

# Patti's News!



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## A Note From Our Director

Happy holidays to everyone at Patti's! We are having so much fun watching your children grow, and are amazed at the changes since the beginning of the year. Thank you so much for allowing us to spend time with your special little ones. The holidays can be very stressful for busy families, and children can pick up on what is happening in their homes. Amidst the hustle and bustle, take time to enjoy the season and make fun memories with your children. Ask them to share 3 things they enjoyed about their day at Patti's, and tell them about your day.

- Cathy Jankovich

## Season of Giving

Share the joy of the holidays with Mercer Island's senior citizens! **Holidoors** began in 2001 as a way to give back to our community. The tradition continues this year with preschools and individuals creating door-sized holiday decorations to adorn the resident's rooms at Covenant Shores and Ellsworth House. MIPA will host two Holidoors parties to meet the residents, enjoy treats and hang art.

Decorations are being made ahead of time. To make a Holidoor at home, please contact Kirstin Larson at (206) 232-6888 or Dina Deitz at (425) 864-0947.

You are welcome to come to the Holidoors parties even if you did not get a chance to make a decoration!

### Ellsworth House

2720-76th Avenue SE  
Tuesday, December 4th  
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Covenant Shores

9150 Fortuna Drive  
Friday, December 7th  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

## ~ Happy Birthday ~



Tessa Dennon  
Jack Kelly  
Sam LeClercq  
Andrew McDonald  
Elizabeth Norris

## Merci Beaucoup

A special thanks to Matt, Michelle and Lucas Galvin for the generous gift of new cars, ramp and "little people". Also to Marilyn Chorak for new toys.

We truly appreciate Sarah LeClercq, Sara Crawford, Marilyn Chorak, Mickey Schiller, Emily Ferrari and Lindsay Wilme for their help with ornaments.

## Themes For This Month



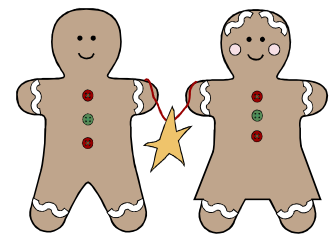
Decorate Gift Boxes

Holiday Celebrations

## Afternoon Openings

If you find yourself needing some extra time during this hectic holiday season, just give us a call. We still have space for 3-5 year olds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:30-3:00.

## Gingerbread Night



Tuesday, December 11th  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our second father / child event of the year. We will be spending time with friends, enjoying delicious pizza and building graham cracker houses. The cost is \$10 per child and space is limited. Please see Cathy to reserve your spot for this special evening.

## Island Events

### Holiday Tree Lighting

Mercerdale Park - Friday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.  
The festivities begin with a community tree lighting and music in the park. Stroll over to the North End Fire Station for photos with Santa Claus, a bowl of homemade chili and children's entertainment.

### Christmas Ship Parade

Luther Burbank - Sunday, December 16th at 5:50 p.m.  
Beach Club - Monday, December 17th at 7:55 p.m.  
For more information, visit [www.argosycruises.com](http://www.argosycruises.com).

### Wish Upon A Star

Bring a new unwrapped toy to the South End Starbucks and your child will receive a free hot chocolate for their good deed. Benefiting the Starlight Foundation.

### A Gift From The Heart

Mercer Island Youth & Family Services is collecting donations for low income families in need. Gift cards are greatly appreciated, along with donations to the food bank. Contact Sharon Broz at (206) 236-3525.

## A Song To Sing



*Ten warm mittens, hanging on a line -  
One blows away and then there were nine.*

*Nine warm mittens, one without a mate -  
A squirrel carries one away and that leaves eight.*

*Eight warm mittens, just eight not eleven -  
One gets buried in the snow and that leaves seven.*

*Seven warm mittens, which one do you pick?  
I'll take the red one and that leaves six.*

*Five warm mittens, we had ten before -  
A fluffy bunny needs one and that leaves four!*

*Four warm mittens, two for you and two for me -  
I lost one on the ski slope and that leaves three.*

*Three warm mittens, looking very new -  
One falls in the mud and that leaves two.*

*Two warm mittens, drying in the sun -  
A bird comes down to snatch it and leaves just one.*

*One warm mitten, but what good is one?  
A little mouse can have a bed and that leaves none!*

## A Few Reminders

'Tis the season . . . cold and flu season, that is. Let's all try to keep each other healthy by remembering to wash hands, and keeping your children home if they are sick. We appreciate you thinking of the other children in the room and pregnant moms before sending someone to school with a green and gunky nose.

At Patti's, we enjoy getting outside everyday! The brisk weather kills germs and the fresh air is great for all of us. Please dress your little ones appropriately with warm coats, gloves and hats. Please also remember to label all belongings. The children are very young, and many of them don't remember which items are theirs.

Winter Break begins on Thursday, December 20th. Enjoy!

## Cinnamon Ornaments

- 1—1/2 cups ground cinnamon
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1/4 cup white school glue (Elmer's)



Mix cinnamon, applesauce and glue together in a bowl. The dough should be thick but not too stiff - add a few drops of water if necessary. Knead dough, place in bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let sit for at least 30 minutes.

Knead dough again, then flatten between sheets of waxed paper. Roll out to a thickness of 1/4". Cut out shapes and use a straw to punch a hole for the ribbon to hang. Gently place on a new sheet of waxed paper. Turn occasionally. Ornaments will dry in 3-5 days.

