

Patti's News!



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A Note From Our Director

Welcome Back from Spring Break! We hope you had a wonderful break with your families and made lots great memories.

Teacher Kim, Teacher Susan and I would like to thank all of you for making our birthdays (and half birthdays) so special! We appreciate all of the lovely flowers, coffee cards, special treats, lovely cards and nice smiles. You all are very kind to us- thank you! And thank you to Shelley Helms & Katelyn Dolence for organizing all of the celebrations!

From time to time, people ask me how Patti's Play Center got its name and who is Patti, so here is the story...Patti Murphy is a very kind woman who started Patti's in her home in 1984. She began with just a few children but within 2 years, the Play Center had grown to serve more than 80 families. She relocated the Center out of her home into the Mercer Island Community Center. In 1986, Patti moved her own home to Issaquah and considered closing the Center. At that point, a group of dedicated parents stepped in and formed a nonprofit corporation what we know today as Mercer Island Play Center Parents (MIPCP- who you write your checks to every month!). The Center is still run by the Parents' Board- a fabulous and dedicated group of parents who do so much for us. We relocated from the Community Center to our current location in 2004.

I joined the Center in 1995 as an Assistant Director and then became the Director in 2000. Although I did not have a chance to work with Patti herself, I maintain her vision of providing a wonderful and loving atmosphere where young children can grow through play-based learning.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents Board and to all of our wonderful Patti's families to help us keep going. Happy Spring!
- Cathy Jankovich

Fundraiser Wrap Up

The 3rd Annual Patti's Fundraiser was a success and there are lots of people to be thanked...

- THANK YOU to all the wonderful parents for supporting Patti's! We raised over \$3000! Wow!
- Thank you to **Andrea Chatalas** and the rest of the Parents' Board for organizing the fundraiser. It was a great evening!
- Thank you to all of the parents who attended the fabulous Wine & Raffle evening- we hope you enjoyed the evening out and meeting other parents!
- Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. All the money from raffle tickets went straight to Patti's!
- And thank you to all the wonderful businesses, parents and individuals who donated items to the raffle (see the next page for the list). We couldn't have done it without you! THANK YOU!!!!

Themes For This Month

Spring

Baby Animals

Insects

Hand & Foot Prints



Call In Reservations & Afternoons Available

Perhaps you need some time to run errands or volunteer in your older child's class? You can use Patti's call-in reservations! We also have room in the afternoons and sometimes we have availability in the morning. Feel free to call or email Cathy to check availability! 206.232.4453

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Thank you!

A big thank you to the following parents for helping make our teachers birthday's special-

Carolyn Balousek , Denise Garry, Sarah Oeltjen , Carolyn Freeman, Stephanie Hinson, Jeanette Petersen, Joci Besecker, Stephanie Vassau, Christine Nakano, and Denise Thomas.

We appreciate your contributions!





Usborne Book Fair

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 4 & 5
8:45- 9:45am and 11:30am- 1pm (both days)

Patti's is proud to host a book fair featuring Usborne Books. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase some great titles for your children.

Usborne has books with a wide range of subjects and appeal to children of all ages! The Usborne books are wonderful quality and reasonably priced.

At the fair, you will be able to purchase and take home books that day or order books to be sent to you. Catalogs are available in the classroom now, if you want to take a look before the fair or you can always check out the books online- www.ubah.com/E3240

If you are not able to make it to the fair, you can purchase books online via the efair. More information about this will be distributed later.



Teacher Appreciation Day

A Tribute To Our Terrific Teachers
Thursday, April 15

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 is an opportunity for parents to contribute to the teachers' gifts which will be given to them at the luncheon.

Shelley Helms and Katelyn Dolence, the Volunteer Coordinators, have already sent an email to all the parents with information on how you can contribute. If you need more information or have questions, please contact, Shelley or Katelyn- katelyndolence@yahoo.com shelleyhelms@comcast.net

THANK YOU to following for donating the Patti's Raffle!

Alla's Day Spa

Cindy's Nails

MI Beach Club

Joci & Jeff Besecker

The Patti's Board members-

Angel Cake Delights

Club Emerald

MI Eyeworks

Nan & Steve Danielson

Lisa Beebe, Kim Werdel,

Bark Avenue

Definitive Dance

QFC

Carolyn and Jamey Balousek

Lisa Lanctot, Karen Schmid,

Bennett's

Dr. Goichi Shiotsu

Seattle Sun Tan

The Patti's teachers- Cathy,
Kim, Alex & Susan

Nicole Dennon, Shelley

Bis on Main

Dooz 4 Kids

Seven Salon

Helms, Katelyn Dolence,

Boka Lounge

Island Books

Wild Ginger

Emily Ferrari, Sarah Le-

Broadmoor Golf Club

Karate West

Yoga Bliss

Clercq, Trina Myklebust,

Cactus

La Ree Boutique

Andrea Chatalas, Angie

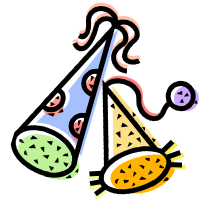
Cellar 46

LT Denny Jewelers

Chatalas

Happy Birthday To You

Lucy Aitken
Jack Buckman
Luca Galvin
Ella Hinson
Zach Nakano
Christian Sandhop
Amelie Schmid



Fall Registration



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, Registrar

4057-86th Avenue SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

The Circus Is Coming



Saturday, April 10

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mercer Island High School

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