



# Goldstream Preschool News

February 2012



## Dates to Remember

### General Meeting

Wednesday February 8  
7 pm at the Preschool

### Westshore Town Centre

Saturday February 11  
A table will be set up from 9-5 at Westshore Town Centre with info on the preschool

### Field Trip

Parry Bay Sheep Farm  
Please arrive by 10:15 am

### Preschool Annual Open House

Saturday February 18  
10 am – 12 pm at the Preschool

### Drop-in Program starts

Tuesday February 21  
12:30 – 2 pm at the Preschool  
every Tuesday

### Social Event, TBD

Wednesday March 14  
7pm



## A Message From our President

Dear Co-op families,

Hello! I hope this letter finds you well and staying warm! It's been a busy couple of months at our little preschool, with the Santa supper, winter clean-up and bottle drive to keep us occupied. A huge thank-you to all of you for making those events so successful (and really rather fun)! They really are what being part of a co-op is all about.

February will be a full month for us as well, with marketing events at the Westshore Town Centre, Bridging the Gap Education Expo, and our Annual Open House on the 18th. Registration to the general public begins that day, so be sure to have your cheques in to Dara (our fabulous enrollment parent) before then if you and your child are returning to the preschool in September. Spread the word to your family and friends with preschool aged children, and let them know all about our free drop-in program which begins on February 21st.

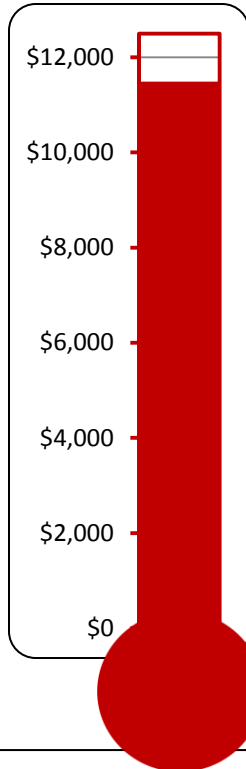
As we enter the second half of our year at Goldstream Co-op, I hope you are finding the experience a bit less daunting and a lot more rewarding. I know my son is always happy and excited to head off to preschool, and as I register him in kindergarten this week, I am very aware that his time here is coming to a close. I'm excited about what lies ahead, but will be doing my best to savour these next five months. I know from experience how quickly they'll fly by! It will be difficult to say good-bye when the time comes, but it's a comfort to know that the friendships we've made during our years at Goldstream will remain. Happy February!

Erin

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# Fundraising Update



We have raised about \$11,465 so far -  
that's 92% of our \$12,500 goal!  
Yay Goldstream Preschool kids and families!



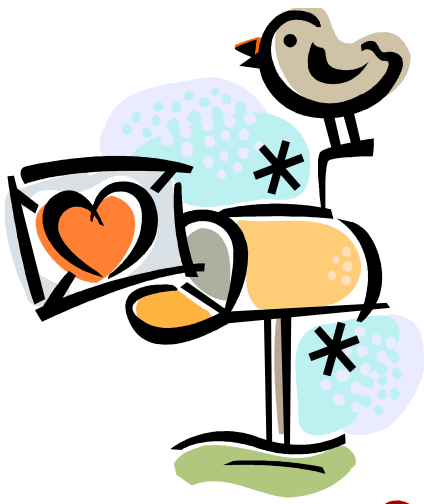
## What's Next?

- Purdy's (for Easter)
- Veseys bulbs
- Hanging Baskets (for Mother's Day)

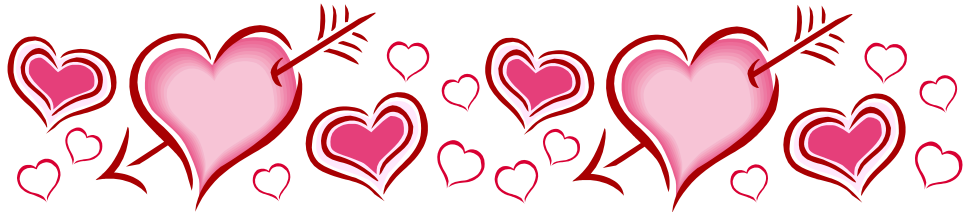
### Don't forget about:

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





# Happy Valentine's



## *Ginger Cookies\**

(Submitted by Charlotte McCall)

- 1 1/2 cups lard
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 1/4 cup molasses
  - 4 cups flour
  - 4 tsp baking soda
  - 1/2 tsp salt
  - 4 tsp ground ginger
  - 2 tsp ground cinnamon
  - 2 tsp ground cloves
  - 1/4 tsp ground white pepper (the recipe book says this is optional, but I add it every single time)
- sugar



In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar together. Beat eggs and molasses together and blend with creamed sugar mixture. Combine flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and white pepper. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture and blend well. Chill for one hour. Shape dough into 1" (2.5 cm) balls and roll in sugar. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Place balls on ungreased cookie sheets 2" (5 cm) apart and bake for 8-9 minutes. Makes about 6 dozen spicy cookies!

\*this recipe is 100% plagiarized from The Rest of The Best and more (Volume 2 Best of Bridge cookbook).



# Winter Activity



## Suggestions:

- ✓ Bring out something new that you have “squirreled away” and have not given the kids yet. (Charlotte McCall)
- ✓ What the kids really like to do is get out the craft trolley and have a free-for-all. Glitter, glue, fancy scissors, felts, pipe cleaner, stuff I didn't even know we had; it all comes out and the kids make the messiest, glitteriest crafts. It's awesome and a disaster at the very same time. (Charlotte McCall)
- ✓ Skating (great for kids to learn early and they love it!)
- ✓ Skiing
- ✓ Swimming pool
- ✓ Puzzles (this is our new favourite do-at-home activity)
- ✓ Bake cookies or muffins together (this is another one of our new favourite activities)
- ✓ Board games or “Go Fish”



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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# Classifieds

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personal shoppers  
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[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



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Toddler bed (crib-mattress size) bedding: Ikea duvet cover and sheet set \$20. Call Mary or Adam at 250-590-8943.

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