

EDELWEISS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Edelweiss!

CLASS & TIME:	TEACHERS:	ROOM PARENTS:	CLASS CODE:
8:25 5 day JK/K:	Miss Rebecca	Jessica Davies	Foxes
11:55 5 day JK/K:	Miss Rebecca	Melanie Haywood	Foxes
12:00 2 Day JK:	Mr. Chris	available	Pandas
8:30 3 Day JK	Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Pat	Jennifer Jackson	Monkeys
8:45 3 Day JK	Mr. Chris & Miss Gemma	Amy Lui	Owls
12:00 3 Day JK	Mr. Chris	Vanessa Horsman	Frogs
8:30 Preschool	Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Pat	Kelsey Moench	Hedgehogs
8:45 Preschool	Mr. Chris & Miss Gemma	Diana Wong	Bees
Science Classes	Mr. Walter aka "Captain Science"		
Pre Music Classes	Mrs. Kelly		
2 Day JK Music/Spanish	Mr Chris		
3 & 5 day Music Classes	Yoanna Mesa		
3 & 5 day Spanish Classes	Yoanna Mesa		

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. Although they have been sent already to everyone, updated ones may be sent as updates occur.

HELPING CHILDREN TRANSITION:

We ask that you please stay in the school to make sure your child is settled in, before you leave the building. During the first month only, if your child needs to bring a favourite stuffed animal or 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. There are no outside toys allowed into the classroom unless it is for the child's Show & Tell turn.

IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDERS:

- The teacher(s) come to the coatroom to welcome you to bring your child to class when they are ready to begin unless your class begins upstairs - in which case you may wait upstairs until the teachers open the Gym doors. Parents/caregivers (age 18 or over only) are required to bring the student all the way to the classroom door that they start in and see them enter into the classroom. Teachers are responsible for your child after you have dropped them off into the classroom. You are responsible to bring the child right to the classroom door and watch them enter in before you leave the school.
- For optimal learning of students, we want to remind you that the observation glass windows are not sound proof, and it can be disruptive to the classes in progress if they hear parents talking at the door at drop off and pick up times. Windows are for silent observation. The coatroom is a great area for parents and caregivers to socialize in. For the privacy of our students, we ask that you don't film students from the observation glass windows or within the classrooms. If it is your child's turn to present for Show & Tell, you may take still photos of your child.
- We ask that Parents/caregivers do not to open classroom doors during instructional times unless they are dropping off their child late. If opening circle has begun, please wait so it is not disruptive to the class. If you need to talk to a teacher about your child while class is in progress please ask Margaret or Walter to help you facilitate this.
- There are to be no parents/caregivers in the hallways when classes are transitioning from room to room. Please move to the coatroom and keep the gate closed. As soon as students are into their rooms, feel free to engage in observation again.
- Although we love you're your little ones, we prefer siblings to stay out of the classrooms at the start and end of classes.

WASHROOM USE/ TOILETTING:

Please take your child to the washroom prior to drop off for class each day 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 shortly after arriving. 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.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms from Top Marks www.topmarks.ca are required at all times unless otherwise specified on your child's calendar (e.g. special days). Some cubbies in the coatroom are shared with other students at different times. You can leave a pair of shoes in the shoe box area if you want to but we do not require indoor shoes, just non-marking non-slippery shoes and of course indoor shoes when the weather is wet. Wet shoes and boots are to be put on the green mats inside the cubbies, not on the floor or carpets. Make sure you mark

your child's name clearly on all clothing and footwear using the Mabel's Labels provided. Edelweiss is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Top Marks will be at our school on Sept 21, Oct 26, Nov 16 and Dec 7 from 11 am -noon for servicing families.

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.

NON MARKING SHOES:

Our floors have just been freshly waxed. We ask that all children wear shoes with non-marking and non-slippery soles to protect the floors & students alike.

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 and nuts. 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, for the sake of cross contamination, we want to inform you so that you choose to send foods to school with your child that are free from peanut products and nuts. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If your child has an EPIPEN, INHALER OR ANTHISAMINE you will need to come to the office and see Margaret to fill out special forms and leave us the emergency medication at the school. We also have special allergy alert stickers to give you for your child's snack containers.

MAILBOXES, TOTE BAGS & SNACK CONTAINERS:

Your child also has a mailbox in the hallway and you can take whatever is in there each day. Their mailbox is the one UNDER their name tag. The navy tote bags we give you on the first day are for taking home things from the mailboxes. They are not intended to put the lunch kits in. The snack bags go directly onto the red cart labeled for your child's class time. **There is no snack on Open House Day.** 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. We are no longer accepting snacks on birthdays for the other students in the class. Please remember not to send any foods with nuts. Please watch for labels that say "May contain nuts" as these are not allowed at our school. There is a suggested Snack list on our website: <http://epschool.ca/parents/newsletters/> as well as all the monthly newsletters, Parent Handbook, etc. This is an important web page to note.

SCHOOL TUITION FEES:

We deduct school tuition fees from your bank account on the first banking day of each month. There is an NSF charge of \$25 for returned fees from the bank. The cancellation policy is 90 days notice or tuition in lieu of and no cancellations after January 1st, 2018. The tuition for June 1, 2018 was withdrawn on June 1, 2017 so your last payment is May 1, 2018.

FLAGS:

The flags that are hanging in the coatroom represent countries of families that have attended Edelweiss. Please look for your home country and if it is not up, let Walter know and he will be happy to get one put up to represent your country.

FUNDRAISER:

We send 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. We will also be selling Kids Photo vouchers for Family pictures taken through Kids Photo. There will be info sent out in an email about the fundraisers.

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 8 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 where we have lots of information available on the website to help you. It may be helpful to bookmark this site for future reference.

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."