

Patti's News!



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December 2008

A Note From Our Director

Happy holidays to everyone! 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.

Thinking ahead, in January, to start the new year, we will ask that the children leave their special objects at home (i.e. blankies, toys, dolls, lovies, etc). The separation anxiety should be gone at this point, so the special toys should not be needed. Thank you!! Happy Holidays!!!
- Cathy Jankovich

Graham Cracker House Night



Tuesday, December 9th 6:00- 7:30pm
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.

Winter Break

Just a reminder that Patti's Play Center will be closed
December 22- January 2 .

We will reopen on **Monday, January 5, 2009!**

Happy Holidays!



Happy Birthday to You!

Pablo Carbajo	Hugh Savage
Andrew McDonald	Josie Savage
Riley Pettigrew	Gavin Shea
Raphael Tapernoux	



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 from 12:30- 300pm. See Cathy if you are interested.

A Few Reminders

- *Late Pick Up Policy*
Pick up time is promptly at Noon and 3:00pm. It is very important your child be picked up on time or charges will be incurred.
- *No Cancellation Policy*
Due to high demand, Patti's has a no cancellation policy. If your child has a reservation and is unable to attend due to illness or vacation you will still be charged. As a courtesy to the teachers, so they do not worry, please call if you know your child will be absent at 206-232-4453.
- *Parent Handbook*
If you have any questions about these policies or other policies please refer to your parent handbook available on the web-
www.pattisplaycenter.org/handbook

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to **Brandon and Hailey Peterson** for the numerous new toys they brought to Patti's. We are very appreciative of the generous gift. The children are having so much fun with the new barn, fire trucks and all the other fun toys! Thanks for thinking of Patti's!

Thank you to **Mickey Schiller, Lindsay Wilme, Laura Wente, Lacey Blank, Janelle Honeycutt, and Michelle Pettigrew** for volunteering to help with the baking and assembling of the Holiday Ornaments. We really appreciate you!

Island Events

Holiday Tree Lighting - Mercedale Park

Friday, December 5th 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 21st 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.argosycruises.com.

Save The Date!



Parent's Night Out

Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Cellar 46
Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Patti's Play Center. Please look for more details in next month's newsletter!

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.

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!*

