



# Goldstream Preschool News



## Dates to Remember

### General Meeting

Wednesday December 14  
7 pm at the Preschool  
Christmas wrapping, etc.

### Winter Clean Up

Thursday December 15  
6:30 pm at the Preschool

### Potluck Santa Dinner

Friday December 16  
5-7 pm at the Preschool

### Bottle Drive

Saturday January 7, 2012

### General Meeting

Wednesday January 11  
7pm at the Preschool  
Madeline Tilly on Self Esteem

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## December 2011



### A Message From our President

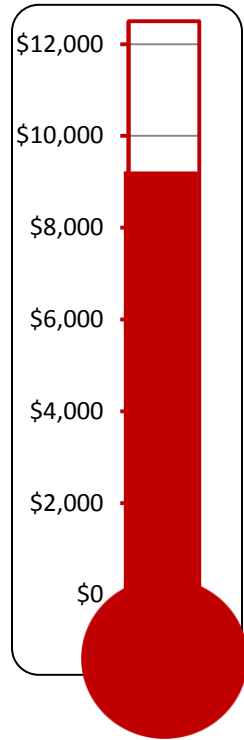
Hello everyone!

I'm writing this at *the* last possible minute to make it into our preschool's December newsletter... Looks like the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is already upon us, and I seem to be running to try to keep up with everything that needs to be done before Christmas arrives! At least we can all breathe a sigh of relief that the auction is over and that it was such a success! Can you believe we raised over \$7000 in just one night? Wow! Thank you so much to our fabulous fundraiser Amber, her assistant Kim, and all of you for gathering such amazing items. It was great to see so many of you there, having fun and supporting our preschool. I am so proud to be part of such a hard-working, dedicated group. Now, let's all take a well-deserved break, and enjoy the festivities of the coming weeks. My boys are so excited about the preschool's *Supper with Santa* on the 16th, and I'm getting a bit emotional already, thinking that it will be our last one. (Where have the last four years gone? And how can I get them back?) I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there, and to celebrating together with all our little ones, and the man in red! Don't forget to bring your cameras!

I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and happy and enjoying the lead-up to the big day. May your holidays be merry and bright, and who knows? Maybe they'll even be white...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Erin

# Fundraising Update



We raised \$7,000 plus at the auction!  
(That's about \$9,265 so far.)  
Yay Goldstream Preschool kids and families!



## What's Next?

### Bottle Drive

Saturday, January 7, 2012

This is our 3rd Mandatory Fundraiser. You are required to help at the bottle drive & bring a bag of bottles. More details will be out at the December meeting, but start **SAVING** your empties NOW....

#### Don't forget about:

- ❖ Co-op #11634
  - at Co-op Gas Station or Co-op Grocery Store
- ❖ 50/50 Draws
  - held at all general meetings





## Field Trips

Our first field trip of the year was a trip to Oldfield Orchard. What a great time we had! We started with a tour of the farm stand; the kids named lots of the fruits and veggies and learned a few new things. We saw the chickens and even took a quick tour through the hen house. We walked through the apple orchard and each child chose an apple. Next was a hay ride which took us to the sheep pen where the children got to feed the sheep! We had a home-baked snack and freshly squeezed apple juice and then each child had the opportunity to pick out a pumpkin to take home. The trip was wonderful and we were lucky enough to have a beautiful sunny day.

For our second field trip we met at Goldstream Park for a nature walk and to see the spawning salmon. Again, we lucked out with the weather and although it snowed the evening before, the day was beautiful and sunny (cold but sunny!). Chris led the group on a nice nature walk through the park and to the lookout point. The salmon run was amazing this year; we were able to see an incredible number of fish. After our walk we had some hotdogs and cookies.

It has been so much fun for the children to be able to spend some time with their classmates outside of the preschool as well as get to know some of the children from the other classes. It has also been a wonderful opportunity for the parents and siblings to get to know one another.

I must say that I have been amazed by the enthusiasm, manners, and great behaviour of all of the children. They are such a wonderful group of kids! I'm looking forward to the next trip.

- Jessica Johnston





# Crafts



## Bread Dough Clay Ornaments

**Submitted by Dara Kirkpatrick**

**I remember making these as a kid and I thought it would be fun to try them again this year!**

### What you'll need:

- 5 slices of white bread, crusts removed
- 1 tablespoon white craft glue
- Cooking spray
- Bowl
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutters
- Toothpick
- Cooling rack
- Glitter glue and paint
- String

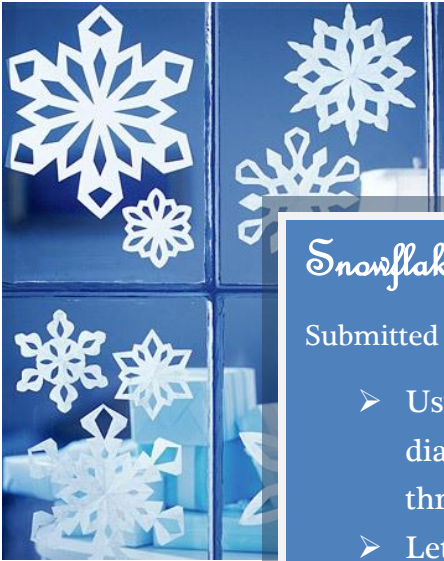


### How to make it:

1. Wad each piece of bread in your hand then place into a mini food processor or blender. Only adults should run these appliances.
2. Process the bread until it turns into crumbs. Pour the crumbs into a bowl.
3. Spray the tablespoon with cooking spray so that the glue will slide out easily. Fill the tablespoon with glue then pour it into the bread crumbs.
4. Mix the glue and bread crumbs together with your fingers until completely incorporated. Keep working it with your hands and fingers until it feels consistent.
5. Roll out the dough with a rolling pin and cut out ornaments with cookie cutters.
6. Use a toothpick to create a hole near the top of each shape and place the ornaments on a cooling rack to dry. Leave the toothpicks in the holes so that they do not close up and allow to dry overnight.
7. Now you can decorate your ornaments however you like. You can paint them with paint and/or glitter glue, or even decorate them with markers. You can also leave your ornaments plain.
8. Run a piece of string through the hole and tie to create the hanger.

### Tips:

1. You can skip the need for the food processor or blender by tearing the bread into pieces and mixing with the glue. The process is much longer, but will achieve the same result.
2. If you have a pasta maker, run your dough through it instead of using the rolling pin!
3. If you are not concerned about the end color results, you do not need to remove the crusts from the bread.



## Snowflakes

Submitted by Mary Hendrixson

- Using a round or square piece of white paper, fold it diagonally in half as many times as you can (at least three, depending on how large the paper is)
- Let kids cut out whatever shapes they like from the folded paper
- Unfold and voila! You have made a beautiful snowflake!

## Family Fun

Submitted by Mary Hendrixson (excerpted from *Chirp* magazine)

### Mitten Match

1. Place pairs of mittens in a pile. Mix them up.
2. On the count of 3, each player tries to grab a matching pair of mittens.
3. See who can grab 2 matching mittens and put them on first.

### Iceberg Jump

Make a path of pillows on the floor. Pretend they are icebergs that you have to jump across.

Preschool families are welcome to advertise family businesses for free in our newsletter. Please send an ad. We are also open to games, activity ideas, and recipes (nut-free!) to share with other preschool families.

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<http://goldstreampreschool.org/>

# Classifieds

the **frugals**  
personal shoppers  
**IKEA shopping trips**  
Once A Month

Pick up free in Westshore | Delivery Available  
[www.TheFrugals.ca](http://www.TheFrugals.ca)

## 8X8 Bouncy castle to rent for your event

At only \$50 for the entire day this is the most affordable way to inflate your party with fun. I come to set it up and come after the event to take it down. You set the time and date. Big enough for lots of fun, small enough to fit inside when weather permits. Call Melody Burns (James in 3's mom) for more info 250-744-3134



## Buy & Sell

For Sale: 2 year-old snowsuit (girls). Pink. Bought last year and worn a couple of times. \$20. Call Mary or Adam at 250-590-8943.

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Merry Christmas to all,

And to all a good night!