

# Patti's News!



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## A Note From Our Director

April showers and cold winds please go away! We are all ready for a nice Spring! Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a fabulous break and made some great memories with your children.

We are on the last leg of the year. We cannot believe how quickly it has flown. The children are so much fun and we really enjoy them. So many of them have blossomed recently. They are really playing with each other and having so much fun. One of my favorite times of the day at Patti's is circle time when we do instruments, jump around and do some silly dancing. So if your little ones come home and say we danced at circle—we did! If you are ever in the area around 11:15 feel free to come and join the silliness and fun!

Teacher Kim and I would like to thank all of you for making our birthdays so special! We appreciate all of the lovely flowers, the coffee cards, special treats, lovely cards and nice smiles. You all are very kind to us. And thank you to Trina Myklebust for organizing all of the celebrations!

Lastly, I encourage you to register your little one for another year at Patti's (if you have not already done so). We would love to have your child come back to learn and play with us! Patti's is a great complement to a child's preschool schedule. We hope to see many of the children return in the Fall!

-Cathy Jankovich

## Taming a Temper Tantrum

Temper tantrums and toddlers go hand in hand. When a temper tantrum does occur, it's important to stay calm. Remember that yelling will only make your child's behavior worse. The quieter you are, the sooner your child will settle down. Don't give in to demands. Giving in may teach your toddler to throw tantrums as a means to getting his or her way. Although tantrums sometimes occur at inopportune times or in public places, do your best to simply ignore the tantrum. Lastly, acknowledge your child's anger or frustration. Say to them, "I know you are upset. We can talk about it when you are calmer." Then stay within sight but go about your business. Many children will slowly calm down if ignored, and often just need a little quiet time in order to hit the "reset" button.

## Themes For This Month



Spring

Baby Animals



## Call-In Reservations

Perhaps you need some time to run errands or volunteer in your older child's class? We still have room most afternoons, and for those who aren't aware, you can call in for a reservation-206.232.4453

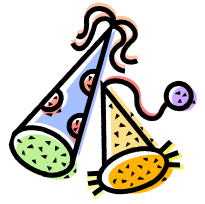
## Thank you!

A big thank you to the following parents for helping make our teachers birthday's special- Sidley Smith Jeanette Petersen, Tamara Nedell, Laura Wentte, Kristy Eide, Jennifer Spatz. We appreciate your contributions!



# Happy Birthday To You

Lucy Aitken  
Mason Chorak  
Luca Galvin  
Megan Kolenski  
Zach Nakano  
Sam Orndorff  
Amelie Schmid  
Carl Schmid



## Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 18th  
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.  
Community Center at Mercer View

Kids of all ages are invited to "Leap for Green", a community event in honor of Earth Day. Activities include music, dancing, storytelling, gardening, live animal exhibits and more! You can also measure your carbon footprint and learn some easy ways to be kinder to the environment. Admission is **FREE**, so bring the whole family! For more details, call (206) 275-7609.

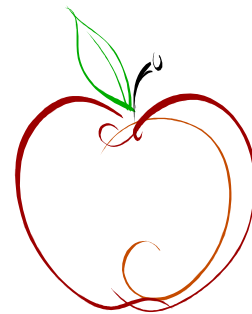
## The Circus Is Coming!



Saturday, May 2nd  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Islander Middle School

Don't miss MIPA's biggest event of the year! The 43rd annual Circus includes carnival games, pony rides, cake-walk, bouncy house and lots more! **FREE** admission plus the cost of \$.50 game tokens. Ages 0-8.

## Teacher Appreciation Day



A Tribute To Our Terrific Teachers  
Friday, April 24th

Each year, the Parents Board coordinates a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for our wonderful teachers. It's a time for the teachers to relax, be pampered and enjoy delicious food. A time to show them thanks and appreciation for all they do for our children.

There will be an opportunity for parents to contribute to the teacher gift baskets which are given to them at the luncheon. Trina Myklebust, the Volunteer Coordinator, will be contacting everyone shortly with more information about how you can help!

## Good News for Parents! Space Still Available for Next Fall!

We still have a few spots available in the mornings & afternoons next Fall.  
Please don't delay, as these spaces won't last long!

Send your registration form and \$75 deposit check (made payable to MIPCP, Inc.) to:

Karen Schmid—4057—86th Avenue SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

If you are interested in a position on the parent's board for next year,  
please contact Sarah LeClerc- sarahleclercq@mac.com.

