



## 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

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break, and is feeling rested and ready to learn! Winter has certainly made its appearance outdoors, and this month our teachers are bringing it indoors as well! Penguins have been spotted at our puzzle table, and our students are expanding their scientific skills by experimenting with ice cubes at the water table. Your children are also busy exploring different colours associated with winter in their art projects. Who knew there were so many different ways to use the colour blue?

January 2016



### Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Saturday, Jan. 16 ----- Pre-registration for the 2016-17 school year  
Tuesday, Jan. 26 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)  
Monday, Feb. 1 ----- No School (PD Day)  
Thursday, Feb. 11 ----- Teachers' Convention (no classes)  
Friday, Feb. 12 ----- Teachers' Convention (no classes)  
Monday, Feb. 15 ----- Family Day (no classes)  
Tuesday, Feb. 23 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)  
Thursday, Mar. 17 ----- Last Day of School before Spring Break  
Tuesday, Mar. 29 ----- 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 Laura Swainson at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org)

### Fundraising Update

A huge thank you to all of our families who participated in our Christmas fundraisers. Thanks to you, we raised over \$1000 for the preschool! Our second and final fundraiser of the year will consist of beautiful bedding plants for your garden and delicious Spolumbos sausages for your bbq. More information will be available in the upcoming months.

## Open House

If you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child in Glenbrook Preschool for the 2016-17 school year, please let them know that we will be holding an open house on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for potential families to see our classroom, meet our teachers, and ask any questions they may have.

Registration will open to the public at our registration night on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Glenbrook Community Centre.

## Spaces Still Available

There are currently a couple of spaces available in our three and four year old classes. If you know anyone who may be interested in our great preschool, please direct them to our website at: <http://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.

## 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!**



## 2016-17 Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for the 2015-16 preschool year will take place by phone on **Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 - 11:00 am**. This is open to all families currently enrolled in the preschool, including the siblings of children currently enrolled. If you wish to secure a space for your child for next year, please call Kira at 403-919-8970. Leave a brief message with your name, your child's name, your child's current class (if applicable), the class and time slot you wish to register for, and your email address. You will later receive an email to confirm your message was received. Please note that enrollment is not guaranteed until all registration forms, a copy of your child's birth certificate, and post-dated cheques are received. These are due in the red drop box in the coat room by Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Valentine's Day at Preschool

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and it provides a fun opportunity for students to exchange Valentine's cards with their classmates. If your child would like to participate, please keep in mind the following considerations:



- Please do not address the cards to a specific student, but instead simply sign your child's name. It is easier for children to place the cards in their classmates' bags when they are addressed generically.

- There are 12 students in the three year old classes and 16 students in the four year old classes. Please send a card for each student so everyone feels included.

- Please DO NOT include any food due to allergy concerns.

- T/TH classes will be exchanging cards on Tuesday, February 9  
M/W/F classes will be exchanging cards on Wednesday, February 10

Thanks for your assistance, and happy Valentine's Day!

## Learning Through Play

Art projects are a staple part of our classroom, and painting holds particular interest for many children. This month, winter colours and shapes help children explore ideas of winter in their paintings. In addition, painting also helps children to:

- develop hand, eye, arm and body coordination
- develop finger and hand muscles
- use shape, form and colour to express themselves in way they do not yet have words for
- experiment with colour and texture
- represent ideas
- show moods and feelings
- begin to develop writing skills

