

Patti's News!



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Welcome From Our Director

We hope you had a great summer, and we welcome you to Patti's Play Center! Heather, Lynne, Maudry and myself are excited to meet all of our new families and visit with our returning families. We are looking forward to spending time with your children and have many exciting activities planned for this fall. We will be having fun with art, painting, play dough, story time, snack time and lots of outdoor play. It will be a wonderful year! Let's get started! If you have questions about your child or the play center, please feel free to talk to us.

- Cathy Jankovich



1. Please label all of your child's belongings, including coats, lunchboxes, backpacks and shoes.
2. Do not allow your child to come to school with snacks or toys hidden in their pockets.
3. Dress children in play clothes with the expectation that things might get messy.
4. Don't forget a jacket. Our weather is unpredictable, and the children enjoy playing outside rain or shine.
5. If your child is not yet potty-trained, please be sure to provide us with a few spare diapers along with an extra set of clothing.
6. Please do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well. A fever, bad cough, green runny nose or a stomach ache is better cared for at home.
7. Call the center if your child will be absent - we worry if we don't hear from you, and often have other children on the waiting list in case a spot opens up.
8. Pick-up time is promptly at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Patti's Launches New Website

Perhaps you are curious to know what fun activities Patti's has planned for the coming months? Looking ahead to the next long weekend, or wondering when the holiday break begins? Misplace your newsletter? Now you can find all of this and more by logging onto www.pattisplaycenter.org. In addition to important policy and procedure information, you will also find parenting tips, fun recipe ideas, details about upcoming community events and links to helpful resources.

Themes For This Month

Fall

Transportation

Hand & Foot Prints

Afternoon Openings

Patti's still has openings available in the afternoon for 3-5 year olds. The afternoon session runs from 12:00 - 3:00. Children are welcome to bring a sack lunch and eat with friends.



Summer Celebration

Argh! A special thanks to the many pirates who showed their support for Patti's by marching in the Parade.

Clean-Up Party

We greatly appreciate Trina Myklebust for organizing the clean-up party, and all those who volunteered their time. The play center looks ship shape for the start of our new school year.



Back To School Blues

Sometimes the first few days at school can be very difficult, especially for children who may not have spent much time apart from their parents. Please feel free to stay a few minutes with your child. At Patti's, we find it easiest if you engage your child in an activity, tell them that you'll be back, and then just leave. If your child cries, the staff is prepared to soothe them. Even if the good-byes are tearful at first, know that your child is in safe and loving hands. Soon your little one will be feeling right at home.

Here are a few tips to help ease separation anxiety:

1. Establish an easy good-bye ritual, such as a hug.
2. Stick to your ritual.
3. If your child is upset when you leave, wait 10 minutes and then call the center for an update.
4. If your child has a special blanket or security item, you may wish to bring it.
5. If your child has difficulties separating, it is best to keep your ritual and drop-off time short.

Happy Birthday

Chaz Brotherton
 Ruby Darnell
 Isabella Ferrari
 Harry Froggatt
 Caitlin Garr
 Nicole Gearhart



Danica Hanson
 Syver Lancot
 Luke Myklebust
 Trey Schreck
 Carly Whalen
 Teacher Lynne

School Holidays for 2007 – 2008

Veterans Day	November 12
Thanksgiving	November 22 & 23
Winter Break	December 20 - January 2
Martin Luther King	January 21
President's Day	February 15 & 18
Spring Break	March 31 - April 4
Memorial Day	May 26
Last Day of School	June 5



Board of Directors for 2007 – 2008

Patti's is run by a board of parent volunteers. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact one of the board members listed below.

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Patti's Play Dough

- 5 Cups All Purpose Flour
- 4 Cups Water
- 1 – ¼ Cup Salt
- 5 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
- ¼ Cup Cream of Tartar
- 2 Tablespoons Food Coloring

Mix flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Add water and oil. Cook and stir over medium heat for 5 – 8 minutes. Add food coloring to arrive at the desired shade, and continue cooking until the time is up. The mixture will look like a gloppy mess and you'll be sure it's not going to turn out, but it will! When it forms a ball in a pot, roll it onto a generously floured surface. Knead, adding flour only as necessary, until it looks like

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