

Patti's News!



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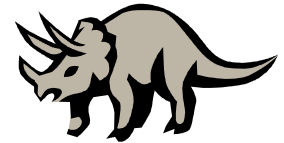
January 2008

A Note From Our Director

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed some special time with your family over Winter Break. As we settle back into a routine, we would like to take this opportunity to say good-bye to our blankies, special animals and security items. This applies to those children who started with us in September, and of course we will make exceptions for those who are new 2's. Please remember to label all of your child's items, including coats and hats. A special thanks to the Patti's Board, and to all of our wonderful parents. We are excited for a great 2008!

- Cathy Jankovich

Themes For This Month



Winter

Dinosaurs

Afternoon Openings

Has your little one given up naps? If so, bring them to Patti's for an afternoon of fun with their friends. We still have space for 3-5 year olds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:30-3:00.

MIPA Preschool Fair



Saturday, January 26
Islander Middle School
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



Mark Your Calendar

Just a reminder that Patti's Play Center will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Winter Break

Thursday, December 20—Wednesday, January 2

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 21



Dino Delights

Q: What do you get when a dinosaur crashes his car?

- A Tyrannosaurus wrecks!

Q: Why did the dinosaurs go extinct?

- Because they wouldn't take a bath!

Merci Beaucoup

A special thanks to all the families who joined us for our annual Gingerbread House Night in December, and to the Patti's Board for organizing this event.

Cathy, Heather Lynne and Maudry wish to thank all of the Patti's parents for the generous holiday gifts. We truly appreciate you thinking of us this time of year. Thank you for everything!

Suggestion Box

Do you have a favorite recipe or activity idea to share with your pals at Patti's? Perhaps you know about an upcoming community event? If so, please send your suggestion to Heather Kurt. Your idea could be featured in a future newsletter.

Email: heather@heatherkurt.com

Searching for a preschool, daycare, summer camp or enrichment program? The MIPA Preschool Fair is your opportunity to gather lots of information and registration materials from many Island schools. Admission is **FREE** for MIPA members.



Snowman Cookies

- 1 package refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough (20 ounces)
- 1–1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- Assorted candies for decoration

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut dough into 12 equal sections. Divide each section into 3 balls: large, medium and small. For each snowman, place 3 balls in a row, 1/4" apart, on an ungreased cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining dough.

Bake 10-12 minutes or until edges are lightly brown. Cool 4 minutes on cookie sheet, then transfer to wire rack. Allow cookies to cool completely.

Sift powdered sugar and mix with milk in a bowl until smooth. Pour icing over cookies. Let stand for 20 minutes or until set.

Decorate using gumdrops for hat, candy corn for nose, licorice for arms, gummy worms for scarf, and other small candies for eyes and buttons. Makes 1 dozen.

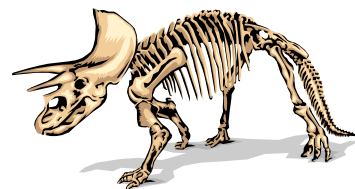
Happy Birthday To You!

Noah Marvey

Mimi Pietila

Carson Shiller

Fossil Finders



Don't miss the Colossal Fossils exhibit at Seattle's **Pacific Science Center**, along with *Dinosaurs Alive!* in IMAX 3D. See enormous dinosaur skeletons plus prehistoric artifacts found from around the world. The exhibit ends January 6, 2008. Better hurry!

Take a walk back in time and check out the amazing dinosaur exhibit at the **Burke Museum**. Admission is **FREE** on the first Thursday of each month, and the museum has extended hours until 8:00 p.m. Located in Seattle on the UW campus. RRRROAR!

Riddles & Rhymes



How does a dinosaur clean up his room?
With a big bucketloader, or shovel or broom?

Does he stick all his teddy bears under his bed,
Or shove them all into his closet instead?

Does he put dirty socks in the back of his drawers?
Does he hide his old jammies behind bathroom doors?

No, a dinosaur doesn't. He does all his chores.
He picks up his toys, and puts them in rows.
Into the hamper he throws dirty clothes.

And all the ripped paper goes into the basket,
Before either Mama or Papa can ask it.

His room is quite tidy - the shelves, bed and floor.
Thank you. Thank you, little dinosaur.

*Taken from the book "How Do Dinosaurs Clean Their Rooms?"
A wonderful read written by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague*

Coming Attractions



Parent's Night Out
Wine Tasting at Cellar 46
Thursday, February 7th

Mom's Night Out
Cabi Shopping Party
Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

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