

# Patti's News!



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## A Note From Our Director

Pumpkin Night was a great success! We had a great time painting pumpkins with our dads. Thanks to all the families that joined us. We enjoyed meeting you and watching you have fun with your child!

All the children are growing and learning, it's great to see. They are now used to the routines at school and are making friends. You can help with the continued growth of your child by encouraging independence- let them walk into school, hang up their coats & wash their hands on their own.

We hope you have a great Thanksgiving with your families. We are thankful for all your wonderful children, your families, our staff and our board!  
Happy Thanksgiving!

- *Cathy Jankovich*

## A Few Reminders...

- Cold and flu season is here! Let's try to keep each other healthy by remembering to wash hands, and keep our children home if they are sick. Green and gunky noses, fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, unknown rashes and any other contagious illnesses are all reasons to keep your child home.
- If your child is not going to be at school, please give us a call (206.232.4453). This will help us plan for the appropriate amount of staff as well as allowing wait-list children a chance to come in. Plus, we worry if we don't hear from you.
- The children enjoy getting outside! Please dress your little ones appropriately. And please remember to label all their belongings. The children are very young, and many of them do not remember which items are theirs.
- Patti's follows the Mercer Island school district calendar, therefore, we will be closed the same days, except we are not closed on the "in service" days. For a complete list of all the days we will be closed, please refer to the parent handbook, our website or our newsletters.

## Island Events—Toy Swap

Mercer Island Preschool Association (MIPA) is hosting a toy swap. This is an opportunity to buy and sell a variety of kids items with 35% of profits benefiting MIPA.

The event is Saturday, November 15th at the Islander Middle School from 9:00am—1:00pm. For more information- [www.mipreschoolassociation.org](http://www.mipreschoolassociation.org)

## Themes For This Month



Fall Harvest  
Farm Animals  
Holiday Ornaments

## Call-In Reservations

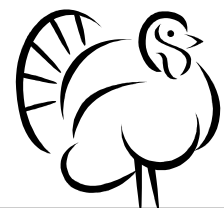
Perhaps you need some time to run errands or volunteer in your older child's class? We still have room in the afternoons, and for those who aren't aware, now is the perfect time to make use of our call-in reservations.

## Mark Your Calendar

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

**Veterans Day**  
Tuesday, November 11

**Thanksgiving**  
Thursday & Friday,  
November 27-28



## Merci Beaucoup!

- Thank you to **Matt and Michelle Galvin** for providing the delicious Pagliacci Pizza for the 7th year in a row! Thank you for sharing all your wonderful children with us and being such a great supportive family of Patti's! We look forward to Joseph joining us when he turns two! Thank you for your continued generosity.
- Thank you to **Angie Chatalas** for planning the Pumpkin Night. It was another great event and fun was had by all!
- Thank you to **Henry Matheson** for donating the beautiful matching rocking chairs. The children enjoy using them in our library while they read books. Thank you for thinking of us.
- Thank you to **all the Patti's parents** for your support! We have recently purchased two new "riding turtles" for the children to enjoy in our indoor gym.

## Save the Date



**Graham Cracker House Night**  
Tuesday, December 9th  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter!

## Happy Birthday



Jacob Goetzmann  
Ailor Gray  
Henry McDonough



## Yummy Holiday Treat

### Pumpkin Dip

*A fun holiday dip the kids will love to help you make and love to eat!*

#### What you will need:

- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese (softened)
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 can (15 oz) solid pack pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon frozen orange juice concentrate

In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Gradually mix in the pumpkin. Stir in the cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, and the orange juice concentrate until smooth and well blended. Chill until serving.

Serve with graham crackers, ginger snaps, vanilla wafers, apples slices, etc.

Serving tip: Hollow out a small pumpkin and use it to serve the dip in!

Recipe taken from [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

## Fall Leaves

### A Song To Sing

Leaves are falling all around,  
In the air and on the ground,  
I rake and rake to make a pile,  
That I can jump in for a while!



Gobble . GOBBLE . Gobble . GOBBLE . Gobble .