



# Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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## We are a Peanut Free Zone

Thank you for continuing to respect the preschool's peanut free policy by not sending any food to preschool with your child.



## This Month at Preschool

Bears, bears, and more bears continue to appear in our classroom this month, from polar bears to teddy bears and everything in between. You may have already heard stories of bear-shaped "cookies" being created at the playdough table, or have seen fuzzy polar bear gluing crafts coming home with your child.

Prior to spring break our students will shift their energies towards exploring St. Patrick's Day, with shamrocks, rainbows, and pots of gold emerging in songs, stories, and art projects around the classroom.

March 2017



## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Monday & Tuesday, March 20 & 21 ----- Class Photos

Wednesday, Mar. 22 ----- Last Day of School before Spring Break

Monday, Apr. 3 ----- Classes Resume

Tuesday, Mar. 28 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Friday, April 14 ----- No School (Good Friday)

Monday, April 17 ----- No School (PD Day)

Tuesday, April 25 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Friday, May 19 ----- No School (PD Day)

Monday, May 22 ----- Victoria Day (no classes)

Tuesday, May 30 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

TBD----- Last Day of School

TBD ----- Year End Picnic

**All parents** are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, held the last Tuesday of each month. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Jennifer Straatman at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org)

## Class Photos

**Class photos will be taken on March 20 and 21!**

## Receipts

If you require a receipt for preschool fees paid during the 2016 calendar year please email our treasurer, Hollie at [hellis1688@gmail.com](mailto:hellis1688@gmail.com).

Please include your child's name, which class they are in this current school year. Thank you!

## Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open to the public. If you wish to register your child and have not yet done soon, we recommend you contact our registrar as soon as possible, as spaces are filling up.

If you know anyone looking for a preschool with engaging learning opportunities, caring teachers, and plenty of hands-on fun, please encourage them to browse our website [www.glenbrookpreschool.org](http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org)

## Cooked Playdough Recipe

Stuck inside this winter? Consider some homemade kitchen fun with your preschooler!

- 2 cups white flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 Tbsp. cream of tartar
- 2 cups of water
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- food colouring

Combine and cook ingredients over medium heat. Turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.



## Fundraising Update

Spring is rapidly approaching, and so is our spring fundraiser. This year we will have two great ways to support the preschool while preparing for summer. Our popular Spolumbos fundraiser will be back again this year, with a variety of sausages and burgers for your family to enjoy. As well, the selection of beautiful bedding plants we had last year will be available to help get your yard ready for the summer season. Please watch your child's mailbox in early April for more information.

## Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> for the four year old classes and Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for the three year old classes. The photo session will take only a few minutes, and the rest of the class time will be spent exploring the usual messy preschool fun. Therefore, please choose your child's clothes accordingly. The teachers will let you know after spring break once 5x7 prints of the photos are available for purchase.

## Learning through Play

Carpet time at the end of each class not only teaches children important social skills, like keeping their hands to themselves, but also provides an opportunity for our teachers to share a story with the class. Did you know that books and storytelling help children to:

- Learn pre-reading skills such as how to hold a book
- Learn new words and meanings
- Develop imagination
- Develop their interests
- Understand different social situations
- Understand that print carries the meaning of the story
- Share experiences with other children and adults
- Develop a positive attitude towards books, which will help them when they learn to read



Information taken from: <http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/teaching-and-learning/learning-tools-and-resources/play-ideas/books-and-storytelling/>