



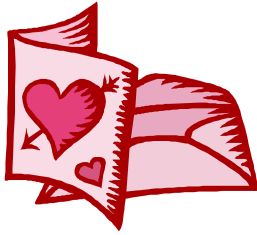
Grimsby

Cooperative

Preschool

February 2012 Newsletter

CEO Report



We have a number of changes within the classrooms this past month. New children have joined, some children have added or moved to different days. We are all adjusting well to the changes.

For the new families **welcome to Grimsby Co-operative Preschool!**

We hope you and your family will enjoy preschool and take advantage of the activities that are planned. Be sure to explore our web site where the school newsletter, calendar and program-at-a-glance are posted monthly under '**This Month's Info**'. The newsletter provides you with information about the happenings in the preschool and some articles of interest. The calendar is a good thing to print out and put on your fridge where you can glance at it regularly to check on important dates (Show & Share). The program-at-a-glance gives you an overview of the focus of the month and what we are promoting with the children during the month.

With the increased enrolment we have added another teacher to our staff, Treina Gautreau. Treina will be teaching with Ms. Desrochers on Tuesday/Thursday morning in Class B. Treina has been part of the Preschool as a parent for the last 2 ½ years. Also the afternoon class has grown and Ms. Swalm is now teaching with Ms. Desrochers on Tues/Thurs afternoon. Wednesday afternoon a class has been started which Ms. Desrochers will be teaching. It is great to see the interest in our school continues to grow. We still have spaces available so pass the word around to your friends, neighbours and whomever.

February is registration month for all the schools including ours. It is time to think about what you are doing with your child in September, even though it seems a long way off. Parents you will have found a letter in your mail slot regarding your intent to return. We will be hosting an Open House week February 21-23 with the intent to gain registrations for September. The best advertising is word of mouth so please let others know.





February Birthday's

9th - Jaden
 14th - Shay
 14th - Summer
 15th - Ella
 15th - Jessica
 22nd - Ewan
 25th - Hayden

Dates to Remember:

February 3rd: **P.D. day No School today**

February 3rd: **Valentine's Social & Hop-a-Thon**

5:30-7:00 @ the Preschool in the Gym. This is an event for the whole family, help us celebrate by wearing your red, pink & white

February 14th & 15th: Valentine's Celebration (Bring your valentines for your friends.

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February 16th: **Bowling**

February 20th: **Family Day - No School**

February 23rd & 24th: Show & Share

February 21st -23rd: Preschool Open House 9:00- 3:00

Registering for September 2012-Tell your friends & family

March 12th -16th March Break

Family Day, February 20th - Fun Day at the Peach King Centre 1-4pm. Free skating on both rinks, activities, food. Please bring canned goods in lieu of admission.

Teacher's Report



January just flew by for us at the preschool! It was a very busy and fun filled month. We loved hearing about the children's holidays and what Santa brought them for Christmas. January's focus was winter and we did a lot of winter creative art with snowmen, snowballs, and snowflakes. We discussed how the weather was getting colder and what we need to wear to keep warm. We were so happy to experience lots of snow with the children. We even brought some snow in to the preschool and put it in our water bin for the children to explore and play with. Also this month we had pyjama day and our teddy bear picnic.

The teachers and children had so much fun wearing their pyjamas to school and showing one another our stuffed animals. We had a picnic at snack time with our 'teddies' and got to watch a short video about the Teddy Bear's Picnic together. January also included a puppet show for the children and families to enjoy. The puppet show was a lot of fun and the children thought it was very funny. We had our own puppet show with a variety of puppets everyday for the children, where they were able to put on shows for one another.

January was also literacy month and we appreciate how involved everyone got into building our bookworm. We loved the children bringing in their circles with the book they read on it and telling us about the book. Our bookworms both upstairs and downstairs grew so long it was amazing for the children to watch and experience. With all the fun activities January brought it also brought a lot of change which has been great for the teachers and children. We have enjoyed welcoming new children and families to the preschool as well as a new teacher! The children are having fun with the larger classes and making new friends. Overall January was a wonderful month here at the preschool and we look forward to February!



February is going to be full of love, family and friends. We are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day with the children and are planning to make lots of Valentines cards. We ask you to please bring in a self addressed envelope and a stamp before Valentine's Day so that the children can mail a card they made to their family. Focused around love we are going to discuss different families and ask the children to bring in pictures of their family to show to their class. We are going to draw pictures of our family and do a lot of dramatic play with different family roles. We also have a lot of games and activities planned that encourage friendship and the children getting to know one another better.

Something we are all looking forward to is our trip to the bowling alley February 16th. It is a fun activity for the children to do with a family member or friend. We will all be meeting at the bowling alley for a fun morning of bowling together!

In January we started practicing our hopping and dancing for the Hop-a-thon event happening February 3rd. The children seem very excited to show off their dancing moves and hop around together. We are still looking for Volunteers for the event (the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board upstairs by the door).

As always we love when you bring in any materials that relate to our focus and enhance the children's experience. Thanks for making January such a great month for us and the children and we hope to have just as much fun and learning in February!

Note from our President

I would like to take this time to welcome all our new families that have joined us at the preschool during the month of January; we hope you are all settling in to your new school routine. We are looking forward to meeting you all at the Hop-A-thon next week.

Towards the end of February we will be looking for feedback from each family regarding your experience at the Grimsby Cooperative Preschool thus far. We will use your input to identify the strengths of our program and any areas that might require improvement. The survey will be distributed in the art files on Tuesday February 21 and need to be returned by Tuesday March 6th I hope everybody takes a few minutes to fill out the survey so it can help us in the future.

Our Next family event and Fundraiser, the Valentine's social and Hop-A-Thon, will take place this Friday February 3rd 2012, from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the school. Please feel free to invite family and friends as this is shaping up to be a hopping good time for all in attendance! There will be several opportunities to support the Preschool at this event, from purchasing Pizza, pop, and cupcakes, bidding on all the awesome prizes that have been donated for our silent auction. Thank you to Debbie Daniels for all your efforts in helping to make the Hop-A-thon a great success.

Please make sure to bring your forms and money in a marked envelope with your child's name and amount on the outside. After the Hop-A-thon I will be letting everyone know where they stand in regards to their fundraising.

Jodi Ahad, President/Fundraising

Note from our Membership Chair

Just a reminder that you will have found a letter of intent in your art files. Please remember it is important to return it by February 10th into Oliver W-F's art file. We want to make sure that if you do have a child returning or sibling starting we can guarantee a place for them at the preschool.

Our open house is being held **February 21-23** from 9am-3pm. If you know anyone thinking of registering with us, tell them to come visit us on these dates.

Kristin Watson, Membership Chair