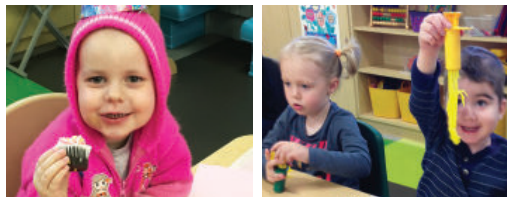




A safer haven for kids with cancer and fragile immune systems

SCHOOL NEWS

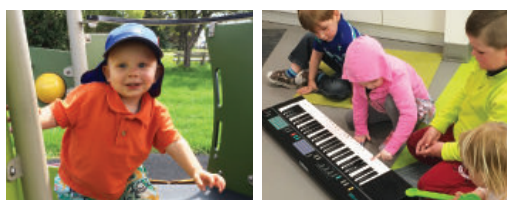
JULY 2017



Our doors reopen for the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 5! Join us at the preschool Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a registration night and watch for news soon of our special events lineup for fall—Kananaskis, a movie, Robin Hood at Loose Moose Theatre, Halloween! Contact info@jamiespreschool.ca for a registration package.



A safer haven for immune-compromised children! Strict health guidelines and communicable disease control, restricted enrolment and a state-of-the-art facility help keep kids in treatment well. We have taken special care to install private air exchange, antibacterial flooring, private bathrooms, multiple washing stations, and a private entrance, parking and outdoor playground.



Tailored to the unique needs of each child. Our program is led by a licensed teacher who works with music and phys. ed. specialists to offer fun experiences that promote socialization and learning for all ages and developmental stages.

Hello, families!

It has been another great year at Jamie's Preschool, and we want to extend our appreciation to all the wonderful families past and present who help us ensure there is a safer haven for children with fragile immune systems.

As a charitable organization, Jamie's has thrived for 30 years thanks to the passion and commitment of our families. Current and alumni members, along with the extended network of contributors they've helped us build, are the mainstay of the fundraising and volunteerism that keeps us going.

Giant thanks to the many Jamie's families, current and former, who provide critical support through private donations and assistance with our major fundraising initiative, our casino. You'll soon receive a call for help with our next one coming up in November!

We so appreciate the efforts of our current parents, many of whom are in the thick of their child's medical journey. Thank you for your initiative in making the preschool your own! In addition to your registration fees we recognize the myriad ways our parents support the preschool—some by volunteering in the classroom, others taking positions on our board of directors alongside longtime alumni, some helping with the casino or making private donations, many pooling on teacher gifts that enhance our facility and program.... Little things like helping the teacher clean toys for one or two evenings over the summer, for example, or checking in when staying on in class for ways to help out, are so welcome, as are your fundraising suggestions!



We also want to give a big shout out to our wonderful staff, Mrs. Howe and Brandi, and our precious, devoted volunteers, Jamie, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Colleen and Miss Haley. Special thanks and best wishes to Mrs. Tochor, our longtime music teacher who is breaking from Jamie's to pursue graduate work. We will be welcoming a new music teacher in the fall.

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Strong community partnerships in Calgary and beyond allow us to offer private events and field trips. Seasonal parties and outings to the theatre, amusement park, movies and Kananaskis Country offer sheltered fun for the whole family!

JAMIE'S PRESCHOOL FEES

Effective September 2017

SCHOOL FEES

Registered student

Monthly fees	\$110
OR per class fee	\$20

Families with more than one registered student:

First child	\$110/month
Second child	\$80/month
Third child	\$55/month

One-time access fee	\$50/child
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Registered sibling(s)

Must be under 3 and accompanied by an adult

One-time access fee	\$50/child
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FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Registered student paying full monthly fees and registered sibling(s), each with one accompanying adult	No charge
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Students paying per class, non-registered siblings, accompanying adults, other family members and friends	\$10/person/trip
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School fees are payable by post-dated cheques at the time of registration. Field trip fees will be payable prior to the day of the trip.

As you know, Jamie's strives to help children and their families maintain some normalcy and improve quality of life during treatment and beyond, in hopes of bridging any gaps in learning and socialization that may result from their illness. We offer students an escape from the isolation of home and hospital—a chance to leave their troubles behind and just be kids for awhile. We're reminded of the importance of Jamie's every time we hear a child, who's been so dependent because of health issues, say to their parent, "You can leave now; I'm fine!" As we watch these kids enjoy normal early childhood experiences, happily playing with friends and learning new things, we know that together we are making a difference.

In order to better serve our fragile population, four years ago we made the leap to a dedicated, renovated, state-of-the-art facility. Costs have risen accordingly, while our fees have not increased since we opened in 1986! As we plan for the 2017-18 school year we are making some necessary adjustments.

Please see opposite for a rundown of our new fee schedule that takes effect in September.

Please know that no child who needs us will miss out on the opportunity to attend Jamie's. In respect of the increased financial burdens borne by families coping with chronic and acute childhood illness, we are prepared to consider accommodations on a case-by-case basis. **For inquiries regarding fee payments, including need for financial assistance, please contact treasurer Debbie Wheeler at treasurer@jamiespreschool.ca or 587-757-1122.**

For our returning and new families, we are pleased to announce that we will have a registration open house for the coming school year on Tuesday, August 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come enjoy an opportunity to visit with other parents and our staff, and meet some board members while submitting your registration forms and payment.

Wishing you and yours the best of health through the summer!

The Board of Directors of Jamie's Preschool
*Sheri Ewing, Debbie Wheeler, Troy Temple,
 Rosemary Breton, Inge van Galen, Karla Gould,
 Barry Temple, Dawn Temple, Dr. Taj Jadavji*



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Jamie's Preschool Society, a registered charitable organization, has been serving families from the Alberta Children's Hospital since 1986. Donations are gratefully accepted (receipts issued on request for donations of \$20 or more).



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