

Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

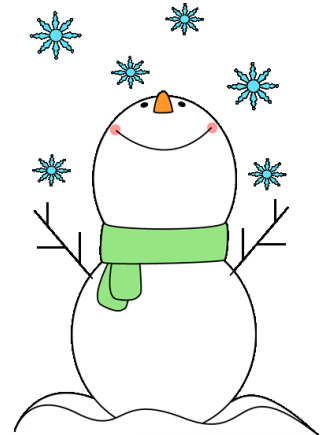
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This Month at Preschool

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 ice cubes 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?



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.



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Monday, Jan 8: Class Resumes

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

Saturday, Jan 13: Pre-Registration for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Thursday, Jan 25: Registration Forms, etc. due in Red Drop Box

Friday, Jan 26: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

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)***

Thursday, Mar 22: Last Day of School before Spring Break

Tuesday, Apr 3: Classes Resume from Spring Break

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, held the last Tuesday of each month. Please note Tuesday, Jan 30 PAC meeting is cancelled. We will be meeting Tuesday, Jan 9 instead. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nicole at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

Open House

If you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child in Glenbrook Preschool for the 2018 - 2019 school year, please let them know that we will be holding an open house on Monday, January 22nd, from 4:15pm - 5:00pm. This is a great opportunity for potential families to see our classroom, meet our teachers, and ask any questions they may have.

Spaces Still Available

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



2018 - 2019 Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for the 2018 - 2019 preschool year will take place by phone on **Saturday, January 13th**. 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 403-689-8976. 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 Thursday, January 25th.

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 Wednesday, February 14th
T/Th classes will be exchanging cards on Tuesday, February 13th

Thanks for your assistance!



Learning through Play

Art projects are a staple part of our classroom, and painting holds particular interest for many children. This month, winter colours 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

