

Patti's News!



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A Note From Our Director

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful Patti's families. Thank you for being patient with us through the snow closures in December. We hope all of the snow is behind us and we can start the New Year with no additional closures. However, the snow was timely since the month of January our themes will be "Winter" and "Dinosaurs". We will learn about the snow and other winter activities. And dinosaurs are coming to Patti's! We will have dinos everywhere to start 2009 off right. This theme is always a favorite for all the children. So be prepared, your child may come home talking about T-Rex and Long Necks. Happy 2009! Let's all have fun and enjoy!

-Cathy Jankovich

Mark Your Calendar

Just a reminder Patti's Play Center will be **closed** in observance of Martin Luther King Day on **Monday, January 19**.

2nd Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser



Parent's Night Out
Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.
At Cellar 46
7650 SE 27th Street, Suite 120, Mercer Island

After a successful event last year, we are once again sponsoring a wine tasting fundraiser at Cellar 46. Enjoy a sumptuous array of appetizers and sip fine wine with your friends, all while benefiting Patti's. Cost is \$25.00 per person, payable in advance, and 10% of all wine sales benefit Patti's.

You don't want to miss this event! Please **RSVP by Thursday, January 29** to Andrea Chatalas- chatali@comcast.net

If you are not able to join us for the event but would still like to participate in the fundraiser, you may stop by Cellar 46 during the day on February 5 to buy wine. Please remember to mention Patti's so we receive credit.

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 from 12:30-3:00. Talk with Cathy about drop-in or regular reservations.

MIPA Preschool Fair



Saturday, January 24
Islander Middle School
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

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.

Happy Birthday To You!



Olivia Brotherton
Claire Molinari
Jack Molinari
Maxwell Ngamsiripol
Nate Pellerine
Carson Schiller

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 Emily Ferrari. Your idea could be featured in a future newsletter.

Email: emilyferrari@msn.com



Weather Procedures

Patti's will usually follow the Mercer Island School District's (MISD) decision to a late opening or school closure do to snow, wind or other weather related issues.

Please tune into your local radio/TV news station or visit schoolreport.org to find out the status of MISD.

If we decide not to open the Center, you will not be charged. If we open late your reservation will start when we open and you will be charge accordingly. If you cancel your reservation, the full reservation fee will be charged.

If we are open and it starts snowing, we encourage you to pick up your child as we are concerned about the safety of you, your child, and our staff. You will not be charged for the unused portion of your reservation (since we can start sending staff home, thereby lowering our operating costs).

For more information, please refer to page 12 of parent handbook online-

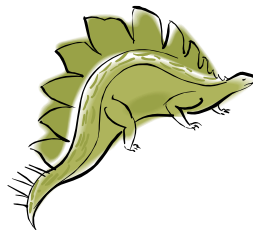
www.pattisplaycenter.org/handbook

Merci Beaucoup

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

Cathy, Heather, Maudry, and Kim 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!

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?" Written by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague

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!

