

We will not be doing any new fundraising before the end of this school year but check in next year for those coming back for some new plans we have. As always, if you have suggestions for fundraising,

we would love to hear them and you can email Sarah Anderson or Nancy Osness.

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 there is enough variety of fundraisers so parents can pick and choose which to support. Have a great summer everyone and see you in September.

The grand total for funds raised for the 2010/11 school year was **\$9385.39**, minus all fundraising expenses.



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