



# 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 plastic ice cubes and buoyancy 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?

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## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Saturday, Jan. 14 ----- Pre-registration for the 2017-2018 school year

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

Friday, Feb. 3 ----- No Classes

Thursday, Feb. 16 ----- No Classes

Friday, Feb. 17 ----- No Classes

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

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

Wednesday, Mar. 22 ----- 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](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, stay tuned!

## Open House

If you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child in Glenbrook Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year, please let them know that we will be holding an open house on Monday, January 23rd, from 3:45pm – 4:45pm. 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 on Thursday, January 26th, from 5:30pm– 7:30pm at the Glenbrook Community Centre.

## Spaces Still Available

There are currently a few spaces available in our three year old class. If you know anyone who may be interested in our great preschool, please direct them to our website, [glenbrookcommunitypreschool.com](http://glenbrookcommunitypreschool.com).

Your references are a great way to keep our preschool full and vibrant.

## The Water Table is Here!

Please send your child to school in short sleeves! Not only is the classroom unseasonably warm but short sleeves provide your child easier access to the fun, new station! Thank you!

## Music Begins this Month

Mrs. Miller will be leading our classes in song this month, teaching the students some great songs to share with your families at home!



## 2016-17 Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for the 2017-2018 preschool year will take place by phone on **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-11:00am**. 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 next year, please call Ruby at 403-286-6222. 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 20th.

## 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.

M/W/F classes will be exchanging cards on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
T/Th classes will be exchanging cards on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

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 colors 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 color and texture
- Represent ideas
- Show moods and feelings
- Begin to develop writing skills

