

### TEACHERS REPORT

WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Bruce & Mrs. Bolt

We are happy to welcome new and returning families to our preschool. We look forward to working together to create a positive start to school for our students and families. You will receive a monthly newsletter including a calendar of events for the year.

Our first few weeks we will focus on learning daily routines, safety guidelines and settling into the classroom. September will also be about getting to know each other and our families. We ask that you bring in a photo of your family no larger than a 5x7. Each class will create an album for the children to introduce their family and look at any time.

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Parent Handbook provided at registration. You will find it full of valuable information regarding snack requirements, sickness policy, discipline, and parent volunteer duties. These items will also be covered during orientation days including the Alberta Health guidelines to help keep us all safe.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Karen Bolt is back for her second year she will be working with Mrs. Bruce and teaching the Thursday class. Our substitute support staff are Erica Webb, Kolby Pfeifer, Kayleen Judson, Chrissy Jackson and Shawna Ketch.

As teachers our goal is to best prepare your child for the world in which they will function in their later years. We provide a warm, happy and enriching environment, where the children are free to develop and grow, physically, mentally, and pace. The skills and habits that your child will acquire in the classroom will last a lifetime, and will help to develop a good base, socially and intellectually.

### A Typical Day!

Here is an outline of daily activities for a typical day in our School:

8:30 am	Doors Open (Sign In & Name Tags) Wash hands/Free Play/Art/
Discovery	
10:15 am	Cleanup/Topics/Interests of the Day
hands	Story/Transition Activity/Wash
10:35 am	Snack & Clean up
11:10 am	Circle Time/Skill building (show & tell, songs & games)
11:30 am	Gross Motor/Music & Movement (Outside, Weather Permitting)
12:00 pm	Home Time (Sign Out)

### PAYMENTS

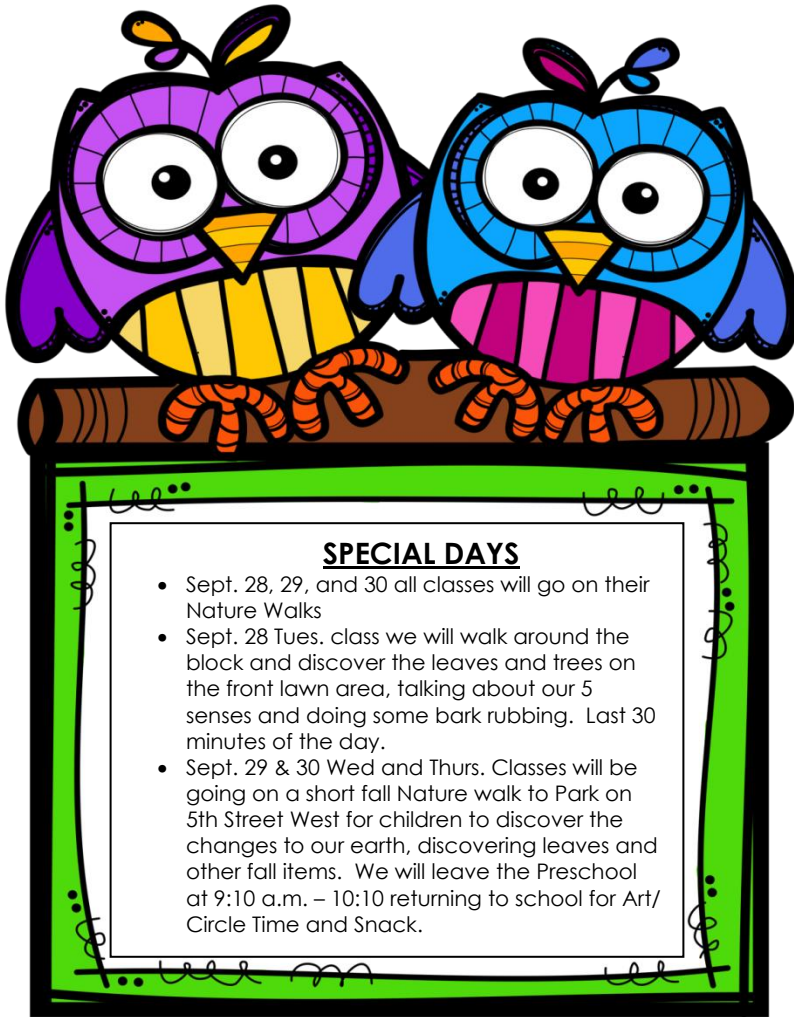
For E-Transfers:

Please email  
brookspreschool123@gmail.com

Use your child's last name as the transfer password.

We take off the 10% discount when paying in full until September 30th, 2020.

**Monthly payments are due by Sept. 15th and the 15th of each month.**



### Board of Directors

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### WAYS TO PREPARE

- Talk positively about preschool. If your child sees that you like preschool, he or she will be more apt to develop positive feelings about school too.
- Place a photo in your child's snack as a surprise and a reminder of how much you care.
- By saying something like "Have fun, I'll be back soon, and you can tell me all about what you did today," you can make the transition much easier.
- Say good-bye lovingly yet quickly and cheerful, even if your child is tearful. Always reassure your child that you will be back at the end of preschool time.
- Talk with your child's teacher and discuss any concerns. We will be happy to work with you to make the most of your child's preschool experience.

### PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

Room Reps will be creating a Facebook page for each class watch for your class group and ask to join.

## LITTLE REMINDERS

- **Parents please let teachers know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses or medical concerns. We need to keep information current.**
- For the safety of all students parent helper/ volunteer at Brooks Preschool is require to submit a Criminal Record Check before working with the students.
- Respecting Privacy: we ask that you respect students by not posting pictures that include other children on social medias such as Facebook, Instagram, etc. unless you have the parent's permission to do so.
- Fire Safety/Licensing Regulations – Shoes/slippers must be worn at all times while at Preschool. It is also a regulation that no hot drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc.) are allowed in the Preschool, during school hours.
- Doors at the preschool we will open earlier than usual 8:30 for staggered entrance. Pick up times are 12:00 noon doors will remain locked until then. If you need to pick up your child earlier, please ring the doorbell.
- Parent Helper Days - Please make sure arrangements are made for siblings when it is your day to help. Volunteer parents must wear a mask, you can bring your own or disposable masks will be provided. Again, due to licensing regulations, other children in the class will change our adult to child ratio.
- Show and Tell – We ask that there only be one toy or special item per child as we often run out of time. Suggestions are favorite toys, art, photos and nature items. During our pandemic period, the children will not be allowed to touch the items.
- Play Zone – Be advised, children paint, use markers, and glue at school. We recommend that you DON'T dress your child in their best clothes as stains are a possibility.
- Art Tables Children choose from a variety of items to create whatever they like to create or paint. We encourage parents to praise their children for their efforts as they see their progress of development.
- Scholastic Books: Sales help raise funds/points for teacher to purchase new books and materials for the classroom. More information to follow to order online.
- REMEMBER Complete the daily screening guidelines with your child at home before coming to preschool. Your child's temperature will be taken as they enter the preschool before you sign your child in.
- REMEMBER to clean out their cubby area of all personal belongings and artwork at the end of each day

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

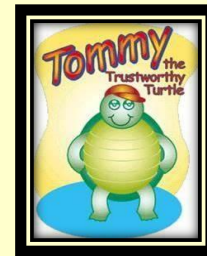
The "Six Pillars of Character" are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship, and then under each of those, there are many "sub-pillars" like cheerfulness, friendliness, forgiveness, sharing, kindness, helpfulness, honesty, courtesy, and so on.

### **TRUSTWORTHINESS**

Your preschooler will meet Tommy the Trustworthy Turtle and be encouraged through stories, songs and activities to:

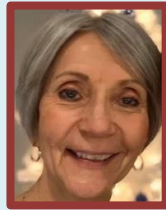
- Tell the truth
- Follow the rules
- Not take things that don't belong to him
- Do what he says he'll do--keep his promises

When you think about teaching your children to be trustworthy, you must remember it does not happen overnight. Instead, trustworthiness and good character are something you should model for your children every day because you are the most important teacher your child will ever have.



**If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year please feel free to contact Mrs. Bruce at the preschool or email her at:**  
[bpsteachers@brookspreschool.com](mailto:bpsteachers@brookspreschool.com)

# Meet our Teaching Team



## **Mrs. Anita Bruce Early Childhood Educator/Administrator**

Anita Bruce has been employed by the Brooks Preschool as Teacher/Administrator for the past 23 years. She received her certificate in Early Learning and Child Care training through Bow Valley College and a certificate in Life Skills Training from the Alberta Vocational College.

She is involved in leadership, policy development, promoting early learning, and programming and professional development provision.

Anita is a mother of 4 children and has 7 grandchildren. Her community involvement includes the Brooks/County of Newell Early Childhood Development Coalition, Children's, and Care Ministries in her local church BEFC and at the Brooks Health Care Services.

She believes that for children to grow and develop to their full potential they need opportunities in all areas of development. It is her ongoing desire to provide an enriching, safe and fun learning environment where each child is valued. She is passionate about early childhood education and believes that we are touching the future when we invest in our children.



## **Karen Bolt -Early Childhood Educator**

Karen has been employed by the Brooks Preschool as Education Assistant for the past year, and we look forward to her teaching the Thursday class this year.

She has a background and education in Early Childhood Education and in Recreation. Her experience working with young children has been in day cares, she operated her own day home for 7 years and worked for the SPEC Association in the Parent LINK Centre.

She is married and has 2 teenage children who also attended the Brooks Preschool. In her spare time, she enjoys scrapbooking and enjoys the outdoors with hiking, camping, and kayaking.

Karen looks forward to building relationships with all children. She enjoys seeing them play and grow intellectually and meet development milestones.

## **CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS**

For the safety of all students in our preschool every parent helper/volunteer at Brooks Preschool is required to submit a Criminal Record Check before entering the classroom to work with the students. Dated not earlier than 6 months prior to the date of commencement with the preschool. Please print or email the attached letter to the R.C.M.P Detachment to obtain your Criminal Record Check. You can call the Brooks RCMP at 403-794-4400 and they will direct you. There is no cost to have this check done if the letter is received with the form. Once you have obtained your criminal record check you can submit it to the preschool via email or bring the Criminal Record Check to your child's first day of school.

## **Check out our Website**

[www.brookspreschool.com](http://www.brookspreschool.com)



## **Find and Like us on Facebook**

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# Snack Attack!



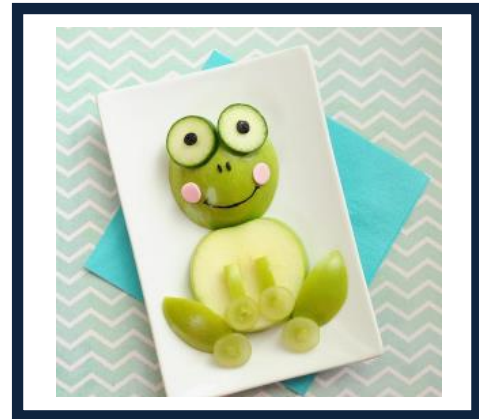
## Meat and Cheese Rollups

### Ingredients:

- Tortillas
- Plain Cream Cheese
- Sandwich Meat (ham, chicken, turkey, etc.)
- Pickles

### Instructions:

1. Spread cream cheese on tortilla.
2. Layer sandwich meat on tortilla, covering it.
3. Place 2-3 pickles in a line across the edge of the tortilla.
4. Rollup pickles inside meat and tortilla.
5. Slice in 1/2" pieces and serve.



## Fish in a River

### Ingredients:

- Celery Stalks, washed and trimmed
- Plain Cream Cheese (or cheese spread if preferred)
- Goldfish Crackers

### Instructions:

1. Spread cream cheese on celery stalks.
2. Place goldfish crackers in cheese so it looks like they are swimming.

Fun Tip: Add blue food colouring to the cream cheese to make it look like water!



# Brooks Preschool

## 2021-2022 CALENDAR

**Special Events / Important Dates**  
**Closed / Holidays / Acts of Kindness**

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<b>6 Labour Day</b>  <b>7-9 Orientation</b>  <b>13 Regular Classes Start</b>  <b>28-30 Fall Walks</b> (families welcome)	September 2021							February 2022							<b>1-3 Winter Walk Days</b> (families welcome) <b>8, 10, 14 Valentine's Day</b> Celebrations (cards for seniors)  <b>21-25 Family Week</b> (school closed)
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<b>5-7 Food Bank Donation</b> <b>11 Thanksgiving</b> <b>12-14 Bring an apple</b>  <b>26-28 Halloween Dress up</b> or Wacky Hair Day	October, 2021							March 2022							<b>8-10 Dress as your</b> favorite superhero <b>15-17 Wear Green</b> St. Patricks Day <b>22-24 Silly Sock Day</b> <b>28-31 Special Guest Night</b>
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<b>2-4 Fire Truck Visits</b>  <b>8-9 Community Safety</b> <b>11 Remebrance Day</b> (school closed)  <b>23-25 Cookies and Kindness</b>	November 2021							April 2022							<b>12-14 Care for Planet Earth</b>  <b>15-22 Easter/Spring Break</b> (school closed) <b>26-28 Spring Walks</b>
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<b>7-9 Sing for Seniors</b>  <b>14-16 Christmas Parties</b> (place to be announced)  <b>20-31 Christmas</b> Winter Break	December 2021							May 2022							<b>3-5 Celebrating Moms</b> <b>17-19 Backwards Day</b> <b>23 Victoria Day</b> (school closed)  <b>24-26 Bring A Friend</b> in the Afternoon
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<b>4-5 Wear your Pajamas</b> to school  <b>25-27 Wear your</b> Favorite pair of Mittens	January 2022							June 2022							<b>7-9 Rodeos (Dress up)</b> <b>13 Last Day of Classes</b> <b>14-15 Year End Parties</b> Graduations (place to be announced)
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**PLEASE CHECK MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS FOR FURTHER INFORMATON OR CHANGES**