

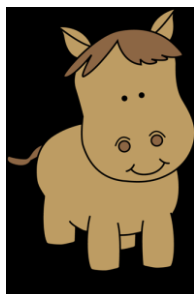
Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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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

Spring is arriving (well, one can hope!). What better time, then, to investigate flowers and bugs? Our students are working with this theme in the sand table, through crafts, and even play dough!



April 2018

Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Tuesday, April 3: Classes Resume from Spring Break

Friday, April 20: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Tuesday, April 24: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Friday, May 18: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Monday, May 21: NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

Tuesday, May 29: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Wednesday, June 13: Last Day of School

Friday, June 15: 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 Nicole 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.

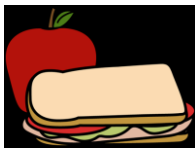
Please note that if a child is unwell enough to require medication, including Tylenol, Advil, or cold medicine, in the 24 hours prior to their preschool class, they should be kept at home. This is a courtesy not only to the teachers, other students, and their families, but also to the sick child who 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. Appropriate footwear is essential. Thanks!

Year End Picnic

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



picnic will be held on Friday, June 15th 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.

Did You Know?

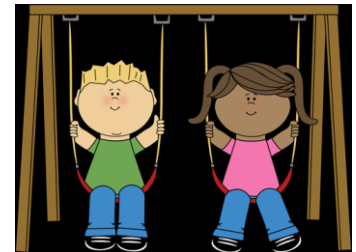
Taking the time to let a child dress and undress themselves, with their outside clothing and boots, helps to build independence and confidence. Give your child the opportunity to try it for themselves. Assist with getting the zipper started, or boot/shoe undone, then step back and allow them the chance to complete the task.

Class Photos

Class photos are now 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! One photo per family please.

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>