

# EDELWEISS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Edelweiss!

- **OPEN HOUSES:** At the Open House (dates at end of newsletter) you and your child will meet their teacher(s) and classmates and be given a brief orientation about what we will be doing during class times. Children should be in uniform for the Open House and all classes unless otherwise specified. You will be given your child's tote bag, snack box and drink container. If you are unable to come to the Open House, you can get these things when you return to school for classes. You will also need to check on your original registration form and update any information that may have changed. If your child has an Epipen or inhaler, please come to the office after your Open House to see Margaret for forms and snack container allergy alert labels.

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:** To help children transition into the new school year, we are having the first class for a shorter time frame than a full class. Please do not send a snack for this first class as we will not be having snack time during this shortened class. We ask that parents watch from the windows to make sure their child is "settled in" before leaving the building. If your child becomes upset in your absence, we want to be able to come outside the classroom and have your child get a reassuring hug from you. Parents are not to come into the class on this first day. Please say your goodbyes and hugs before the teachers come to the coatroom to get the children. Class times are at the end of the newsletter. Regular class times resume after these classes.

**DISMISSAL & PICK-UP:** For dismissal, parents are to come to the classroom that the class ends in and pick up their child. We do not leave the classroom with the children at the end of class time. We ask you to be prompt on pick-up times as late fees are charged after a 5 minute grace period. The late fee is \$20. It is deducted with your monthly tuition and is then paid in full to the teacher(s) who stayed with the child after class time to compensate them for their time.

Prompt pick-up will be in the classroom your child ends in as follows:  
"Apple Room" - the room with the Loft in it: 9:00 Preschool, 1:00 Preschool, AM & PM K on M/W/F,  
"Planet Room" - the room with the planets hanging from the ceiling: 9:00 JrK, 12:50 3 Day JrK, AM & PM K on Tues/Thurs,  
"The Gym" - upstairs 8:50 Preschool, 2 Day JK PM, 8:50 JK, 12:45 JrK.

**SHOW & TELL/SPECIAL HELPER:**

When you see your child's name on the calendar as special helper, please make sure you arrive a few minutes early. Your child will get to lead the line-up into the class and will be involved in opening circle activities. If you are late, we will proceed with the opening circle without your child however, they can still do their Show & Tell at the end of the class for closing circle. You are welcome to come in for the Show and Tell time to observe your child and take pictures if you want to. Pictures are only allowed to be taken of your child, not other children in the group.

**TAKING PHOTOS OF CHILDREN:**

At Edelweiss, we will not use any photos of students for our website or any promotion without the permission of the parents. Any parent taking photos or video taping within the school may only include their own child, not other children.

**SICKNESS POLICY:** Children are not permitted to attend school with bad colds. If a child has a fever, has been vomiting, has excessive coughing, or green nasal discharge within the last 24 hours, we will ask that you keep your child at home. If a child exhibits any of these symptoms at school, we will call you to come and pick up your child. If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease you will require a

doctor's note specifying the date your child can return to school prior to returning to school. If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message at the school stating the illness your child has for your child's teachers to know. Please remember to specify which class time your child attends.

**ROOM PARENTS:**

Thank-you goes out to the moms who have volunteered to be room parents this year. Please make note of who your Room Parents are for your child's class.

Kindergarten AM:	Irena Djukic/Jani Long
Kindergarten PM:	Shelby Yuzik/Nicole Wilk/Sally Heinkainen
8:50 Pre	Cheryl Wilms & Chelsea Erickson
9:00 Pre	Toni Pasloski & Melanie Dewar
1:00 Pre	Natalie Powell & Rient Jeang-Khoo
8:50 JrK	Jani Long & Valerie Zajac
9:00 JrK	Kathy Freeman & Amanda Davis
12:50 3 Day JrK	Tami Miller & Alma Alivia
12:45 3 Day JrK	Christine Fawcett & Nora Ung
2 Day JrK	Fiona Cordingly & Barbara Shenouda

**ALLERGY ALERT!!** We want all parents to be aware that there are children in our school with a severe life threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts, nuts dairy, eggs and shellfish. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to inform you so that you choose to send foods to school with your child that are free from peanut products, nuts, dairy, eggs, and shellfish. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If your child has an EPIPEN, you will need to come to the office and see Margaret to fill out special forms and leave us an EPIPEN at the school. We also have special allergy alert stickers to give you for your child's container.

**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:** September - Sharing. Every month we will learn about a virtue interactively throughout our program with one another.

**COLOUR OF THE MONTH:** September is Yellow. Each month we celebrate a colour and your child can wear their regular clothing in that

colour (no uniforms required) on "Yellow Day". These special dates are marked on your child's monthly calendar from their teachers.

**SCHOOL TUITION FEES:** Tuition fees are deducted from your bank account on the first banking day of the month. There is an NSF charge of \$25 for returned fees from the bank. No accounts are permitted to be overdue for more than 30 days. Please check your first withdrawal to ensure it is set up correctly for the year.

**WASHROOM USE:** We ask that parents wishing to use the washrooms at school use the upstairs ones as the downstairs ones are to be kept available for children only. Please take your child to the washroom prior to drop off for class each day. We also want to remind you that all children need to be able to toilet independently and that staff do not wipe children at all. We will help children with fastening/unfastening clothing that they struggle with but they need to be able to use the toilet by themselves.

**NON MARKING SHOES:** The floors have just been professionally stripped and waxed. We ask that all children wear shoes with non-marking soles to protect the floors.

**HELPING CHILDREN TRANSITION:** Please stay at school to make sure your child is "settled in" before you leave the building. If your child needs to bring a favourite stuffed animal or piece of a blanket, etc. for security please feel free. You could also leave it in their cubbie so it is accessible in case they need it or bring it into class if he/she is really uncertain about leaving you. If you leave it in a cubbie, please label it and let your child's teacher know it is there if they need it. We want to help their transition as much as possible.

**TOILETTING:** Please take your child to the bathroom at school each day prior to class to orient them and make sure they have gone before class starts. This is really important as it is difficult to start a class when children have to go to the bathroom within minutes of arriving.

**UNIFORMS:** Uniforms from Wear It [www.wearit.ca](http://www.wearit.ca) are required at all times unless otherwise specified on your child's calendar (e.g. Colour days). Cubbies in the coatroom are shared with other students at different times.

You can leave a pair of shoes in the shoe box area under if you want to but we do not require indoor shoes, just non-marking shoes and of course indoor shoes when the weather is wet. Make sure you mark your child's name clearly on clothing and shoes. We suggest you get Mabel's Labels for your child's items [www.edelweiss.mabel.ca](http://www.edelweiss.mabel.ca). Edelweiss is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**MAILBOXES, TOTE BAGS & SNACK CONTAINERS:** Your child also has a mailbox near the door to the coatroom and you can take whatever is in there each day. Their mailbox is the one UNDER their name tag. The tote bags we give you on Open House day are for taking home things from the mailboxes. They were not intended to put the lunch kits in. The lunch kits and drink containers go directly into the snack carts. As snack time is a short time, please just send in one item (nut free) that your child can eat in that time and try to keep it from being a messy one that will require your child to wash after eating. There are 20 children in a class in Jr K and 18 in a class of Preschool. When it is a child's birthday, we ask that you send in treats such as fruit kebobs, packaged no nut treats such as Bear Paws (no baking or cakes or cupcakes please) for your child to share with the class. Please remember not to send any foods with nuts or sesame.

**EXTRA CLOTHES:** We do not require you to send along extra clothes as we have extra uniform pieces if we need them. We ask that if your child comes home in any of our clothes, that you wash them and return to the school so we have them available for other children who may need them.

**CLASS LISTS:** Class lists show the child's name, parents name and home phone number, address and email if they have given permission to do so. They are only distributed to your child's class and are not to be used for any purpose other than parent to parent contact.

**FUNDRAISER:** We will also be sending home a magazine campaign fundraiser brochure in Sept if you wish to order any subscriptions. Please feel free to take these campaigns to your neighbours or workplace.

**CONTACTING THE SCHOOL:** When calling the school office, (403-282-4220) please state your child's class time and the teacher's name. We have 10 different classes and we hope to learn the names of parents and children alike but it does take us some time. The school website is [www.epschool.ca](http://www.epschool.ca) where we have lots of information available on the website to help you. It may be helpful to bookmark this site for future reference.

## **MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSES 2010/2011**

**THIS IS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS & TOGETHER WITH THE REGISTERED STUDENT ONLY. WE WILL HAVE A LITTLE MINI-CLASS TOGETHER SORRY NO WALKING SIBLINGS CAN ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSES**

### **PRESCHOOL**

**OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**The 8:50 Preschool class will visit from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**

**The 9:00 Preschool class will visit from 10:30 - 11:15 p.m.**

**The 1:00 Preschool class will visit from 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.**

**FIRST CLASSES BEGIN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> (  $\frac{1}{2}$  class\*)**

### **JR. KINDERGARTEN (2 DAY)**

**OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**The 2 Day 12:50 JrK class will visit from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**

**FIRST CLASS BEGINS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> (  $\frac{1}{2}$  class\*)**

### **JR. KINDERGARTEN (3 DAY)**

**OPEN HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**The 8:50 JrK class will visit from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.**

**The 9:00 JrK class will visit from 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**

**The 12:45 JrK class will visit from 12:45- 1:30 p.m.**

**The 12:50 JrK class will visit from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**

**FIRST CLASSES BEGIN ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> (  $\frac{1}{2}$  class\*)**

### **KINDERGARTEN**

**Kindergarten classes begin without an Open House on  
Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**A.M. CLASS at 8:40 until 11:25 a.m.**

**P.M. CLASS at 12:40 until 3:25 p.m.**

## EDELWEISS OPEN HOUSE REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:



- Children wear their uniforms for the Open House
- No snack is required on the Open House Day
- Find your child's mailbox (UNDER your child's name) and cubby using the codes below:

8:50 Preschool - Teddy Bears	Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Any
9:00 Preschool - Frogs	Mrs. Aleksandra & Mrs. Lora
1:00 Preschool - Crayon Box	Miss Rebecca & Mrs. Lora
2 Day T/Th JrK 12:50 - Stars	Mrs. Pat & Mrs. Aleksandra
8:50 3 Day JrK - Apples	Mrs. Any & Mrs. Kelly
9:00 3 Day JrK - Lady Bugs	Mrs. Aleksandra & Miss Rebecca
12:45 JrK - Frogs	Mrs. Any & Miss Rebecca
3 Day M/W/F JrK 12:50 - Bees	Mrs. Pat & Mrs. Aleksandra
- Your teachers (listed above) will come to get you in the coatroom and take you on your guided Open House (sorry no strollers or walking siblings in classrooms)
- Look at your original registration form and update information and sign that it has been reviewed and updated. This is a licensing requirement as most of your records were completed 9 months ago. Teachers will have these forms in the classroom for you to do during the Open House.
- If you have not given us a photo of your child, please bring a small passport sized one to the office with your child's name on the back of the photo.

### FIRST NON-PARENTED CLASS (1/2 class)

\*  $\frac{1}{2}$  classes are designed to help the children settle in and enjoy a shorter class on their first non-parented class of the school year. We would prefer you to stay and watch at the observation glass windows and not leave until you see your child has settled in. If you think your child may have difficulty separating from you, we ask that you remain close to the school so we can

contact you if your child becomes upset. Snack is NOT needed for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  class days. Times are as follows:

**Non-Parented shortened 1<sup>st</sup> class times**

8:50 Preschool:	8:50 - 10:10 a.m.	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> only
9:00 Preschool:	9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> only
1:00 Preschool:	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> only
12:50 2 day JK:	12:50 - 2:10 p.m.	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> only
8:50 3 Day JK	8:50 - 10:10 a.m.	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> only
9:00 3 Day JK	9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> only
12:45 3 Day JK	12:35 - 2:00 p.m.	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> only
12:50 3 Day JK	12:50 - 2:10 p.m.	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> only

**Regular class times resume after these classes.**

We are excited to begin this new school year and hope that you and your child will enjoy the experience at Edelweiss! Please drop by the office anytime to say hello!

**Walter & Margaret Reid, Directors**



What you teach your children,  
you also teach your children's children."