



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

December has now arrived, and here at preschool, so has the holiday spirit! Our students have begun exploring the shapes, colours, and images of Christmas in their art projects, as well as through various other toys and games throughout the classroom. Green or red playdough may make an appearance, while stories and songs celebrating the season infuse carpet time with festive cheer.

As well, music will soon be starting for both the three and four year old classes! Each week Mrs. Miller and her guitar will lead the students through many great rhymes and action songs. Perhaps your child will learn a new song to add to your family's favourites!



December 2016

Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Wednesday, Dec. 14 ---- Last Day of School before Christmas Break

Tuesday, Jan. 3 ----- Classes Resume

Tuesday, Jan. 3 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Saturday, Jan. 14 ----- Pre-registration for the 2017-18 school year

Tuesday, Jan. 31 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Thursday, Feb 16 ----- Teachers' Convention (no classes)

Friday, Feb. 17 ----- Teachers' Convention (no classes)

Monday, Feb. 20 ----- Family Day (no classes)

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

Friday, Mar. 24 ----- Last Day of School before Spring Break

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

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

Reminders

- Walking across the field full of snow can be a challenging trip for you and your preschooler. Consider keeping a sled in your car, so the trip to the school door may be easier and more fun for all.



- Thank you for continuing to keep your child home from school when they are sick. Both our teachers and our students appreciate having a healthy environment in which to work and learn.

Spaces Still Available

There are currently a couple of spaces available in our three year old afternoon class. If you know anyone who may be interested in our great preschool, please direct them to our website at: www.glenbrookpreschool.org or have them call 403-686-6868 and leave a message for our registrar. Your references are a great way to keep our preschool full and vibrant.

No Cook Playdough Recipe

2 cups white flour
1 cup salt
2 tsp. cream of tartar
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
2 cups of BOILING water with food colouring added to it

Mix all ingredients in a bowl, turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on Saturday January 14th. This is open to all families currently enrolled in the preschool. Further details will be available in early January.

Do you know anyone who may be interested in our preschool? Let them know about our open house! It will take place on Monday, January 23rd from 3:30pm-4:30pm, and is a great opportunity to see the classroom, meet the teachers, and ask any questions they may have.

Glenbrook Community Association News

Are you looking for things to do with your children for the week between Christmas and New Year? Why not join fellow community members for a fun-filled evening of ice skating! The Glenbrook Community Association is holding a family skating party on Wednesday, December 28th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and all preschool families are invited to attend. Free hot chocolate, popcorn, and music will be part of the fun. The Skate Shack will also be onsite to provide skates for anyone who did not bring their own. This all takes place at the skating rink behind the Glenbrook Community Association, located at 3524 45 St SW. Hope to see you there!



Learning Through Play

Last month saw the introduction of the water table to our classroom, complete with fish and mermaids to play with. In addition to the sheer fun of splashing around, water play is also a fun, soothing activity. It can help children to:

- Develop hand-eye coordination
- Learn to lift, pour and control water
- Understand measuring, estimating and volume
- Understand heavy/light, float/sink, full/empty and shallow/deep
- Learn to concentrate and solve problems
- Learn to share and cooperate with others

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

**Wishing all of our Glenbrook Preschool families
a safe and joyous holiday season!**