

Patti's News!



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A Note From Our Director

BRRRR! The weather is turning and it's starting to get colder and colder! November, December and January can be pretty cold on the playground. We try to go outside as much as possible, the children love it plus the cold air kills germs! Please dress your children appropriately and send them with gloves and hats- be sure to label everything! If there is a downpour of rain, we will use the gym.

We had so much fun at our Dad's Pumpkin/Pizza night. Thanks very much for all of you who joined in the fun! For those of you who missed the event, you will have another chance at our annual Graham Cracker House Making party on Tuesday, Dec. 8. It's another great event for Fathers and Children to enjoy the holiday spirit together. You don't want to miss the fun, so sign up early- more information below.

We are getting settled into our routine and enjoying your children. They are growing and becoming independent and making friends. They are enjoying making projects, playing with play dough and just having fun. Please help them to be independent by allowing your children to walk into school. They are big kids now!

Congratulations to all of the new parents. We have had a Baby Boom at Patti's. Please notice all of the newborn pictures on our door. If we missed someone with a new baby please bring in a picture with the new baby and their sibling.

Thanks to all of you for supporting Patti's. We enjoy all of you very much. Please remember if you ever want to discuss anything about your child, adding extra days or adding lunch bunch, please feel free to come talk with me at the center, call or email me. (206.232.4453 MJankov629@aol.com)

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! We are thankful for you. Take time to enjoy and make memories.

- 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.

Themes For This Month



Fall Harvest
Farm Animals
Holiday Ornaments

Mark Your Calendar

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

Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving
Thursday & Friday,
November 26-27

Island Events

MIPA Toy Swap
Nov. 7 9am- 1pm

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 7th** at the Islander Middle School from 9:00am—1:00pm. For more information- www.mipreschoolassociation.org

A Fun Holiday Event

Father/Child
Graham Cracker House Making Night
Tuesday, December 8th 6:00- 7:30pm



Please join us for our second father / child event of the year. We will be spending time with friends, enjoying delicious pizza and building graham cracker houses. The cost is \$10 per child and space is limited. Please talk to Cathy at the center, call or email to reserve your spot for this special evening-

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Winter Break Camps-

Dec. 21 & 22

Need some time during Winter Break to get your last minute shopping finished? Need to get your kids out of the house during the long icky days of Winter Break? Bring them to Patti's!

This year Patti's will be hosting two fun filled camps during Winter Break on December 21 & 22. The camps will be from 9am- 1pm and open to all Patti's current students ages 2 1/2- 5 years old.

More information about cost, theme, activities and how to sign up will be distributed within the next month. We just wanted to give you a heads up about this rare and unique opportunity so you can save the date!

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 .

Happy Birthday



Madison Dolence

Raquel Libman

Winston Mazure



Merci Beaucoup!

- Thank you to **Matt and Michelle Galvin** for providing the delicious Paggiacci Pizza and soda for the Pumpkin Night for the 8th year in a row! Thank you for sharing all your wonderful children with us and being such a great supportive family of Patti's!
- Thank you to **Sarah LeClercq** for planning the Pumpkin Night. It was another great event and fun was had by all!
- Thank you to **Jacob Panagiotou** (and his parents Ursula and Jim) for donating a big fun toy. The children are enjoying play with it everyday! Thank you!

Spend More Time at Patti's

If you are interested in increasing your child's time at Patti's, or know of a family that is interested in joining Patti's, we have a few openings!

- **Morning Session (9-Noon)**- we have a few spots available for 2-3 year olds. Additionally, children can now come 3 days a week!
- **Afternoon Session (Noon- 3pm)**- we have spots available for 3-5 year olds. Note: On Friday afternoons, Teacher Susan does special cooking projects with the kids- what a treat!
- **Lunch Bunch (Noon- 1pm)**. If your child is 3 years old and currently attends a Morning Session, you can add Lunch Bunch! This additional hour will allow your child to bring their lunch to school then enjoy eating and playing with friends!
- Spots are filling up fast... so please talk, call or email Cathy if you are interested in adding more sessions or lunch bunch- 206.232.4453 or MJankov629@aol.com)