



A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS...

Thank you everyone for all your hard work to make the start of school go smoothly. The children have had a wonderful beginning. They have been working hard at school to figure things out without the presence of family. Our first goal, with all of the children at school, has been to build trust. We want to ensure that the children trust the school as a place and people they can feel safe with. A big part of the safety and security comes through the routines that we develop together to lead us through our day. Building routines that flow with the children, that are predictable, help the children to feel ownership and confidence with their pre-school experience.

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JR & SR CLASSES SEPTEMBER REPORT

September has been a very busy month. It is a special time for each class to begin coming together as a group. We spend a lot of time just getting to know each other's names, ages, etc., while trying to instill the routines of the school. Eszter and myself are working quickly to learn about the children and their families; trying to identify needs that may require extra support, anticipate the school days ahead and plan relevant activities for the children. Throughout September, we welcomed a number of (Kids Developmental Services) KDS specialists into the classrooms to complete observations and assessments. With the assessments complete and now that we all know each other a little better, we are eager to begin working and exploring the fall together throughout October!

- Rebecca & Eszter





CHCA Board Positions openings

Dear Campus Preschool Community members past and present!!

Opportunity knocks! We are looking for your voice, as a member of the Capitol Hill Community Association (CHCA) Board of Directors!

Campus Preschool has had a long-standing relationship as tenants of the CHCA for over 30 years. We love the space and are looking to strengthen our liaisons and relationships with the Community Association. One of the ways we are looking to do this is by adding some Campus Preschool Cooperative voices (past and present families!) to their board meetings.

In short, we are calling out today for volunteers interested in running for a board position with the Capitol Hill Community Association. As a board member, you would have a voice in CHCA decisions, including those pertaining to the lease of the space in the basement!

Their Annual General Meeting is to be held this month, October 20th, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Capitol Hill Community Centre Hall, 1531 21 Avenue NW - and they are looking to fill 6 different positions!

Thanks in advance for considering this volunteer opportunity!

Campus Preschool Cooperative Board of Directors

** Copied from an email from the CHCA pertaining to their AGM and becoming a board member: "To vote at the AGM, you must be a resident of Capitol Hill and hold a current CHCA membership. Associate members (non-residents) are welcome to attend but cannot vote. To become a Board member at the AGM, you must have a current membership, purchased before September 21, 2023."*



Sportball

REGISTER FOR FALL



CAPITOL HILL

COMMUNITY

**3 - 5 YRS MULTI-SPORT STARTING OCT 13
FRIDAYS 11:35 AM - 12:35 PM**

**COACHES WILL PICK UP CHILDREN FROM
THE PRESCHOOL FOR THE SPORTBALL
PROGRAM**

More details can be found at

<https://www.sportball.ca/calgary/program-schedules/calgary/>

✉ CALGARYADMIN@SPORTBALL.CA

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MULTI-AGE CLASS REPORT

Our class is settling into daily routines and getting to know one another. When arriving, learning to hang up their backpacks, jackets, and changing to indoor shoes in messy weather helps to develop the children's routines.

We have been using song and rhyme to learn each other's names, and the kids are showing curiosity in using their classmates' names during play. The children are enjoying books, either by looking at a book by themselves, or listening as a group. We learned sign language (ASL) for the animals in "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" and used them while we read the story. We will be having fun with language and literacy development through rhymes, songs and fingerplays throughout the year. Repetition is key, so we will be repeating many of these. I encourage you to sing with your child, anytime and anywhere!

Through October we will continue to explore fall nature around us by taking a closer look at outside objects (sticks, branches, apples, pinecones, leaves etc.) and use them in art and other activities. The children are becoming more involved and curious about art activities. Come in and see the creative open-ended art in our room. We will send artwork home in your child's back pack as our bulletin boards fill up! October will close with Halloween, finding out what the children already know, and exploring pumpkins!

- Paula & Jamie



PRESCHOOL DAY

Open play
Circle time
Gym
Snack
Story



ASK YOUR CHILD

"Did you make something today?"

"Did you play with playdough? What colour was the playdough?"

"What was in the water table?"

"What story did your teacher read today? Did you enjoy the story? How come?"

"What equipment did you play with in the gym today?"

SNACK TIME

- Please talk with your children about not sharing food at school.
- If you wish to celebrate a birthday or occasion, we welcome celebrations to happen after school hours, outside.
- Please label your child's snacks and water bottles.
- Please encourage your child to sit and remain seated while eating.



AVOID FOR KIDS UNDER 4*

- hard candies, cough drops
- gum, gummies, chewable vitamins
- peanuts (no nuts at school)
- sunflower seeds
- fish with bones
- snacks on toothpicks
- popcorn
- grate carrots and apples
- slice grapes and hotdogs lengthwise





NO SCHOOL

- Oct 20 - PD Day
- Nov 9-14 - Fall Break

SUBSIDY

You may be eligible for a government subsidy of up to \$125/month to reduce the cost of preschool. Visit

<https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx> to see if you qualify.

VISITORS

Exterior door is unlocked from 8:55-11:45. The handle does NOT turn, just pull to open. Ring doorbell if locked. The interior door is locked from 9:15 until outdoor time. Please knock on interior door for entry when locked. If classroom is empty, class may be in gym or outside.

MAGIC SHOW

Richard Young the magician will be performing for the children 10:15-10:45 in gym November 2 & 3. Parents, caregivers, families are welcome to arrive at 10!

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone for contributing your time! Sign up to volunteer in the class. Write your name and your child's first name on the calendar on the wall in the stairway.



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ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

MABEL's LABELS

Purchase durable and washable name labels that can be used on clothing, shoes, and lunchbox items. Visit

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and select Campus Preschool (Calgary) to place your order.

SKIP THE DEPOT

This is a convenient, mobile bottle pick-up service. Sign-up at <https://skipthedept.com>. After pickup, you can choose to donate the return to Campus Preschool.

VECOVA BOTTLE DEPOT

Go straight to the cash office window and let them know you are dropping off bottles to go towards the account for Campus Preschool.

<https://vecova.ca/recycling/bottledpot-pickupservice>

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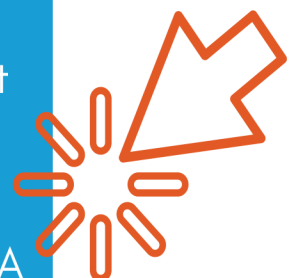
 **SKIP THE DEPOT**

 **VECOVA™**

CASINO FUNDRAISER

Our casino fundraiser is February 6-7, 2024 this year. We are asking for one volunteer per family to help us out. Just click on the link below and choose the shift that works best for you. Thank you so much!

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA4A72EA3FAC52-casino#/>





WELCOME KARYN & MIKAYLA

Karyn & Mikayla are employees from Kids Developmental Services (KDS). They will be working each day with identified kiddos in our classrooms. The nature of their work with specific kiddos will result in a support for the entire class. And we welcome that support! Thank you Karyn & Mikayla! We look forward to working with you both this year!



HALLOWEEN

Throughout October we will bring some Halloween-themed activities into the classroom. Halloween is a “low-key” event at Campus. We will sing Halloween songs, recite poems and read stories. We discourage children from wearing costumes to school, as they can be difficult to keep clean and move around in during school, and some of our kids find costumes to be scary, especially this early in the school year.



CONTACT US

If you have questions or concerns, or are wondering about anything we are doing in school, please do not hesitate to call, text, email or approach us after class. We are happy to discuss. Thank you for your continuing support!

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