

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.

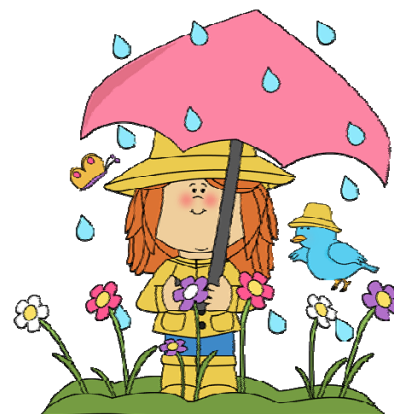


May 2016

This Month at Preschool

It is hard to believe the school year will soon be winding down. Looking back over the past eight months, the changes in our students have been immeasurable, and they should all be proud of their accomplishments. They have had many exciting challenges and discoveries, and have all grown and flourished in new ways. What better time, then, to investigate new growth and changes in the natural world around us? Our students will be discovering aspects of spring this month.

In addition to investigating spring through our usual diverse assortment of toys and craft materials, outdoor playtime will provide first hand experience with the season.



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, May 20 ----- No School (PD Day)

Monday, May 23 ----- Victoria Day (no classes)

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

Tuesday, June 14 ----- Last Day of School

Friday, June 17 ----- Year End Picnic

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Laura Swainson at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

Volunteer Needed

We are still looking for someone to fill the roll of Community Liaison for our 2016-17 Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The Community Liaison serves as an intermediary between the preschool and the Glenbrook Community Association. The PAC is a great way to get to know other parents and learn more about what is going on in the preschool. If you have been considering joining the PAC, this position is an excellent place to start, as the amount of time required is minimal. If you think this may be the role for you, please contact Laura at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

This and That

- A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our spring fundraiser! Your orders will be available to pick up on the afternoon of May 28th. You will receive an email several weeks in advance informing you of the exact pick-up time. If you have any questions, please email Jillian at fundraising@glenbrookpreschool.org

- From mid-May through September, you may notice construction around the school, upgrading doors to make them more accessible for wheelchairs. Please excuse any inconvenience this work may cause and be mindful of the workers who are accomplishing these upgrades.

- Did you know that after our students finish preschool in mid-June, our teachers are still hard at work until the elementary school closes for the summer? Not only do they have to clean every toy in the preschool, but they also have to remove everything from the classrooms so the floors can be cleaned. Then they must move it all back in again! So, although June is a slightly shorter month for students, there is still plenty going on behind the scenes!



Cooked Playdough Recipe

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.

Please make 2 separate batches to ensure enough for preschool use.
Thank you!

Year End Picnic

It is almost here! Our annual preschool picnic is coming up, and all preschool families are invited to join us.

Date: Friday, June 17th

Time: 11:00 am until 1:00 pm

Where: the playground beside the Glenbrook Community Centre at 3524 45 Street SW (across 45th Street from the school)

Bring: lawn chairs or blankets, food and drink for your own family (please remember when packing your lunch that our school is peanut free), sunscreen, and bug spray.



Please make sure all children are accompanied by an adult. Also, please note that this event is weather dependent. If in doubt, check our website the morning of the picnic at: <http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org> We will update it with the picnic status by 10:00 am.

Hope to see everyone there!

Outdoor Playtime

Spring is here, and this means more opportunities for outdoor playtime at preschool! Our students will be spending a portion of their class outside any time the weather permits, so please make sure your child comes prepared. A sun hat is encouraged, and appropriate footwear is essential. Please do not send your child in sandals. As well, if you wish your child to wear sunscreen, please apply it before coming to preschool. Thanks!

Learning Through Play

Your child may have mentioned the great variety of puzzles found in the preschool classroom throughout the year, from penguins to barns, and everything in between. Did you know that puzzle play can help children to:

- Develop hand-eye coordination
- Develop finger and hand muscles
- Learn to solve problems
- Learn to reason and deal with frustration
- Learn to persevere and be patient



Information taken from:

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

Wishing all of our preschool families a summer filled with love, laughter, and plenty of playtime!