

News from the Board

Sept. 2021

Welcome to a New School Year

About the Board

The Board of Directors oversees the Learning Circle Preschool. The Board consists of faculty members, Katrina and Kim, Parent Members Kristen McCarron (chair), Kerry Albrecht (Treasurer), Sarah Caron, Amanda Czarnecki, Jessica Murphy, Kelly Majmudar, Emily Peixoto, Amanda Ryder, Nicole Vaillette, and Nancy Powers (community representative).

We typically post pictures of all of us on the bulletin board in the Welcome Room to help put a face to a name. Because family members spend so little time in the Welcome Room this year, we'll email that posting soon.

The board oversees the business and policy related affairs of the school. Practically speaking, this includes overseeing the budget, making financial decisions, organizing fundraisers, assisting with publicizing the school and its events, and setting annual goals for the board's work.

We are volunteering our time and would love to have you join us for board meetings and activities. The Board meets every second Wednesday of the month virtually at 7:30 pm, with a parent discussion that typically begins at 8pm. **Parents are invited to attend all meetings.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us!

The mission of Learning Circle Preschool, Inc. is to create child-centered, individualized, developmentally appropriate programs serving preschool children and their families in a nurturing and inclusive environment.



Board Goals

Every year both the teachers and the board set goals to continually improve our school. This year's goals include:

- Have each Board member serve as an ambassador for the school
- Reach out to all families, especially those new to the school, so that everyone feels welcome
- Support families helping each other, especially to help watch younger siblings in the car
- Continue to support the work of and roles taken by Room Parents
- Make sure families and teachers feel supported
- Support teachers in the realization of the school's mission



Participation at School

Finding Ways to Connect Virtually

There are many ways that family members participate in the program. Some share personal interests or experiences with children or share family traditions. In past years, family members have come in to play, others read or join other on-going classroom activities. We'll be thinking of ways to open up the classrooms to some of these activities again over the course of the year.

Even if we can't invite a great deal of family participation in the classrooms directly this year, we want to make sure there are virtual opportunities to assure you feel invited to participate and to help assure there is a family presence in the classroom for the children.

A few family members have already indicated their willingness to share family culture with the children – thank you! This can happen in a variety of ways. You could send photographs, a book, or written stories that we could share with the children. You could make a video of yourself describing a tradition, showing items, telling a story, or singing. We could think together about other ways to connect as well!

We found that children enjoyed seeing and hearing teachers read books to them through video. It would be wonderful to have a collection of family readings to share in the classroom.

If a particular project you hear about from your child's class resonates with you, please let a teacher know so that we can find ways to include your ideas in the extensions of this project. Perhaps you have related family experiences to share through photos, stories, or books. Perhaps you'd like to find a way to tell children about your related experiences. Please let us know!

Family Class Notebooks

Getting to Know Each Other

At the beginning of the school year, we are all looking forward to getting to know both you and your children well, and we know many of you want to meet and get to know other families at the school. You may also be looking for ways you can both connect with other families and learn more about what happens here at school.

To help get the process started, we are working on digital class books (like the collection of notebooks we kept on the round table in the Welcome Room in the past). The three class notebooks (Chickadee, Nuthatch, and Goldfinch) will have family and individual photos of the children enrolled. If you haven't had time to send in family photos yet, these would be great to add to our class pages!



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Upcoming Events

Mini Family Photography Sessions

For our first school wide fundraiser, we are offering Mini family photography sessions. Choose from either Sunday, October 10th or Saturday, October 16th at Pequitside Farm. Bella Gavini from Bella Gavini Photography, will be offering 15 -minute mini sessions. You will receive up to 5 digital images with printing rights. The cost for each session is \$100, with 25% going back to the Learning Circle Preschool. Please reach out to emily.peixoto13@gmail.com with any questions.

You can sign up using this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0d4dafaa2caafd0-mini>

Zoom “Office Hour” Begins

Have a question or something to talk about? If we don't connect in-person we can set a time for a zoom meeting!

Saturday October 2nd between 2 and 4 p.m. join us at Houghton's Pond for this year's “Fun Raiser!” We are so pleased to be able to get together with current families and alums! This year Barbara Lapal, one of our founding teachers, will join us so that we can finally celebrate her retirement properly!

Virtual Board Meeting and Discussion Wed. Oct. 13th

Business Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion: Assessing Progress in School: Looking for clues about development in children's work starts at 8 p.m.

Virtual Discussion Friday Oct. 15th

Zoom meeting between 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thinking together about positive communication styles with our children

Zoom Meetings for Prospective Parents

Do you know someone who might be interested in information about our programs for the 2022-2023 academic year? We can meet virtually on zoom for a beginning discussion and/or meet for a tour late- afternoons or weekends. Please share this information with neighbors and friends!

Virtual Curriculum Night

October 21st 7 -9 p.m.

LC Food Day Celebration

October 22nd



Our website is a great source of information about current happenings at LCP as well as information for prospective families.

We have galleries featuring school activities posted often, and information on upcoming events.

Our calendar is interactive, so that you can find detailed information about events right on the date!

If you go to the Parent's Section, you'll see current projects, newsletters from each class (a great way to get a feel for curriculum around the school) and copies of all our forms. There is also a Parent Forum where you can post questions and/or info. directly to other current family members.

Do you have an idea about something we should add? Please let us know!