



## Peppermint Patty's Newsletter



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### What's Happening?

Happy New Year one and all! I hope 2026 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 sup-

plies. How are their slippers holding up, do they have a new water bottle, do they have a hat, mittens, and snow boots and are their backpacks fully stocked with at least 2 complete changes of clothing including socks?



Owl Families we are asking for your feedback. During the fall, you paid an activity fee and we were able to have Ernie Miller Nature Center come and visit once a month. Is this something you would like to see continue into the winter/spring? Did you think it was worthwhile for your child? We would charge a winter activity fee like we did in the fall. Let us know your thoughts.

Just a reminder that our parking lot is a no idle zone. Please make sure you are turning your cars off when you come into the center. Safety and good air for all.



### 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.



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### 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 Thursday January 1st & Friday January 2nd.
- 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 2026 Holiday Closings

We will be closed the following days in 2026:

- Thursday January 1st
- Friday January 2nd
- Monday February 16th
- Monday May 25th
- Friday July 3rd
- Monday September 7th
- Monday October 12th
- Thursday November 26th
- Friday November 27th
- Thursday December 24th close @3pm
- Friday December 25th



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

**January 2nd- Peppermint Patty's Closed for New Years!**

**January 7th- Wear White!**

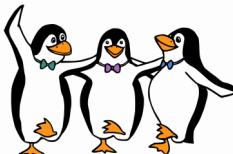
**January 13th- National Rubber Ducky Day**

### 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.

## Calendar of Events



**January 14th- Pp is for Pajamas! Wear your pajamas for a fun day of learning the letter Pp and eating pizza**

**January 15th- National Hat Day! Wear a Hat**

**January 21st- Silly Sock Day!**



**January 22nd- National Polka Dot Day! Wear Polka Dots**

**January 23rd- Book Orders due**

**January 26th- National Bubble Wrap Day!**

**January 28th- Wear Blue!**

**January 30th- Winter Show and Share**

## 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.



## Construction Updates

This past year we have been busy with many improvements to the center. Our most recent construction is in our Duck classroom, opening up the doorway to our prep area. It makes our classroom look so much bigger. Check it out if you have the chance. We have also been doing some things that are not as visible such as winterizing the buildings. We hope you have been as excited for all of the improvements as we have!

## 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 16th and will be due January 23rd. 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:

Suhrrora turns 4  
on the 2nd!

Ms. Liz celebrates  
on the 9th!

Dominik turns 3  
on the 12th!



"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