



Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department

# PRESCHOOL

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The Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department Preschool is a licensed, half-day, early childhood program for 3 - 5 year olds with a focus on socialization and learning through play.

**Where:** 30 Federal Street, Brunswick, ME 04011-1584; Phone 725-6656; Fax 725-0148

**When:** 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, September through May.

**Registration Information:** Children who are three years old by October 15 may enroll in our 3 day program - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

**2009 - 2010 Fees:** Registration - \$20.00 (non-refundable)

**Monthly Tuition:** *(Tuition fees are subject to change during the annual Town budget review process which typically concludes in June each year.)*

	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-residents</u>
3 day Program (M/W/F)	\$ 131.00	\$ 175.00

You must provide a copy of your **child's birth certificate and updated immunization records** at the time of registration.

Your child must be toilet trained. Please, however, send a change of clothes with your child's name clearly marked on them.

Our yearly tuition is divided into nine equal monthly payments. Payment is due in advance. You may choose a **monthly** (payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday/1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month) or **bi-monthly** (payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday/1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month) schedule.

This cost includes any snow days that may occur during the year. You are not charged tuition for school vacations or school holidays.

### The Program:

The goal of the Preschool is for each child to have a positive preschool experience that fosters self-confidence. We have three classrooms divided by general age group. There are 15-18 children in each class. The teacher and assistant in each room make an experienced, caring team.

The classrooms are large and contain equipment and materials for a variety of activities; blocks, sand, water, dramatic play area, and easels are among the most popular. Puzzles, pegboards, balance scales, magnets, etc., offer different kinds of challenges at the tables. Books, crayons, scissors, paste and paper are always available. A special project may be making applesauce or finger painting.

The Parks and Recreation Department encourages individuals with disabilities to register for this program. Should you desire further information, contact the Recreation Department at 725-6656.

The Preschool has daily use of the gym or Edwards Field playground. The gym is a feature especially appreciated during the winter. Field trips, special events and visitors are scheduled throughout the school year, such as the

Arctic Museum, the library and the fire station. Special visitors include a storyteller/puppeteer, magician, dentist and firefighter.

A typical day includes a free play period, stories, songs, exercise in the gym or playground, and a snack. Through a structured environment with supportive adults, the children are encouraged to try new things, to learn by doing, to dare to make decisions and even mistakes, and to grow through these experiences.

Since any school experience is most successful if parents and teachers work together, parents are invited to visit the school, share their special skills or interests with the classes, assist on field trips, and participate in parent-teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to share their suggestions, concerns and questions with the teachers at any time.

### **STAFF DURING THE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**SUSAN TOOTHAKER**, Head Teacher, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Animal Science. She also received training at the New England Montessori Center in Boston and was on the staff of the Downeast Montessori School in Bath. Susan was previously a substitute teacher for eight years then an Assistant Teacher for eight years at the Brunswick Recreation Department Preschool. Susan has been on the staff since 1998.

**PHOEBE DOEHRING**, Assistant Teacher, is a graduate of Gordon College in Wenham Massachusetts with a BA in Sociology. She recently moved here from Hopkinton, New Hampshire where she worked for the past four years as an assistant teacher at Parkside Montessori School. Phoebe has been married to her husband Bill for 20 years and has two boys, Willy age 12 and Matthew age 9.

**NANCY BURDEN**, Teacher, is a graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, with a B.A. degree in Speech Therapy. She worked for four years with kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children in the Bath school system as a speech therapist before coming to the Preschool in 1984. Nancy also served as a Co-Head Teacher of our Preschool program from 1990 through 2002. After a brief absence she rejoined the staff in January 2004.

**LYNNE SMITH**, Assistant Teacher, is a graduate of Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as an R.N. in the Brunswick area. She worked as a volunteer at the Williams/Cone School in Topsham. Lynne has been on the staff of the Preschool since 1987.

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<http://www.brunswickme.org/parkrec/preschool.htm>

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