

The G.R.I.T Calgary Society

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Welcome to the very busy month of December.

IPP's have been completed and you should be receiving a copy of your child's IPP shortly.

The Children's Christmas Party is Friday Dec. 4th at CNIB. We are looking forward to a great morning and a visit from Santa!

Wishing you a wonderful month!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday Dec 1st
DS Meeting

Friday Dec 4th
Children's Christmas Party
at C.N.I.B. 10:00am

Dec 19th – Jan 3rd
Christmas Break

Monday Jan 4th
Program Resumes

Tuesday Jan 5th
DS Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 2nd
DS Meeting

Saturday Feb 27th
Winter's Charm Gala

Christmas is for children
All children big and small
Yes, Christmas is for children, the children in us all!

Fundraising News

Fundraising for the G.R.I.T Calgary Society is a very important addition to the program.

This year Fundraising will not only focus on raising funds for program enhancement but a large portion of fundraising will be put forward to our building fund.

G.R.I.T. is very excited to be raising money for our own building.

A variety of fundraisers will take place throughout the year and we value the support of these events from our families, friends and staff members. If you are able to help through volunteering at events or seeking donations for these events, please contact Annette Eckel at 403-215-2444 ext 225.

Winter's Charm Gala Saturday February 21st, 2009

The Winter's Charm Gala will take place on Saturday February 21st, 2009 at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club. The evening will include a buffet dinner, silent auction and several raffles.

Tickets will be \$100.00/person and will be available in December.

We are now looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of this very important event. If you are able to volunteer on the planning committee and help raise some very valuable funds for G.R.I.T. please contact Annette at 403-215-2444. We are looking forward to another successful Gala!

Canadian Tire Money

GRIT Calgary is collecting Canadian Tire Money. If you would like to donate your Canadian Tire Money please pass it on to your Developmental Specialist.

All money collected will be used at Canadian Tire to purchase materials and equipment for the GRIT program throughout the year.

Our fundraising events would not be the success they are without the assistance and support of our amazing volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support of the G.R.I.T. Calgary Society.



December Activities

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

(sung to Yankee Doodle)

Santa Claus is coming to town,
He drives a great big sleigh.
He fills the stockings one by one,
then hurries on his way.
Santa Claus is coming,
Santa Claus is near.
Santa Claus is coming
to bring us Christmas cheer.

Christmas Bells

Five little bells, hanging in a row (hold up 5 fingers)
The first one said, ring me slow. (wiggle one finger)
The second one said, ring me fast. (wiggle next
finger)
The third one said ring me last.
The fourth one said, I'm like a chime.
The fifth one said, ring me now it's Christmas time.

Add bells to your fingers for sound. Make different
bells for a story board.

Santa Claus

Here is the chimney (make a fist, enclose thumb)
Here is the top (place palm on the top)
Open the lid (remove top hand)
And out Santa will pop (pop up thumb)

Finger Jell-O Christmas Shapes:

2½ cups boiling water

4 pkgs. (3oz.) jello

-add boiling water to gelatin in a bowl and boil until completely dissolved

-pour into an 8 inch pan. Chill until firm, about 4 hours

-when firm cut with metal Cookie Cutters and eat!

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer

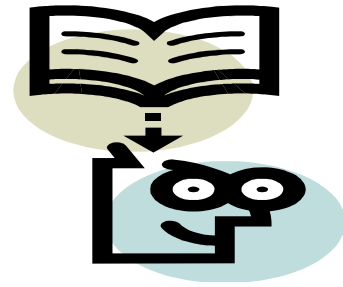
You will need: construction paper-brown, black and red

Make a brown triangle head, add black circle eyes and a red round nose

Make antler strips out of black

Have fun creating your own Reindeer!

Info Board



Materials Needed

We have now collected enough old phone books. Thank you for your help!

Evenings and Weekend Respite

If you are looking for respite for your children please contact Kim Suvanto (ext 226) or Annette Eckel (ext 225). We will then pass on your information to any Developmental Specialists that are interested in respite hours.

G.R.I.T. Calgary Society would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best for a happy and healthy New Year.

If you have anything you would like to have added to this monthly newsletter please contact Annette Eckel at the office (ext 225). Your ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Have a great month!

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