

# Patti's News!



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## A Note From Our Director

I don't know about you, but we are really excited March is here. We only HOPE that means warmer weather and a beautiful spring are just around the corner. It is a joy to watch your children blossom, and to see how they have matured since their arrival in September. The children come to school confident and ready to go. Many of them are now playing in groups with their new friends. We missed some of you while you had bad colds, but appreciate you parents for keeping your little ones home when they weren't feeling well. Thank you also for continuing to dress your children in appropriate clothes for the chilly weather we have recently been having. We do enjoy playing outside most every day.  
- Cathy Jankovich

## Themes For This Month



Baby Animals

Insects

## Tuesday Afternoons

We need a minimum of 5 kids to offer a Tuesday afternoon play session. Please talk with Cathy if you are interested in a permanent reservation for your child. Afternoons are geared toward 3-5 year olds.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Daylight Savings Time**  
Sunday, March 9th

**Spring Break**  
March 31st through April 4th

Thanks to everyone who attended our fundraising event at Cellar 46! We had a great turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many Patti's families and friends. Thanks also to Zachary Byus for the fun animal snap toys. We have used them numerous times already, and they are a big hit with the children! We appreciate the wonderful book given to us by Bridget Thompson. *The Grand Old Tree*, by Mary Newell DePalma, is a touching story with fabulous illustrations. The author happens to be Bridget's 2nd cousin, which makes reading it even more fun. To all of our Patti's parents, we truly appreciate your continued support and generosity!

## Island Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 22nd**  
3:00 p.m. SHARP!



Hop on over to Mercerdale Park for the annual egg hunt! The bunny has been hard at work hiding eggs, candy and prizes. Bring your own basket. For ages 1-6, with a special section set aside for toddlers.

## Leprechaun Shake

- ♣ 1 Cup Milk
- ♣ 2 Scoops Vanilla Frozen Yogurt
- ♣ 1 Teaspoon Peppermint Extract
- ♣ 2-3 Drops Green Food Coloring

Pour all ingredients into a blender and whirl until smooth and green. Serve with a shamrock.

## Toddler Laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never be yours.
6. If I'm building, the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it's mine.

## This Month on Mercer Island

### Second Saturday Stories

Island Books - Saturday, March 8th, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. — FREE  
Join your friends at Island Books for story time on the second Saturday of each month. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, this month will feature Irish tales and harp tunes.

### St. Patrick's Day Paws On Parade

City Hall - Saturday, March 15th, starting at 1:00 p.m. — FREE  
Mercer Island is going to the dogs . . . for a St. Patrick's Day pet parade. Meet at City Hall and follow the paved trail to the off-leash dog park at Luther Burbank. There will be prizes for the "most spirited" dog, and don't forget to wear GREEN!!!!

### Nature Vision - Binoculars On Birds

Community Center - Saturday, March 29th from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Luther Burbank Park is home to many varieties of birds year round. Come walk through the park and spy on our feathered friends. This class is intended for kids age 4 - 9 years. Cost is \$11.00 for one child plus parent, and \$5.00 for each sibling. Call (206) 236-3545 for reservations.



### Happy Birthday

Kai Dalton  
Jasper Darnell  
Stephen Dierkes  
Sarah Fredrickson  
Kristoffer Holtan  
David Kohorn  
Leila Poytnress-Childs  
Thomas Wilme

A special thanks to Marilyn Chorak, Lisa Dembo and Sheila Thompson for their help in making Teacher Lynne's birthday extra special!

## Cookin' With Kids - Breakfast Baskets

- 8 flour tortillas (6 inch size)
- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 4 bacon slices, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon milk
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brush 6 tortillas with melted butter. Let stand until pliable, about 5 minutes. Gently ease buttered tortillas into 6 small custard cups. For handles, cut each of the remaining 2 tortillas into 3 1-inch strips. Brush strips with remaining butter. Invert a muffin pan, then arrange strips in a "u" shape over muffin bottoms to form handles. Bake tortilla cups and handles 10-15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool cups and handles on wire rack. Meanwhile, cook bacon in skillet until crisp, then set aside. Add bell peppers and onions to skillet, cook until tender. Whisk eggs together with milk, salt, Tabasco and pepper. Add to veggies and cook until eggs are set. Stir in bacon. Divide evenly among baskets. Place handles in baskets. Serve warm. Enjoy!

## Patti's Board

Love Patti's? Would you like to get more involved? If so, consider a board position for next year! It's a great way to invest in your child's early education and meet other parents. Contact Jen Dougan at (206) 236-2477 for more details.

## Lunch Bunch

We do not have any way to heat food at lunchtime, so please pack appropriate meals for your child. Please also remember we have some children with severe allergies, and Patti's is **NUT FREE**. PB&J'S are okay, but do not send loose nuts. The teachers also appreciate if you are prompt at pick-up time.

## Register for the 2008-2009 School Year!

Registration request forms, along with your \$75.00 deposit fee, are due by Monday, March 3rd.  
Questions? Please contact Karen Schmid, our Registrar, at: [kkuhn4@msn.com](mailto:kkuhn4@msn.com)