

Kilingi-Nõmme lasteaed KRÖLL



Organisation description

We are a kindergarten with professional staff providing quality basic education, that supports the family in the overall development of the child. Kilingi-Nõmme kindergarten is located in the small town of Kilingi-Nõmme in Saarde Parish, which is in the south-east of Pärnu County.

Kilingi-Nõmme kindergarten Kröll was opened in the spring of 1979. There was a competition to find the best name for the kindergarten. The kindergarten got its name by book. The first toy 'Kröll' was a gift to the nursery from Estonian writer Ellen Niit who also became the godmother of the nursery. The

kindergarten has 28 employees, 16 of them belong to pedagogical personnel.

There are six groups in the nursery. Each group has its own name:

- Tibupojad (Little chicks – nursery)
- Sipsik (named after an Estonian children's book - composite group)
- Lepatriinud (Ladybirds 3-4 years old)
- Mesimummud (Bumblebees 4-5 years old)
- Jänkud (Bunnies 5-6 years old)
- Mõmmikud (Teddybears 6-7 years old)

In 2006 the kindergarten joined the National Network of Health Promoting Kindergartens being the first kindergarten from Pärnu County. Kindergarten's health team conducts systematic health

promotion. Traditional events are held each month for personnel and children, such as health mornings, and every spring there are healthy orientation games and hikes in nature. It is possible to do educational activities in the open air because of natural opportunities and possibilities near the kindergarten and on the kindergarten's territory. The kindergarten has a new playground since 2008.

In January 2013 the kindergarten joined the bullying-free methodology, which aims to create a considerate culture where all children would be including others. The good relationships between children that are established in kindergarten should be infused into the school environment. When children are leaving the kindergarten to attend school, they already have experience to help them cope with special social relationships in the classroom.

There are some events with long traditions, such as Öödisko (night disco), crafting the toy 'Kröll' before graduating the kindergarten, witches party, hikes, health mornings, welcome party, a party for grandparents. Every spring, kindergarten's birthday is celebrated. Kindergarten is equipped with an innovative and modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools. We have computer network and also Wi-Fi hot spots, which facilitates the use of ICT tools. Each nursery group has interactive whiteboard, projector and laptop. This enables to diversify the learning activities. ICT tools are used actively in learning, creating learning materials, making animations and videos with children, etc (media education).

The progressive personnel has contributed a lot to the kindergarten's good reputation and development. They have valued the principles of education, including playing as the main activity, focused on the child. Great emphasis has been devoted to improve the children's playing environment. The renewal of playing and learning equipment is based on safety, suitability for the target audience, the functionality of the instrument, and child-friendliness. The children have received a very thorough preparation for school. The surveys conducted among teachers and parents show that the relationships between children, teachers and parents are good, which is a prerequisite for a successful and effective educative work.

Project Context

Kilingi-Nõmme is a small town which is located in the south-east of Pärnu County. About two thousand habitants live in Kilingi-Nõmme. A nationally important transit road bypasses the town. It makes transport connection with Pärnu, Viljandi, Võru, Tartu and Tallinn more convenient. Kilingi-Nõmme is the economic and cultural center of Saarde Parish. The biggest

employer is the public sector. In the town there is a kindergarten, a gymnasium, a music school, a library, a post office, a culture center, a leisure center, a sports hall, a family physician and the health center, a police station and a rescue service. Many different hobby circles are carried out in the culture center, kindergarten and school (dance and song circles, handicraft, art and sports circles). Several sports and cultural events have been established like singing contest "The Most Beautiful Forest Song" ("Kaunim metsalaul"), music festival "Schilling" and "Rock Club", sporting events "Three Schoolhouse Run" and Kilingi-Nõmme triathlon, etc. Kilingi-Nõmme is surrounded by pine forest, in the region that has a lot of greenery and pure nature. It gives a variety of opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking and playing Disc Golf. In winter there are illuminated skiing trails.

Proposed Activities

Volunteer is a part of a team whose task is to assist the teacher in the learning process.

The duties are:

- directly assisting the children
- individual work
- preparing teaching devices if necessary
- taking part in the study visits (expeditions), in outdoor education and in the movement activities
- assisting the teachers in the preparation of the traditional house events - sports days, night disco, folklore festival, health mornings, study visits, field trips, excursions, etc.

Volunteer would be fully included in organizing the events. Volunteer has an opportunity to use modern teaching materials and tools. Kindergarten is equipped with an innovative and modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools. We have computer network and also Wi-Fi hot spots, which facilitates the use of ICT tools. Each nursery group has interactive whiteboard, projector and laptop. This enables to diversify the learning activities. ICT tools are used actively in learning, creating learning materials, making animations and videos with children, etc (media education).

Profile of the Volunteer

A person whom we expect in our institution is definitely child-friendly and has a desire to work with children. We are looking forward to someone who wants to be a part of our a team. He/she

has to be open-minded, ready to be part of a team and ready to cooperate. Also it would be a good thing if volunteer has innovative, initiative and interested in Using ICT tools in teaching process, likes to sing, play, do sports, dance.