

# Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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## We are a Peanut Free Zone

Glenbrook Community Preschool will be providing a healthy snack for your child during his/her preschool class. Therefore, there is no need for you to pack one. Please do not send any other food to school with your child due to several allergy concerns. Even food that has come in contact with peanuts can be potentially dangerous for some children. Thank you for your cooperation.

*A little kid humor...*

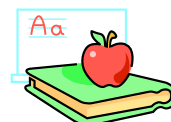
*Why did the nose not want to go to school?*

*Because he was tired of getting picked on.*

## Message from the Chairperson

Welcome to all new and returning students and families to another wonderful year at Glenbrook Community Preschool. The teachers and the Parent's Advisory Committee look forward to making this a special and memorable one for everyone. Our preschool is a place of discovery, allowing students to develop and grow through fun-filled days of child-directed play. Here, our children are able to explore a variety of activities at their own pace, whether it be painting, playing dress-up or making new friends. And most importantly, our children have the opportunity to learn about themselves and the world around them. Glenbrook Community Preschool is a small but important step in their lifelong journey of learning. Enjoy each milestone!

Iris Gill, Chairperson



## Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 28 -----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)

Friday, Oct. 8 - -----No School (PD Day)

Mon. Oct. 11/ Tues. Oct. 12 -----Thanksgiving Break (no classes)

Tuesday, Oct. 26-----Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Thursday, Nov. 11----No School (Remembrance Day Holiday)

Friday, Nov. 12 -----No School (PD Day)

Tuesday, Nov. 30 ----- Parent's Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Wednesday, Dec. 15 --- Last day of classes before Winter Break

**All parents** are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Parent's Advisory Committee (PAC). These meetings are held at 7:00pm at Glenbrook Elementary School the last Tuesday of each month. The PAC welcomes your contributions!

## Glenbrook Community Association News

★ When you register for Glenbrook Community Preschool, you become a member of the Glenbrook Community Association. Membership has its privileges. On September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 the community association is hosting a free family movie night in the park. Toy Story 3 will be playing, popcorn and hot chocolate will be served and bouncy castles will also be part of the fun evening. The Community Association and park are located across the street from the school at 3524 45 ST SW.

★ When you registered for Glenbrook Community preschool, you were required to give contact information in order to obtain your Glenbrook Community membership. This information is required by the community association to receive your membership card. If you have any questions of concerns about the community association having this contact information. Please contact Iris Gill at [irit.gill@shaw.ca](mailto:irit.gill@shaw.ca).

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## Reminders

- All parents are reminded to please read the Parent Handbook. It will answer many of your questions regarding the preschool. Please note that some information has been changed from previous years.
- Please ensure your child is sent to each preschool class with an extra set of clothes, including underwear and socks.
- The preschool phone number is 686-6868. When calling, please simply leave a message. The teachers will pick up messages at the end of class. Please DO NOT call the Glenbrook Elementary School.
- Please choose a pair of indoor shoes for your child that have a proper sole on them (instead of slippers). This is important in the case of school fire drills.
- Please take the time to read the notes posted on the bulletin board in the cloakroom (by the south side entry doors).
- Make sure you label everything that you send to school with your child.

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## FUNdraising Drives

Throughout the year you will be asked to participate in several fundraising drives. These help to purchase innovative new toys for the classrooms and contributes to covering snack costs. The first fundraiser of this year will be selling Student Union Ticket Packs (SUTP). These books contain many great money saving coupons and quickly pay for themselves, not to mention that our preschool receives 50% profit from each book sold. All SUTP orders are due back at the preschool by September 30. Thank you in advance for supporting our school's fundraising efforts.

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## We have a Website

Check out our school website at: <http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org/>  
This site will be updated on an ongoing basis with monthly newsletters and information about our school and teachers.

## Playdough Recipe

### Combine:

2 cups flour, 2 cups salt, and 4 tsp of cream of tartar

### Mix and add:

4 tbsps of oil (NOT peanut oil), 4 cups water, and a few drops food coloring

Stir over medium heat until it forms a ball. Knead until smooth. Store in a sealed bag. (Please double this recipe when making playdough for the preschool – thanks)



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## About Glenbrook Community Preschool

### Our School

Did you know that the Glenbrook Community Preschool is not part of the Calgary Board of Education? As an independent, non-profit organization, we pay rent for our preschool classrooms, purchase our own supplies and pay for caretaking services. Glenbrook Elementary School has been very welcoming to our preschool. You can help ensure we maintain this positive relationship by respecting the school's rules regarding parking and child drop off and pick up, as outlined in the Parent Handbook. Please remember – enter only through the south side entrance (marked "Boys"), and do not park in the staff parking lot. Parking is available on the street at the back of the school and in the alley, noting the no parking signage and being careful not to block neighborhood garages. Thank you for your cooperation☺

### Our Teachers

Our teachers are certified Early Childhood Educators, who interact with and teach in a manner that motivates, encourages and develops creativity, discovery and thinking. They are dedicated professionals who love children and are interested in facilitating each student's development. We are pleased to welcome back both of our wonderful teachers. Mrs. Liz Fozzard who has been with the preschool for over 20 years and this will be Mrs. Brenda Miller's 4<sup>th</sup> year. Both bring a wealth of experience in early childhood education. Liz and Brenda are very excited to be working together to provide a stimulating and positive experience for all of our children.

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## Spaces Still Available

There are currently still spaces available for enrollment in our 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!

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## Do You Fill Up at the Superstore Gas Bar?

If you do and receive superbucks, you may want to consider donating them to Glenbrook Community Preschool. These will go toward purchasing healthy snacks for the students. Simply drop them in the red drop box in the cloakroom when you are dropping your child off at school. Thank you for your generosity.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the monthly newsletter, please contact **Nadia Honnet**, the newsletter editor, at [nhonnet@shaw.ca](mailto:nhonnet@shaw.ca).