

Patti's News!



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A Note From Our Director

Happy 2010! We hope you all had a nice time with your families, made some fun memories and had some time to relax. For the month of January, we are excited to introduce dinosaurs to the children. This is always a fun time for the children. They love to learn about all the dinosaurs-- so when they talk about T-Rex and Long Neck don't be scared!

We appreciate all of our wonderful Patti's families. We would also like to welcome the many new families joining this month. We are excited to get to know your little ones and help them make friends.

In January, we encourage your children leave behind their blankies and special friends when they come to play with us (although, for our new children, we will make exceptions). We will do all we can to make everyone happy and comfortable at Patti's.

I would also like to thank our teachers, Alex, Kim and Susan. We have a wonderful staff and are grateful for all of your hard work and kindness to all of the children.

Let the fun begin in 2010! - *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 18.**

3rd Annual Patti's Fundraiser



SAVE THE DATE
Wine Tasting and Raffle Fundraiser
Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
at Mercer Island Beach Club

Patti's annual fundraiser is a fabulous evening filled with wine, food, friends, and prizes. More information to coming in the next newsletter, plus look for an invite coming your way soon. In the mean time, mark your calendar- you don't want to miss the fun!

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

MIPA Preschool Fair



Saturday, January 23
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!



Kate Defebaugh
Leo Garry
Claire Molinari
Jack Molinari
Chloe Perla

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 Patti's Communication Coordinator, Emily Ferrari. Your idea could be featured in a future newsletter.



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. We would also like to thank Shelley Helms and Katelyn Dolence for donating the pizza and soda for the event and to the rest of the Patti's Board for organizing and donating items.

Another thank you to all the students who attended Dinosaur Camp during winter break. We had two great fun filled days of camp! Thank you for attending and your continued support of Patti's!

Lastly, the Teachers, Cathy, Kim, Susan and Alex wish to thank all of the Patti's families for the generous holiday gifts. We truly appreciate you thinking of us this time of year. Thank you for everything!

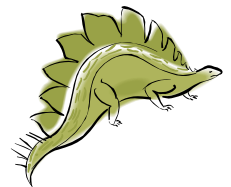
DONATIONS?

Patti's will be holding our annual fundraiser on March 4th. During this evening, not only will guests enjoy delicious wine tasting and food but they will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for wonderful gift baskets. All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to Patti's.

If you would like to donate an item or money to one of the gift baskets, we would greatly appreciate your generosity. Each gift basket has a theme- spa/beauty, date night, and wine/cheese/chocolate. And we may add more themes/baskets.

If you would like to donate an item or money, or just have a question, please contact, our fundraising chair, Andrea Chatalas at chatali@comcast.net. All donations are tax deductible.

Dino Riddles



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!