



Glamorgan Community Kindergarten

August 2023

PARENT HANDBOOK

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Meet the Team ...



Mrs. Laura Osadetz
Morning teacher
8:45 - 11:30 am
Monday - Friday



Mrs. Val Driedger
Afternoon Teacher
12:15 - 3:40 pm
Monday - Thursday



Mrs. Lisa Saelhof
Program Coordinator



Mrs. Sandee Jones
Education Assistant

Mrs. Aileen Berridge
Education Assistant



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Welcome Visits: August 30 - September 1



Mrs. Val Driedger or Mrs. Laura Osadetz will be emailing you during the week of August 21st to arrange this optional 30 minute home visit. This time is designed to give your child a chance to visit with the teacher in a familiar setting! If you would prefer, the visit can take place in the Kindergarten classroom. You will have the opportunity to talk informally about the program and any concerns you may have about your child. The teacher uses this time to outline how you might be able to help in the classroom and to establish open

communication.

These visits will be scheduled during the day only, unless there are specific circumstances.

If you will be away during the *Welcome Visit* week, please contact your child's teacher at:

Morning Class:

- OsadetzLaura@gmail.com
- 403-483-5005

Afternoon Class:

- VDriedger@gmail.com
- 403-242-9458

Enjoy your
visit!



Address:
4715 - 45 Street SW
Calgary, AB, T3E 3W5
Lower Level -
Glamorgan Church



First Day Welcome

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Please come and join us!

Drop off your child in the Kindergarten classroom & then come upstairs immediately!

We will be collecting outstanding fees, and gathering your forms.

This year we may even be able to have coffee and a dessert!



See you there !

Birthdays & Fall Excursions

Birthdays:

We welcome parents into the classroom on their child's birthday and to provide a special snack. Please talk to the teacher about distributing birthday invitations discretely to spare any hurt feelings.



Fall Excursions:

In the fall, our children will be involved in a few excursions that will take them off the church grounds. These activities are dependent on the weather, so the dates cannot be pre-determined. The teacher will let you know an approximate date so your child can dress appropriately and they will not be lengthy outings.

1. Playground: Outdoor Physical Education
2. Safety Walk: To learn about crosswalks and road safety.



Contacts

Administration:

Lisa Saelhof
 Bus. 403-249-5275
 Fax 403-249-2422
 Email
GCKindergarten1959@gmail.com

Programming:

AM: Laura Osadetz
 Mobile 403-483-5008
OsadetzLaura@gmail.com

PM: Val Driedger
 Mobile 403-242-9458
VDriedger@gmail.com

Snacks

Each child must bring their own snack and water bottle. Please send healthy snacks (fruit/vegetables/crackers/cheese/yogurt, etc.). Ensure your child's snack is small enough to eat within the 10–15 minute time frame.



Volunteers

We welcome mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, adult siblings, babysitters– basically anyone who would like to make a contribution can be a volunteer!

We would ask you not to bring younger siblings into the classroom when it is your turn to be a helper. Past experience has shown that preschoolers can be disruptive to the class.

We look forward to you bringing your own unique talents to the classroom by just being yourself.



Calling or Texting

Late, absent, or emergency!

Call/Text the teacher:

Laura 403-483-5008

Val 403-242-9458

They may not answer, but they check messages regularly!

Please sign your texts to let the teacher know who is reaching out!



Non-emergency:

Our teachers have provided you with their personal cell phone numbers to be used to communicate information **during class time** (if you child will be absent, late or need an early pick-up). If you have a pressing question or would like to arrange a time to speak with your teacher, please use email. The teachers will respond in a timely manner. We all want to be able to devote our evenings and weekends to our families and loved ones.

Please let Val or Laura know your arrangements in advance if:

- Your child will be away for an appointment
- Your child is going away on a holiday
- Your child will be going home with a friend or another family member



Your Child's Health

Please feel free to contact the teacher about personal medical concerns. To assist in the smooth operation of our program, we develop, review and revise policies on a regular basis. These are in a binder in the classroom.

Medications:

The teachers are not responsible for the administration of medications. Should your child require medicine, they should be removed from the classroom briefly. Please inform the teacher of any medication and possible side effects. For severe chronic medical conditions, the teacher may administer medication following a meeting to

clarify details. If you require further information on this matter, please contact Lisa Saelhof @ 403-816-4095.

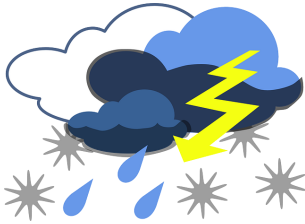
Communicable Diseases:

To protect the health of our children, staff, and families, please inform the teacher if your child contracts one of the following communicable diseases:

- COVID-19, Chicken Pox, Influenza, Head Lice, Impetigo, Measles, Mumps, Pink Eye, Rubella, or Whopping Cough.



School Closure



Please note that if the CBE (Calgary Board of Education) schools are closed for any reason (i.e. snow storm, etc.), our kindergarten will also be suspended. Please listen to the radio and/or TV reports for detailed information.

If the kindergarten alone is affected (i.e. water main break) we will contact you via email and/or text message. You can also contact Lisa Saelhof for specifics (403-249-5275).

For your child's safety, please inform Val, Laura or Lisa if there are any changes to your email address, phone numbers, child-care arrangements, or custody orders. These will be added to the *Emergency Notification System* list.

Thank you for helping us to keep up-to-date with your child's information!

Thanks!



Evaluation at GCK

Communication is very important to our kindergarten and Laura and Val are willing to discuss concerns at any time as long as they are not teaching.

We may be asking you to evaluate our program throughout the year. Please complete the evaluation forms we send home so that we can make our program even better!!

We have four points of communication between our parents and teachers:

- Welcome Visits in September

- November Report Card and Parent / Teacher Conference
- Child-Led Conferences in March when you will spend time in your child's class and share his/her keepsakes: Dictionary, Journals and Memory Book
- May Report Card and Parent / Teacher Conference

Thanks!



Child Care



- Would you like to care for children attending our kindergarten?
- Are you a working parent looking for child care for your kindergarten child in the off hours?
- Would you like to set up a babysitting co-op to share babysitting duties while other parents volunteer in the classroom?

If so, we can place your requests in the newsletter! Also, at the *First Day Welcome*, you can take this opportunity to discuss childcare arrangements with the other parents.

Share your talents and your time!

School Council

Our School Council meets approximately 5 times a year. We discuss upcoming events and generally ensure that the kindergarten is running smoothly. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lisa.

- Chairperson** Dayna Cubid (Emery)
- Secretary/Treasurer** Larissa Ross (Coen)
- Registrar** Amy Cartwright (Elsie)
- Communications Coord.** Kate Darling (Charlie)
- Events Coordinator** Marie Jones (Cynthia)
- Fund Raising Coordinator** Gillian Radke (Archer)
- Special Projects Coord.** Jane Yu (Nathan)

Parents are always more than welcome to come to any (or all) of our meetings to provide input, share ideas, and/or help out. Just let Lisa know you are coming - 403-249-5275.

We will be holding our meetings in the classroom. Watch for dates in our monthly Newsletter.

Thanks, Lisa



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			30 New Children's Visits	31 New Children's Visits	1 New Children's Visits	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 First Day of Kindergarten	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Glamorgan Church began as a Sunday School in a local family's home in 1953. Over the past 70 years we have enjoyed our growing relationship with Glamorgan and surrounding communities. We feel that our relationship with the Glamorgan Community Kindergarten is another way to support children and families here in SW Calgary. If you are in need of any spiritual assistance for either yourself or your children, please don't hesitate to contact us. Feel free to drop in and check it out!

Rachel Jesse, Minister of Youth & Children ***Welcome!***

