



# 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.



March 2020

## This Month at Preschool

Bears, bears, and more bears continue to appear in our classroom this month, from polar bears to teddy bears and everything in between. You may have already heard stories of bear-shaped "cookies" being created at the playdough table, or have seen fuzzy polar bear gluing crafts coming home with your child.

Prior to spring break our students will shift their energies towards exploring St. Patrick's Day, with shamrocks, rainbows, and pots of gold emerging in songs, stories, and art projects around the classroom.



## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Thursday, March 19: Last day of school before Spring Break

Friday, March 20 – Friday March 27: NO SCHOOL for Spring Break

Monday, March 30: Classes Resume

Tuesday, March 31: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Friday, April 10: NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

Monday, April 13: NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 28: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Friday, May 15: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Monday, May 18: NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

Tuesday, June 2: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Thursday, June 11: Last day of school

Friday, June 12: Year end 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 Haley at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org)

**Sick Policy:** If your child requires medication within 24 hours of a school day, they are not well enough to come to school. Children should be medication free for 24 hours prior to the start of the class they are attending.

## Receipts

If you require a receipt for preschool fees paid during the 2019 calendar year, please call the school

(403)686-6868 and leave a message include your name and number and you will receive a call back. Thank you!

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## Registration for 2020-2021

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open to the public. There are still spaces available in the 3 year old and 4 year old AM and PM classes. If you wish to register your child and have not yet done so, we recommend you contact our registrar as soon as possible.

If you know anyone looking for a preschool with engaging learning opportunities, caring teachers, and plenty of hands-on fun, please encourage them to browse our website  
[www.glenbrookpreschool.org](http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org)

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## Cooked Playdough Recipe

Stuck inside this winter? Consider some homemade kitchen fun with your preschooler!

- 2 cups white flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 Tbsp. cream of tartar
- 2 cups of water
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- food colouring

Combine and cook ingredients over medium heat. Turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.



## Fundraising Update

Spring is rapidly approaching, and so is our spring fundraiser. Please watch your child's mailbox or backpack in April for more information.

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## Please Unpack School Bags

Now that the children are typically getting ready by themselves for pick-up, please remember to empty out any crafts, newsletters, etc. from the back packs. Thank you!

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## Learning through Play

Carpet time at the end of each class not only teaches children important social skills, like keeping their hands to themselves, but also provides an opportunity for our teachers to share a story with the class. Did you know that books and storytelling help children to:

- Learn pre-reading skills such as how to hold a book
- Learn new words and meanings
- Develop imagination
- Develop their interests
- Understand different social situations
- Understand that print carries the meaning of the story
- Share experiences with other children and adults
- Develop a positive attitude towards books, which will help them when they learn to read



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

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## Skating Party

Come join us at the Glenbrook Community rink for a family skating party: Sunday, March 1 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. No skates, no problem! Free skates and helmet rentals.

