

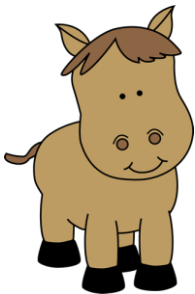
Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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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.



April 2017

This Month at Preschool

Spring has officially arrived, and the first signs of new plants are emerging. What better time, then, to investigate farms, with their growing plants, intriguing machinery, and of course, captivating animals. Our students are already hard at work creating farms in the sand table, complete with buildings, animals, farmers, and tractors. Watch for a parade of farm animals coming home in your child's art projects too!



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Wednesday, April 5 ----- 4 year old PM class ONLY | Class Photos

Thursday, April 6 ----- 3 year old | Class Photos

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)

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

Friday, June 16 ----- Year End Family 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.

Cold and Flu Season

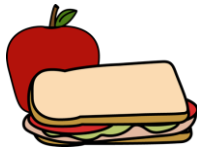
Although the worst of the cold and flu season is behind us, we are still reminding parents to please keep children at home if they are not feeling well. **Please note that if a child is unwell enough to require medication, including Tylenol, Advil, or cold medicine, in the 24 hours prior to their preschool class, they should be kept at home.** This is a courtesy not only to the teachers, other students, and their families, but also to the sick child who will struggle in a classroom environment when under the weather.

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!

Year End Picnic

Mark your calendars for our annual preschool picnic! This year's picnic will be held



on Friday, June 16th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the playground beside the Glenbrook Community Centre. All preschoolers and their families are invited to attend. The picnic always makes a great way to end off the school year and to say good-bye to teachers and friends. We can't wait to see everyone there! It's an annual highlight!

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.

Fundraising Update

After returning to school following spring break, you will have received details regarding our Spring Fundraiser in your child's preschool mailbox. Order forms and payment are due back by April 20th and 21st. Your orders will be available to pick up within a two hour window on a Saturday in May. If you have any questions, please email fundraising@glenbrookpreschool.org.

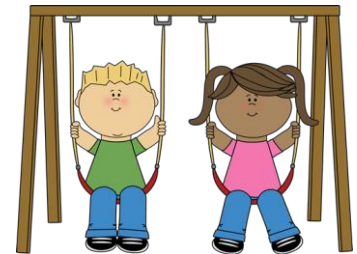
As always, participation in our fundraisers is voluntary and we appreciate that not all families are able to contribute. Thank you to everyone who can! Because administration tasks associated with the preschool are performed by volunteers, all funds raised are able to go directly to our classrooms, providing items like new toys for our children to enjoy.

Class Photos

Class photos will be available for purchase from our teachers at a cost of \$5.00. They make a wonderful keepsake of this fleeting time in our children's lives! Stay tuned for delivery dates, we'll let you know when they're ready for pick up and payment!

Learning through Play

With warmer weather rapidly approaching, our classes will often be taking their learning outside to the playground. Did you know that physically active play, like climbing, swinging, and running can help children to:



- Develop large muscles, strength, and balance
- Develop flexibility and coordination, including hand-eye coordination
- Develop skills such as throwing, catching, hopping, skipping, climbing and balancing
- Develop awareness of space, such as over/under, in front/behind, on top/beneath, inside/outside
- Develop mathematical concepts such as long/short, big/small, wide/narrow
- Be confident in controlling their bodies and learn their limits
- Learn to cooperate and share
- Understand that physical activity is fun and can release tension

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