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# 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.

**December 2017**

## 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, 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!

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## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, Dec 8: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Tuesday, Dec 19: Last day of school before Christmas Break

Wed, Dec 20 – Fri, Jan 5: NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break

Monday, Jan 8: Class resumes

Tuesday, Jan 9: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Friday, Jan 26: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development

Thursday, Feb 15: NO SCHOOL – Teachers' Convention

Friday, Feb 16: NO SCHOOL – Teachers' Convention

Monday, Feb 19: NO SCHOOL - Family Day

Tuesday, Feb 27: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday, Jan 30 PAC meeting is tentatively cancelled. We will be meeting Tuesday, Jan 9 instead.

**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 Nicole at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org)

## Reminders

- Please continue keeping sick children home from preschool. If you get a phone call from teachers to pick up your child please come to the school as soon as possible. Both our teachers and our students appreciate having a healthy environment in which to work and learn.



- The water table is set up in the classroom. Therefore short sleeves are recommended for this activity.

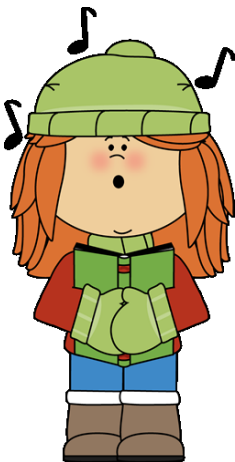
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## Spaces Still Available

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

[www.glenbrookpreschool.org](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.



## Volunteer Needed

The Parents' Advisory Committee is still looking for a vice chair volunteer. If you have any interest or questions, please discuss with the teachers or email Nicole at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org)

Thank you!

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## Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all families currently enrolled in the preschool. Further details will be available in early January. Please look for information coming in your take home spot.

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## Open House

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 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:15pm - 5:00pm, and is a great opportunity to see the classroom, meet the teachers, and ask any questions they may have.

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## Please Do Not Send ANY Food or Treats to the Preschool!

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## 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!**