

Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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We are a Peanut Free Zone

Glenbrook Community Preschool will be providing a healthy snack for your child during their preschool class, so there is no need to pack one. In addition, please do not send any other food, such as birthday or holiday treats, to school with your child due to allergy concerns. Even food that has come in contact with peanuts can be potentially dangerous for some children. Thanks for your cooperation!

October 2017

This Month at Preschool

Preschool is now well underway, with the first month already behind us! Our students have had busy days full of playing and have been exploring various shapes and colours during the first part of September.

With October now upon us, we turn our imaginations to the ideas, images, sights, and sounds of Thanksgiving and Halloween. Perhaps your child can tell you about the Thanksgiving playdough tools they have been using, or a Halloween book their teacher read. More information on Halloween at preschool can be found on the reverse of this page.

Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Monday Oct 9: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day

Monday Oct 16: NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Tuesday Oct 24: PAC Meeting (7 pm)

Monday Oct 30: Halloween Costume Day (4 Year Olds)

Tuesday Oct 31: Halloween Costume Day (3 Year Olds)

Friday Nov 17: NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Tuesday Nov 28: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Friday Dec 8: NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Tuesday Dec 19: Last day of class before break

Wednesday Dec 20 - Friday Jan 5: NO SCHOOL - Christmas Holiday

Monday Jan 8: Class Resumes

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings held at Glenbrook Community Hall (across the street from the school, second floor). We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nicole at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org.

Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu season is unfortunately upon us, and we need your help to keep our preschool a healthy place for everyone. We are asking parents to please keep your child at home if he/she is not feeling well. Although this is obvious in cases of fever or vomiting, it is just as important when the child has a continuous runny nose, a bad cough, or is just feeling a bit off. It is natural for children, even when they are feeling unwell, to tell their parents they want to go to school, because school is fun. However, this same child will have difficulties concentrating in class, and will require a considerable amount of attention from our teachers, taking their focus away from the class as a whole. As well, after a few sneezes directly into the playdough, they are guaranteed to pass their germs onto other students and the teachers. Thank you for making your best effort to keep our classrooms a healthy place for everyone. Your consideration of our teachers and other students is much appreciated!

Reminders

- Check out the preschool's website (glenbrookpreschool.org) and the bulletin board in the coat room for weekly updates and information!
- To maintain consistency in the classroom, we kindly ask that you encourage your children to address their teachers using their surnames. They are Mrs. Fozzard, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. McConnell. Thanks for your assistance with this!
- Our classroom tends to get quite warm. Please keep this in mind when dressing your children for school. We suggest t-shirts, not hoodies or sweatshirts.
- NO PARKING ALLOWED in the staff parking lot.

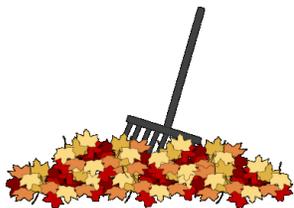
Fundraising Update

Please watch for information coming home regarding our fundraisers.

Enjoy the fun at home! 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.



Halloween at Glenbrook Preschool

Your child is welcome to wear a costume to school if they wish. This will be Monday, October 30th for the four year old classes, and Tuesday, October 31st for the three year old classes. Please leave all Halloween toy weapons at home, and remember how warm the classroom gets when selecting your costumes. Also, please do not send any Halloween treats with your child. Thanks for your cooperation!



Big PLANS for Little Kids Assessment

Big PLANS for Little Kids is a private ECS agency funded by Alberta Learning. Representatives come into the classroom to assess students enrolled in the 4-year-old program as well as selected students in the 3-year-old program, who have had consent forms filled out by their parent/guardian. Big PLANS provides the preschool with developmental screenings to make sure children who need it will have access to extra help through their preschool years at no cost to parents.

Registration Spots Still Available

There are several 3 year-old PM and 4 year-old PM vacancies at the preschool. If you know of any families that may be interested, please direct them towards our website (glenbrookpreschool.org)

Volunteer Positions Still Available

The Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) is still looking for volunteers to fill the Secretary position and the Community Preschool Liaison position. Please let the teachers know if you are interested in helping out!

Learning Through Play

Wooden building blocks are a perennial favourite in preschool classrooms around the world, and our classroom is no exception. Kids love blocks! In addition to providing hours of fun, did you know that block play can help children to:

- Learn about gravity, stability, balance, weight, and trial and error
- Understand shape, size, space, depth, width, and height
- Develop hand-eye coordination and muscles
- Learn to plan and ask questions
- Gain confidence in their own abilities
- Learn to cooperate and share with others



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