

**Inglemoor Cooperative**  
**Preschool**  
Kirkland, WA

## Family Newsletter

March 2017



### Monthly Themes

**Theme:**

Spring and Farm Animals

**Science:**

Plant Life / Farms

**Shape:**

Oval

**Colors:**

Rainbow

### 2017-18 Board Nominations

Are you interested in being part of the ICP Board? Do you know someone who would make a great board member? Nominations for the 2017-2018 ICP Board are being accepted through the end of March. All available job positions are listed on the hallway bulletin board. Please fill out a nomination form and place in the ICP Board Nominations box that is located on the teacher's table in the classroom. For more information, contact Vice Chair Jodi Ellinger: [jodyellinger@gmail.com](mailto:jodyellinger@gmail.com)

### Family Ed Night

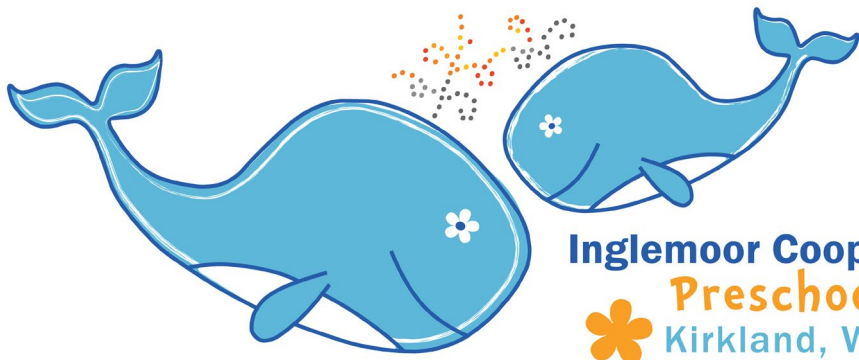
**Topic and Speaker:**

Organizing Tips for Busy Families:  
Vlasta Hillger

**Date and Location:**

Wednesday April 27, 6:30-8:30pm  
at ICP





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## From Teacher Denise

Hello Pre-K Parents,

Happy Spring!! April's theme is the farm. We will make connections between the farm and food, make fun animal crafts, and do lots of animal actions.

This month we will also start having kids write their names. There will be fun questions every day where kids can write their names to show what they think. We will do this at the paint easels because writing on an upright surface helps kids put their hands in the right position. I will be talking to kids about hand positions. I ask that parents not correct children while they are writing as it leads to kids not wanting to write. Let them write for now, the rest will come.

Lastly, don't forget that rain gear and extra clothes, I have a feeling we are in for a wet spring.

As always, thank you for the help you give to our class and each other.

Denise

## From Teacher Gina

Dear ICP Families,

We had lots of fun talking about dinosaurs this past month. We had all kinds of green and gold activities for St Patrick's Day. Thank you 3/4 parents for all your fun small group ideas. You are a very creative and enthusiastic group.

We read the story *Whatever Happened to the Dinosaurs?* By Bernard Most. It is a fun silly book.

After reading the book I asked the 3/4 kids, "What do you think happened to the dinosaurs?"

This is what they said:

Peter: Maybe they are frozen.

Paige: They disappeared.

Mia: They are all gone, so they died.

James: Their skin fell off and they stopped working.

Ariel: Fireballs came at them.

Ducky: They died because they couldn't breathe.

Everett: They had a fight.

Xander D.: They are now in the center of the Earth.

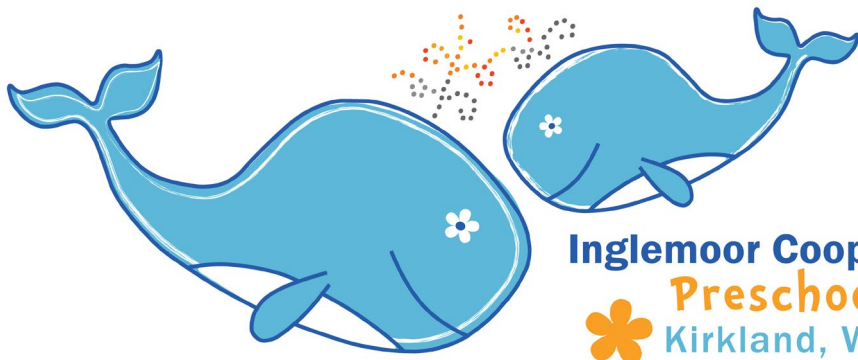
Oliver W.: They hit each other and ripped toys from each other.

Xander V.: They rammed right into the dirt.

The toddler and 2/3 classes enjoyed defrosting the dinosaur eggs in the sensory bin, experimenting with warm and cold water.

April we will be talking about spring/flowers and farm animals. We will have pajama day in the 2/3 and 3/4 classes. We will also celebrate Earth Day the week of the 17th. Feel free to bring in recyclable materials for the art station.

Have a great Spring Break!



## Important Dates

*Mark your calendar!*

### March 29

Family Education at Shoreline CC, 7pm

### April 3 - 7

No school, spring break

### April 27

Family Education at ICP, 6:30pm

## ICP Shout Outs!

### Rachel Smith

Always willing to work days and cheerfully sub!

### Sue Carmouche

Planning great excursions.

### Theresa Lin

Planning a fun literacy small group about planting for Teacher Denise

### Yuki Reed

Keeping the art area well stocked.

### Jody Ellinger

Making awesome placemats. The kids love them!

### Amber Dern and Family

The amazing mailbox for Dramatic Play!

### Amy McCarty

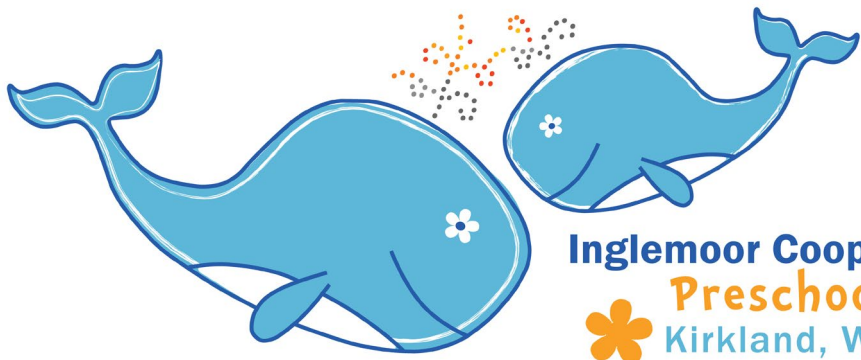
Making a replacement dice for Teacher Denise

**Thank You!!!!**

## Did You Know?!?

### Tips and Tricks from Around the School

- We have one more fundraising opportunity coming up this spring: the walkathon!
- There are towels in the playground and bike sheds to wipe off wet surfaces.



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## Community Outreach

### Mary's Place Donation Drive



Mary's Place is a nonprofit organization that empowers homeless women, children & families to reclaim their lives. Mary's Place provides respite, nutrition, safety and shelter in a setting where self-confidence is restored, hope is discovered, and a new future begins. Mary's

Place currently operates six emergency night shelters for families and two day centers.

Mary's Place is in need of INFANT items. All co-ops under Shoreline Community College are collecting:

- Baby Wipes
- Baby care items (thermometers, diaper creme)
- New infant baby clothes
- Baby soothers (pacifiers, teethers, loveys, blankies)
- Baby bath items (towels, wash clothes, shampoo, tubs, soap, lotion, etc.)

Bring items to school and place in the box by the Teacher's table in the classroom entry. Last day for donations is March 29!

## Board Member Spotlight



### Juliana Caton, PAC Representative

Juliana is our PAC representative and liaison with Shoreline Community College and other affiliated co-ops. She has two kids, Evan (3) who is in the 2/3 class and Owen who is 5. This is her 4th year at ICP, and Evans second year here. Previously, Juliana served on the dramatic play committee, art supplies coordinator, and Pre-K class coordinator. She really enjoys being on the board and sharing ideas with the other PAC board members! At home, she likes to garden and spend time outdoors at the beach or in the woods.