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## What's Happening?

Happy New Year one and all! I hope 2025 brings happiness for all of our Peppermint Patty's families. The busy holidays are behind us and we are excited to get back to more of a normal schedule along with fun and learning. We also wanted to thank all of you for your generosity throughout the holiday season. They are truly appreciated by all of us.

The new year is a great time to do a check on your child's school supplies. How are their slippers holding up, do need a new toothbrush or water bottle, do they have hat, mittens, and snow boots and are their backpacks fully stocked with at least 2 complete changes of clothing including socks?

In this new year we are striving for a no idle zone in front of our building. Please make sure you are turning your cars off when you come into the center. Safety and good air for all.



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## Winter Blues



The days are getting colder and we want to remind everyone of our exclusion policies. A child shall be excluded from care until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Licensing defines a fever as anything 100 degrees or higher. If your child gets sick while at school, you will be called and asked to come pick them up. If they have any symptoms at home or are unable to participate in a normal school day please keep them home so that everyone can stay healthy. So far this winter season we have not had any huge outbreaks of illness, so thank you for all you do to keep everyone healthy.

Parents if you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, please wear a mask when coming in to pick up your children. This will help protect the other children and staff from getting sick.

## Monthly Reminders:

- Please make sure to call the office by 9am if you are running late or will be absent.
- **Peppermint Patty's will be CLOSED on Wednesday January 1st.**
- The seasons have changed. Please make sure your child's backpack has the appropriate seasonal change of clothes & that they are bringing coats, gloves, & hats.

## Things to Know in the New Year

### Our 2025 Holiday Closings

We will be closed the following days in 2025:

Wednesday January 1st

Monday February 17th

Monday May 26th

Friday July 4th

Monday September 1st

Monday October 13th

Thursday November 27th

Friday November 28th

Wednesday December 24th close @3pm

Thursday December 25th

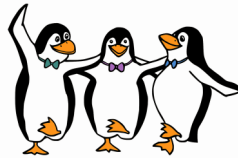
Friday December 26th

### Immunizations

When your child receives new immunizations please make sure to bring in a new shot record. We do not need shot records for flu or COVID vaccinations

### Taxes and information update

Please stop by the office this month to make sure that all of your contact information is up to date. Also, year end tax statements are available upon request.



### Personal Belongings

Please make sure that all belongings your child brings to school are labeled with their name so that they can be reunited if separated. Also, any items your child brings needs to fit in their backpacks as we do not have the storage space for items that do not. Finally, every child needs to have a pillowcase for storing their bedding.

### Contact Info

Please be sure to update the office if any of your contact info has changed such as address, phone number, or employment.



**January 1st- Peppermint Patty's Closed for New Years!**

January 8th- Wear White!

January 13th- National Rubber Ducky Day

## Calendar of Events

January 15th- Wear a Hat

January 16th- Pp is for Pajamas! Wear your pajamas for a fun day of learning the letter Pp and Pizza



January 22nd- Silly Sock Day!

January 24th- Book Orders due

January 27th- Library Reader 10am

January 29th- Wear Blue!



## Winter Show & Share

This month we will be learning all about winter. This month we invite the children to bring in objects or pictures that represent their favorite things to do in winter. This will be the last Friday of the month. We can't wait to see what everyone's favorite winter activities are.



## Book Orders

A new year is a great time to get some books! Reading is a great activity for children of all ages and will give them a great start for their future school years. We are happy to be able to offer Scholastic book clubs here at Peppermint Patty's! Your order not only gets you some really cool books but will also help us build our school library. Book orders will be available January 17th and will be due January 24th. Easy ordering is available online using our unique school code: RQVT8.



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Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. I am always here to help.

# Happy Birthday!

## Celebrating this month are:

Sophia Z. turns 3

on the 1st!

Suhroora turns 3

on the 2nd!

Ms. Liz celebrates

on the 9th!

Ms. Amy celebrates

on the 10th!

Dominik turns 2

on the 12th!

AZ'Laya turns 1

on the 19th!



## Happy Anniversary

Ms. Holly celebrates 1 year

on the 26th!



"January is for dreamers—the ones who believe anything is possible in the year ahead."

-Author Unknown

# January Theme



**Theme: Winter** - This theme is all about exploring the season of winter and all of the fun things we can do in the winter. Topics of discussion may include but are not limited to snow, snowmen, sledding, winter animals, winter clothing, and ice.

**Our Character Trait: Courteous-** using good manners