

# 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.

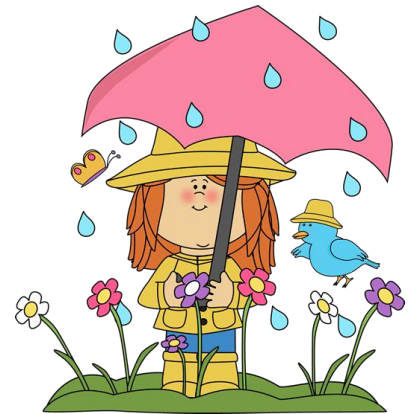


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## This Month at Preschool

It is hard to believe the school year will soon be winding down. Looking back over the past eight months, the changes in our students have been immeasurable, and they should all be proud of their accomplishments. They have had many exciting challenges and discoveries, and have all grown and flourished in new ways. What better time, then, to investigate new growth and changes in the natural world around us? Our students will be discovering aspects of spring this month.

In addition to investigating spring through our usual diverse assortment of toys and craft materials, outdoor playtime will provide first hand experience with the season.



## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Friday, May 19 ----- No School (PD Day)

Monday, May 22 ----- Victoria Day (no classes)

Tuesday, May 30 ----- Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Wednesday, June 14 ----- Last Day of School

Friday, June 16 ----- Year End Family Picnic

**All parents** are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Jennifer Straatman at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org).

## When to Keep Your Child Home

Our teachers and Parent Advisory Council would like to issue another reminder that if your child is experiencing symptoms that indicate they are unwell, you keep them home from school. **If your child requires medication (Tylenol, Advil, Cough/Cold medicine) within 24 hours of their class, they should be kept at home.** Sending kids to school that are unwell requires the teachers to step away from their lesson plans to accommodate the needs of sick children and requires them to throw away play dough and clean all shared surfaces and toys. Please be considerate and only send healthy children to class.

## This and That

• Thank you to everyone who participated in our spring fundraiser! Because the deadline was extended we will soon be updating the new pick up date and time. If you have any questions, please email Jillian at [fundraising@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:fundraising@glenbrookpreschool.org)

• Spring is here which means more outdoor play time at school! We will spend time outside if weather allows so please ensure your child comes prepared. A hat is suggested, runners are essential. Please don't send children in sandals. Please apply sunscreen before school.

• Did you know that after our students finish preschool in mid-June, our teachers are still hard at work until the elementary school closes for the summer? Not only do they have to clean every toy in the preschool, but they also have to remove everything from the classrooms so the floors can be cleaned. Then they must move it all back in again! So, although June is a slightly shorter month for students, there is still plenty going on behind the scenes!



## 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.

## Year End Picnic

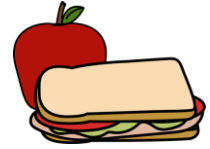
Our annual preschool picnic is coming up, and all preschool families are invited to join us.

**Date:** Friday, June 16th

**Time:** 11:00 am until 1:00 pm

**Where:** Glenbrook Community Centre outdoor playground (3524 45 Street SW)

**Bring:** Lawn chairs, blankets, lunch and drinks for your family. Please remember when packing your lunch that our school is peanut free. Don't forget hats, sunscreen and bug spray!



Siblings welcome, we will have bubbles, balls, and popsicles for all!

Please make sure all children are accompanied by an adult. Also, please note that this event is weather dependent. If in doubt, check our website the morning of the picnic at: <http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org> We will update it with the picnic status by 10:00 am.

Hope to see everyone there!

## Class Photos

Class photos will be available for purchase from our teachers at a cost of \$5.00 each. They make a wonderful keepsake of this fleeting time in our children's lives. Stay tuned for delivery dates, teachers will let you know when they're ready for pick up and payment!

## Learning through Play

Your child may have mentioned the great variety of puzzles found in the preschool classroom throughout the year, from penguins to barns, and everything in between. Did you know that puzzle play can help children to:

- Develop hand-eye coordination
- Develop finger and hand muscles
- Learn to solve problems
- Learn to reason and deal with frustration
- Learn to persevere and be patient



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

Wishing all of our preschool families a summer filled with love, laughter, and plenty of playtime!