

Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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Play Dough Recipe

Combine:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups salt
- 4 tsp of cream of tartar

Mix and add:

- 4 tbsp of oil (NOT peanut oil)
- 4 cups water
- A few drops food coloring

Stir over medium heat until it forms a ball. Knead until smooth. Store in a sealed bag.

We are a Peanut Free Zone

As the preschool provides a healthy snack for your child during his/her preschool class, please do not send any other food to school with your child due to several allergy concerns. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Cold and Flu Season

Flu season is here and this year with the threat of the H1N1 flu virus, we need to take extra precautions to keep everyone in our school environment safe and healthy. In the classroom, we are doing our part by asking everyone who enters the classroom to use the hand sanitizer provided and we are teaching the children proper handwashing techniques. At home, we are asking parents to please err on the side of caution keeping your child at home if he/she has a fever, chills, runny nose, a persistent cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, diarrhea or is just feeling 'a bit off'. If your child has any of these symptoms at school, you will be contacted to come and take them home. Thank you for making your best effort to keep our classrooms virus free and our teachers, students, and their families healthy. ☺



Holidays and Important Dates

- Friday, Oct. 9 -----No School (PD Day)
- Mon. Oct. 12/ Tues. Oct. 13 -----Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
- Tuesday, Oct. 27-----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
- Wednesday, Nov. 11----No School (Remembrance Day Holiday)
- Tuesday, Nov. 24 -----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)
- Wednesday, Dec. 16 --- Last day of classes before Winter Break

★ Just a reminder that we will be voting on changes to the policies and procedure manual (posted on the cloakroom bulletin board) at the October PAC meeting. Any comments regarding the amendments made must be submitted in writing to Jean Lucas, chairperson, before the October meeting. All parents who have a child enrolled in the preschool are welcome to attend and have voting privileges. Please RSVP to derrickandshelley@shaw.ca at least 2 days in advance if you would like to attend.

Halloween at Glenbrook Preschool


On the class nearest to Halloween day your child is welcome to wear a costume to school. Please leave all Halloween toy weapons at home and remember how warm the classrooms get when selecting your costumes.

Please do not send along any Halloween treats with your child due to health concerns. Thank you for your cooperation!

- M/W/F classes dress up on Friday, October 30
- Tu/Th classes dress up on Thursday, October 29
- W only classes dress up on Friday, October 28



This and That

- * Thank you for your cooperation in using the south side doors marked "boys". The front office staff appreciates no traffic through the front of the school.
- * Short sleeves are great for school as the room temperature is quite warm and they make it easier for water play and crafts as well. 
- * Thank you for continuing to park on the street at the back of the school or in the alleyway (being careful not to block neighbourhood garages). It is greatly appreciated by the school and the neighbourhood residents.



- * There is NO need to contact the preschool or teachers when your child will be absent. The teachers take careful attendance records themselves.

Spaces Still Available

There are currently still spaces available for enrollment in our two, three and four year old preschool classes. Your referrals are a valuable way to attract new students and keep the preschool full and vibrant, so please spread the word and let your friends and neighbours know about our great preschool!

Community Sales

Did you know that you are not too late to catch some great community sales of used children's gear? These are a fabulous way to save money (while helping the environment too) on children's clothes, toys, furniture, etc. You can access more community sale information at www.babyguidetocalgary.com and click on 'community sales'.

Provincial Child Care Subsidy


Many parents are unaware that the Province of Alberta provides a subsidy of up to \$100 per month, per child towards tuition for children who are cared for by a stay-at-home parent. This subsidy is in addition to the new Universal Child Care Benefit provided by the Federal Government.

There is a maximum combined family income and the stay-at-home parent cannot work more than 20 hours per week to be able to qualify. If eligible, parents must pay the preschool first and then refunds will be issued from the preschool after the government has reviewed attendance records and sent out the monthly subsidy for each child.

For eligibility requirements and further information please go to: <http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/1153.cfm> or call the toll free parent information line: 1-866-714-5437.

FUNdraising Update

A big thank you to everyone who made our first *Student Union Ticket Pack* fundraiser such a huge success. What amazing salespeople you are! In total, we have earned our preschool a profit of over \$1300!

Watch for our next exciting fundraiser – Purdy's chocolates. This fundraiser will run in time for the Christmas Season ... stocking stuffers anyone? More information and student packages will be handed out in the classrooms in November. Thanks again for all your support. The money raised through these efforts will go directly to our preschool. 

For all future fundraisers please only submit money in the form of a **cheque or money order**. We will not be accepting cash for security reasons. All cheques should be made out to Glenbrook Community Preschool. Thank you.

Our Teacher Assistants

This year we have welcomed back our three wonderful teacher assistants. These ladies work closely with our teachers in your children's classrooms. They all have a wealth of experience working with preschoolers and are a great part of our teaching team. Welcome back Robyn McConnell, Sandi Ohaupel (Mrs. O) and Starla Robinson (who is also the teacher for the two year old preschool class on Wednesdays).

Scholastic Book Orders

You may order Scholastic books at a great price through our preschool if you wish. Just pick up an order form from the wall pocket in the cloakroom, fill it out and return it (with a cheque made payable to Scholastic Canada Inc.) to the drop box (also in the cloakroom) by the date posted near the entry doors each month. The preschool benefits from your orders by getting to choose free books to use in the preschool. 