

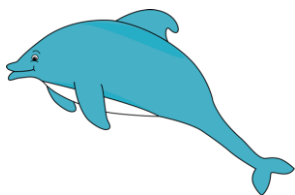
# Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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## We are a Peanut Free Zone

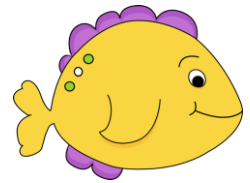
Thank you for continuing to respect the preschool's peanut free policy by not sending any food to preschool with your child.



November 2019

## This Month at Preschool

As we start our third month of school, our students are beginning to explore oceans. Your child will have opportunities to discover new concepts about sea life as they peruse the classroom books. They can experiment with colours, textures, and images of the sea as they construct a gluing craft or try out their painting skills. Perhaps they may even have a chance to test out oceanic science at the water table. As always, our playdough toys and tools change regularly, and provide students with a very tactile way to explore new ideas. More information on playdough's role in your child's learning can be found on the second page of this newsletter.



## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, Nov 1: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Monday, Nov 11: NO SCHOOL – Remembrance Day

Friday, Nov 22: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Tuesday, Nov 26: PAC Meeting (7 pm)

Friday, Dec 8: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Wednesday, Dec 18: Last day of class before break

Thurs, Dec 19 – Fri, Jan 3: NO SCHOOL – Christmas Holiday

Monday, Jan 6: Class resumes

Tuesday, Jan 7: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Saturday, Jan 18: Pre-Registration for 2020-2021 school year

Tuesday, Jan 28: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Friday, Jan 31: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, typically held the last Tuesday of each month. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nancy at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org)

## Open House for Potential Preschool Families

On Wednesday, January 29, from 1:30 – 2:30pm, the preschool will be hosting an open house for potential preschool families. This is a regular classroom day for all of the children who currently attend. The open house portion is for adults only (not their children) to meet the teachers and ask questions about our preschool.

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## Parking

Thank you to all preschool families for respecting NO PARKING zones as well as residents' garages when picking up and dropping off your children! Thanks for helping maintain our positive relationship with both the elementary school and the surrounding community.

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## Cooked Playdough Recipe

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.

## General Drop Off Protocol

When dropping off and picking up, please stay clear of the outside step, and make sure children keep clear as well. This can be a safety hazard as the door swings open outwards. When dropping off your child, please leave as soon as they have their things put away. This allows them to more easily make the transition to starting their school day and helps clear the area.

If you are late dropping off your child, please DO NOT use the front door of the elementary school. Phone the preschool directly (403-686-6868) and the teachers can meet you at the side door. You may have to leave a message on the teacher's mailbox (#1).

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## Preschool Fundraiser

This winter's fundraiser is with the Mixing Spoon! Further information and order forms will be coming shortly in the take-home box. Orders and payments will be due **FRIDAY, NOV 15**. Thank you in advance for participating in our fundraiser! Money raised goes towards items for the classroom and keeping tuition fees low.

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## Learning Through Play

Are you wondering why playdough is such an important staple in our classroom? Here are a few things your child gains from this satisfying sensory experience. Playdough can help children to:

- Develop hand, eye, arm and body coordination, and strengthen finger and hand muscles through squeezing, patting, pounding, rolling, poking, pinching, and cutting with scissors
- Dramatize about food and cooking and identify with the role of family cook
- Be successful – playdough is easy to mould and manipulate
- Be creative
- Learn about science and math – preparing, weighing, measuring
- Feel settled and safe

