

DECEMBER 2023

Building the Foundation for Growth



WINTER WONDERS AND CHRISTMAS MAGIC: CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

As winter's chill wraps the world in a cozy embrace, Parkland Players is delighted to explore the diverse tapestry of holiday traditions that make this season truly enchanting. Join us as we journey through the global celebrations of Diwali, Sinterklaas, Hanukkah, and more, and now, let's unwrap the magic of Christmas traditions from around the world.

DIWALI'S LUMINOUS SPLENDOR (INDIA)

In India, the Festival of Lights, Diwali, paints the night with a kaleidoscope of colors, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. Families light diyas, share sweets, and create rangoli designs, fostering a spirit of generosity and togetherness.

SINTERKLAAS AND DUTCH DELIGHTS (NETHERLANDS)

In the Netherlands, the arrival of Sinterklaas marks a season of joy and generosity. Children place their shoes by the fireplace, hoping for a visit from Sinterklaas and his mischievous helpers. The Dutch celebrate with festive parades, traditional sweets, and the joy of giving.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Now, let's dive into the magical world of Christmas traditions. In Germany, Christkindlmarkts transform towns into winter wonderlands, while in Mexico, Posadas fill the streets with song and celebration. Australians embrace the summer warmth with beachside barbecues, and Italy's Feast of the Seven Fishes creates...

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IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th
Holiday Concert

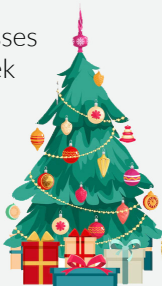
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
Center Closes at 3pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th –
FRIDAY DECEMBER 29th
Centre closed for Holidays and deep
cleaning

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st
New Year' S Day, Centre Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd – FRIDAY,
JANUARY 5th
Winter Break, no preschool classes
OSC available \$100 for the week

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th
Preschool reopens
Back to school



REMINDERS

- Extra Clothing Updates: Please provide us with extra clothing for children (top to toe) as we are approaching chilly and wet weather!
- Holiday concert will take place on Friday, December 8th at 4:00pm in the Parkland Elementary school gym.
- Please note, on December 22nd, the center will close at 3pm.
- Centre will be closed from December 25th to January 2nd for Holidays and deep cleaning.
- The centre will re-open on the 2nd of January!
- Winter Break Care is starting January 2nd – 5th and available for Out of School Care Program children with \$100 fee. Sign up is available in the classroom or via website.
- The theme of the month is Christmas and winter.
- All groups will be exploring Christmas, winter, and winter holidays!
- Please review the Winter Extreme Weather Procedure Policy here: <http://parklandplayers.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Extreme-Weather-Letter-to-Parents.pdf>

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This month we will be exploring Holidays and Winter!

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME AND AT SCHOOL



A GUIDE TO TEACHING CHILDREN GOAL SETTING FOR THE NEW YEAR

As the calendar turns a fresh page and a new year dawns, it's an excellent opportunity to instill the powerful habit of goal setting in our children. Here's a guide to help you empower the young minds.

[Read More](#)



NATURE-INSPIRED CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

Inspire festive family bonding! Encourage children to create cherished memories by crafting Nature-Inspired Christmas Tree Ornaments. It's a delightful activity that brings everyone together.

[Read the instructions](#)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL PARKLAND PLAYERS' FAMILIES!

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT BY EMAIL OR PHONE.

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