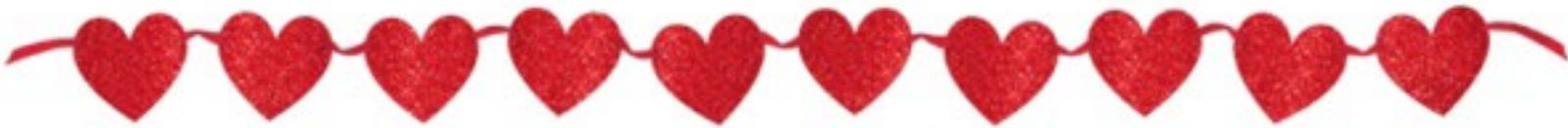


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# Family Newsletter

# January 2017



## Monthly Themes

**Theme:**

Valentines – Family

**Science:**

Dental Health

**Shape:**

Heart

**Colors:**

Pink, red and white

## Family Ed Night

**Topic and Speaker:**

Talking to Your Child About Race and Diversity: Barb Yasui

**Date and Location:**

February 9, 6:30pm at ICP

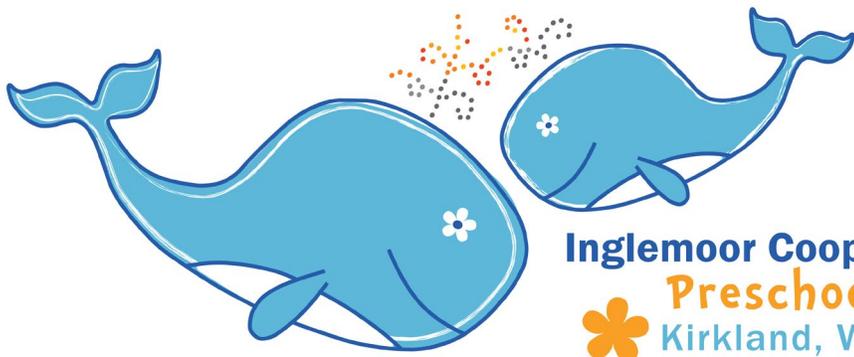
## 2017-18 Enrollment & Open House

Enrollment for next year is upon us! Current families will receive an email with a link to ICP's registration page on January 22. This link is only for current ICP families and should not be forwarded, or used by families not currently enrolled at ICP. Enrollment is open only for current families until February 21.

Registration opens to ICP alumni on February 22, and then opens for all new families on March 1 at 9am. At this time, a link to registration will go live on our website.

Do you know a family interested in learning more about ICP? Invite them to join us in the classroom on Saturday, February 4 from 10am – 12pm for our open house. They may bring their child so they can play at the school, tour the facilities, and meet our wonderful teachers.





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## From Teacher Denise

Hello Pre-K Parents,

February is already here! Letter sharing is going fantastic. Kids are doing such a great job of thinking about the starting sound of letters. The pictures they draw, color, or cut out are wonderful. It's so fun putting them into books for kids to look at in the reading corner. Last month we enjoyed talking about all kinds of transportation. This month we get to explore creativity. What a fun topic!

Valentine's Day is coming! We will actually get to celebrate it on Valentines Day this year! We won't be having a party, but we will pass out Valentines and the person in charge of snack could do a special treat. For Valentines I might suggest that you not write all the kids names them, just who they are from, it makes them a lot easier to pass out. I'd like to encourage you to really involve your child in this process by having them make the Valentines or writing their own names. If they aren't writing their names yet, how about having them write the beginning letter. Spread the process out over a couple of days so it's not too overwhelming. Make it fun!

Teacher Denise

## From Teacher Gina

February is always a fun month for the kids. Of course we will celebrate Valentine's Day.

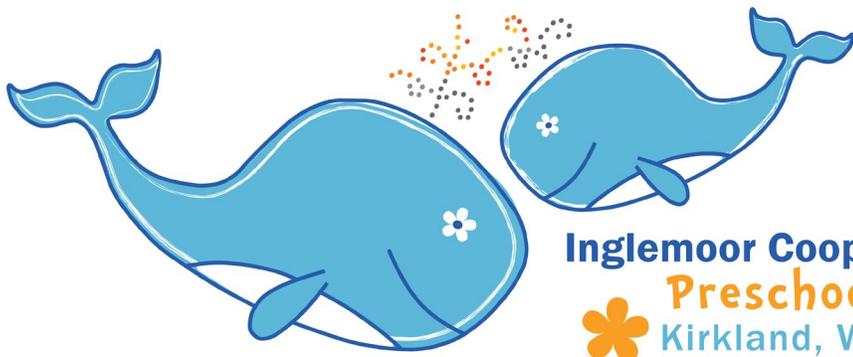
It is a day when we can share our good feelings about special people. Valentine's Day gives us the opportunity to talk about the importance of sharing, giving and friendship.

Try to set aside time to have a heart-to-heart chat with your child. To develop self-esteem, talk to your child about feelings and why you are proud of him. Also, help your child make a valentine for a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other person. A special note could be dictated by your child and written by you.

On February 13th the 3/4 class (18 kids) will celebrate Valentine's Day. On February 15th the Toddler (14 kids) and 2/3 (16 kids) classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Please dress in Valentine's colors and send valentine's cards to class. The bags will be set up at the art table. If you can stay a few minutes and help your child deliver their cards that would be great! Make sure you have enough for everyone in the class.

Please do not put who the card is to, just who it is from. A card is plenty but if you want to give something with your card some ideas include a sticker, eraser, pen, whistle etc. If the snack mom wants to bring a special snack that would be great!

Teacher Gina



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## Important Dates

*Mark your calendar!*

### January 22

Registration for current families, 9am

### February 3

Mandatory mid-year classroom cleaning

### February 4

ICP Open House, 10am - 12pm

### February 9

Family Ed Night at ICP, 6:30pm

### February 13 - 15

Valentine's Day celebrations in class

### February 20 - 24

No School, mid-winter break

### February 22

Registration for alumni begins, 9am

## ICP Shout Outs!

### Erin Eddings

An awesome dry sensory bin every month! So impressive!

### Jen Modak

Raising the most money through the holiday fundraiser! Way to go, Jen!

**Thank You!!!!**

## Committee Highlight

### Calling All Gardeners!

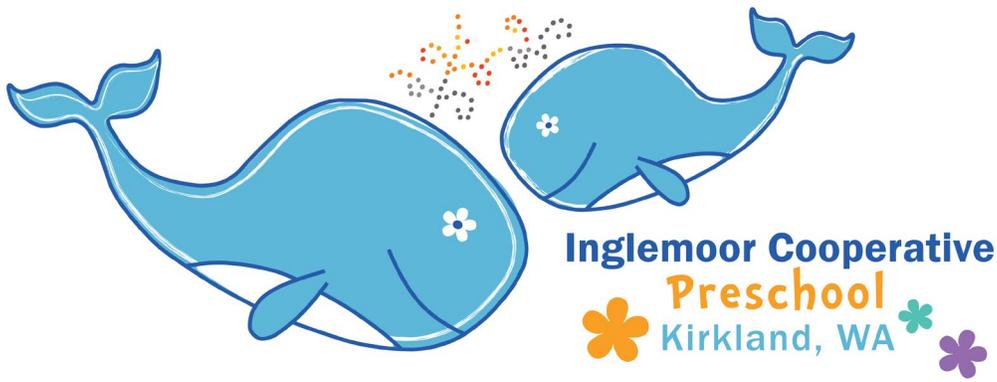


Do you like gardening? ICP has the perfect committee job for you! We are starting to plan our garden for next year and would like the input of the person who will have this as their committee job next year. Are you interested? Contact Jody at [jodyellinger@gmail.com](mailto:jodyellinger@gmail.com)

## Did You Know?!?

### Tips and Tricks from Around the School

- We have board elections in April! Are you interested in getting involved? Please talk to Gina for more information.
- We have a cleaning service that comes each Monday to deep clean the classroom and bathrooms.



## Board Member Spotlight



### **Karyn Gaffney, 2/3 Class Coordinator**

This is Karyn's second year participating at ICP. Her daughter, Ellis, is in the 2/3 class, and little brother is due very soon! Karyn decided to grab an opportunity to be more involved at ICP this year and volunteered to be the 2/3 class coordinator. While not at school, Karyn and Ellis spend time hiking in the mountains and sharing time with dad.



### **Natalie Schneider, Marketing Co-Chair**

Natalie and her son Calvin are in the 2/3 class. They started in the Toddler class in fall 2015. She also has a 4 month old baby girl, Cora. In her pre-motherhood life, Natalie was a marketing manager and copy editor for over ten years. She volunteers with the board in order to give back while trying to keep her professional skills fresh! When not "mom"-ing or doing freelance work, Natalie enjoys spending time outdoors, finding time for fitness, and trying new wineries/breweries.