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WHMCA PLAYGROUP

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Every Thursday 9:30am - 11:00am

Sept 24th - Dec 10th, 2026 and Jan 7th - May 20th, 2027
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Winston Heights-Mountview Community Centre
520 - 27 Avenue NE

playgroup@winstonheights.ca

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Become part of a welcoming group that works together, shares ideas, and has a few laughs along the way!

Join the WHMCA Board of Directors or one of our committees and help shape the events, programs, and spaces that bring our community together.

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- Facility and Operations

WHMCA WINSTON HEIGHTS MOUNTVIEW COMM. ASSOC.

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?
Stories, photos, local history, art, tips...
We want to hear from you!
Send us your community-focused content that informs or celebrates Winston Heights-Mountview life.
Youth submissions welcome!
Guidelines:
- 300–600 words (shorter with photos)
- Clear, high-quality images
- No advertising, self-promotion, or links

Submit to: newsletter@winstonheights.ca
Submissions may be edited for space & clarity

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December Is Bringing Plenty of Holiday Cheer to WHMCA!

December is here, and there's plenty to celebrate at WHMCA! From pancakes with Santa to skating under the stars, there's lots happening in our neighbourhood this month. As always, there are some great opportunities to get involved and help make our community an even better place to live.

First up, Santa is coming to town! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 am to noon, because our much-loved Santa Breakfast is back! Come hungry for a delicious pancake breakfast, stay for the fun activities for kids and adults alike, and of course, enjoy a special visit from the man in red himself! Apparently, we've all been just good enough this year to convince Santa to squeeze WHMCA into his very busy schedule!

Want to lend a hand or learn more? We'd love some extra elves! Contact Heather at 403-276-5474 or email events@winstonheights.ca.

Next, it's time to lace up those skates! If Mother Nature cooperates, our dedicated volunteers will be busy throughout December getting our two neighbourhood skating rinks ready for winter fun.

The main rink behind the WHMCA hall is a full-size rink, perfect for a friendly game of hockey or a leisurely skate. It will also be home to skating lessons starting in January. Over at Marsden Park, our smaller rink offers a lovely spot for pleasure skating. Both rinks are lit and open until 10:00 pm each evening, so there's plenty of opportunity to enjoy a little winter magic after dark.

Of course, great ice doesn't happen by itself! Our rinks depend on volunteers to keep them in tip-top shape. If you'd like to help out or learn more, email rink@winstonheights.ca. A little of your time can make a big difference to everyone who enjoys the ice.

Finally, how about helping shape the future of our community centre? We're looking for a few fresh faces to join our Facility and Operations Committee! This group helps keep our hall running smoothly, looking its best, and ready to welcome everyone who walks through its doors.

There's even an exciting project on the horizon: a major kitchen renewal planned for 2027! That's right, we're preparing to bring our kitchen out of the 1970s and into the 21st century. It's about time, don't you think?

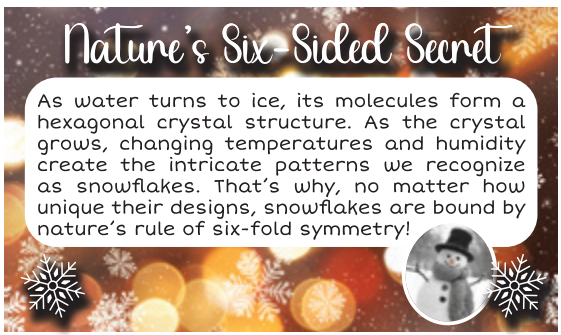
You don't need to be a construction expert, a facilities guru, or even know your way around a toolbox to join the committee. All you need is some enthusiasm, a few ideas, and a willingness to pitch in. There's plenty of support available, including excellent training opportunities through the Federation of Calgary Communities.

If you'd like to help make WHMCA even better, drop me a line at president@winstonheights.ca. We'd love to have you on board!

Here's to a wonderful December filled with good neighbours, great memories, and plenty of community spirit. See you at the hall—or out on the ice!

Alex Reed

President, WHMCA



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News, Events, & More

Real Estate Statistics

Board Meetings
First Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Community welcome!

Family Craft Night
December 29 and January 26, the last Tuesday of every month.

6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Founders' Room.

A relaxed evening of creativity and connection. Enjoy free kids' crafts and light refreshments and bring your own project to work on while you visit with neighbours. We welcome knitting, crochet, needlework, sewing, paper crafts, and more! Just be sure to bring all your supplies. Free for WHMCA members. Please note that we ask that no projects have glitter. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more info, contact Heather at 403-276-5474 or hallmanager@winstonheights.ca.

Coffee and Conversation
December 4 and January 8, the first Friday of each month.

9:30 to 11:00 am in the Founders' Room.

Come along—it's not just for seniors or women. Everyone is welcome! We'll talk about news of the day, books we're reading, or whatever we'd like. At this point, it is unstructured but if people prefer, we could choose hot topics or invite guest speakers. Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Free for WHMCA members.

For more info, contact Suzanne at 403-276-5606 or events@winstonheights.ca.

Community Book Club
January 28, the last Thursday of every month.

7:00 pm in the Founders' Room.

Looking for a reason to get out of the house, meet your neighbours, and dive into a good book? We're excited to launch a brand new book club and we'd love for you to be a part of it from the very first page. Welcoming adults of all reading backgrounds, whether you are a lifelong bookworm or just looking to read more this year. Free for WHMCA members.

For more info, contact Rosalva at romaocu@yahoo.com.

MCPA and WHMCA Combined Playgroup
January 7 to May 20 on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

A relaxed, engaging time for kids age 0 to 5 to play with toys and with each other, as well as for parents and caregivers to be able to visit with each other. Coffee and tea. Occasional light snacks, crafts and activities provided for the children.

For more info, contact Sharayah 403-968-8001 or she and her co-host Arden at playgroup@winstonheights.ca.

MPCA Playgroup*
January 4 to May 20 on Mondays from 9:15 to 11:15 am.

Due to renovations at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre, the playgroup will be meeting at WHMCA for the winter/spring session. They'll also be sharing the space with the Winston Heights-Mountview Playgroup on Thursdays!

The playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore, play, and make new friends while adults connect and share the joys and challenges of parenting. Each session includes free play, snacks, and circle time in a relaxed and welcoming environment, and our playgroup is open to everyone—not just Mount Pleasant residents!

For more information, contact playgroup@mpca.ca, or visit www.mpca.ca/playgroup.

Santa Breakfast
Saturday December 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in all the halls.

The WHMCA Santa Breakfast is one of our community's favourite holiday traditions. Every year, neighbours gather for a morning of good food, festive fun, and a chance to kick off the season together. It's the kind of event that reminds you why community matters—familiar faces, new friends, and a warm, cheerful atmosphere that makes December feel a little brighter.

Everyone is welcome. Young, old, families, singles, kids, no kids—you don't need to celebrate Christmas to enjoy a great breakfast and connect with the people who live around you.

For more info, contact Heather at 403-276-5474.

New! Bingo!
Saturday January 30.

Join us for a fun evening of Bingo at the WHMCA. Details

to follow—be sure to watch the newsletter and our social media pages!

Nose Creek Concert Series Presents: Kinjo and Young
Sunday, February 14.

Experience the soulful sounds of Kinjo and Young, the Calgary-based acoustic duo featuring Jory Kinjo and Aaron Young, blending blues, soul, R'n'B, reggae and roots music. With decades of international touring experience and award-winning songwriting, these two talented artists bring a unique energy and musical chemistry to the stage.

Amala Hangout*
December 11 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Up for a culinary adventure? Each month, Forks 'n Fingers Catering cooks up a feast which is sold as takeout as well as enjoyed as a sit-down meal and social evening in our East Hall with music and cash bar.

Info and reservations: 403-404-7614 | www.instagram.com/forksnfingerss, forksandfingers.ca.

Let's Get Scrappin'*
Saturday January 16 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

A full day of scrapbooking. Products for purchase. For more information visit stephaniebell.wixsite.com/letsgetscrappin.

To register, contact Stephanie Bell at stephaniebell@shaw.ca.

Cue Steps Round Dance*
Sundays from September 13, 2026, to April 18, 2027.

At a glance, round dancing looks like social or ballroom dancing, since the rhythms and movements are the same. However, round dancers have the advantage of pre-choreographed and cued dances which use defined (and practiced) figures and steps. A variety of classes are offered from Beginner to Phase IV.

Contact Janice: 403-279 3771 or Ron: 403-851 1581 | www.rounddancecalgary.com.

Fancy Double "C" Cloggers*
Wednesday evening classes for Beginners, Easy to Easy Intermediates, and Int. to Low Advanced.

Winter Session: January 20 to March 31

Clogging is a rhythmic percussive dance done to pop, country or traditional fiddle music. No partner is necessary for this fun and social activity. Only comfortable clothes and shoes are required for this mild workout.

For more information and to register, contact Janet at janet_rae@shaw.ca. | www.squaredancecalgary.com.

Foundational Pilates*
Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

Pilates is exercise that strengthens your core and improves posture, flexibility and body awareness. It focuses on strengthening deep core muscles in your abdominals, hips and back to improve stability and control. Pilates promotes attention to alignment, balanced muscle development, mindful movement and breath support. Can be customized for all ages and fitness levels.

If you are interested, please contact the instructor, Andrea, at 403-836-3892 or andreasatveit@live.com.

$30 per class. Andrea offers a free trial class and a 15% discount for WHMCA members.

Yoga Classes | Prevail Yoga*
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm and 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the North Hall (annex building).

Pre-registration required. WHMCA members receive 15% discount. For more information and to register, contact Karl at karl@prevailyoga.ca or 403-681-9142.

Kids' Aikido Classes | Calgary Rakushinkan*
Mondays Kids: 5:00 to 6:05 pm | Teens/Adults: 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Tuesdays Kids: 5:00 to 6:05 pm | Teens/Adults: 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Aikido helps children, teens, and adults develop strong, flexible bodies and clear, steady minds—cultivating balance, posture, awareness, and calm under pressure.

For information, contact Josh at rakushincalgary@gmail.com | calgaryrakushinkan.com.

Calgary Community Day Services (CCDS)*
Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, year-round.

A unique day service dedicated to seniors and mature adults with developmental disabilities. It emphasises

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HALL – CALENDAR OF EVENTS! *CONTINUED*

community presence while caring for the unique needs of seniors. It focuses on recreation and leisure with an objective of an enhanced quality of life.

Contact ccds.inc@shaw.ca
www.calgarycommunitydayservices.com.

*** These programs are offered by thrid parties and not by WHMCA.**





Did You Know? A December Birthday!

While we're busy celebrating the holidays, there's another birthday worth remembering! The Winston Heights Community Association was officially incorporated on December 6, 1949, making this December its 77th birthday!

The Association has certainly come a long way since then. From community halls and gardens to skating rinks and Santa Breakfasts, generations of volunteers have helped make Winston Heights-Mountview a wonderful place to call home.

Happy 77th birthday, WHMCA! Here's to many more years of neighbourhood fun and friendship!



The Great Winston Heights-Mountview Holiday Meltdown

It was a magical December morning in Winston Heights-Mountview. Snow sparkled across Marsden Park, holiday lights twinkled within the newly renovated Munro Park, and the two community skating rinks were finally ready for action.

Everything was perfect.

Naturally, that's when the chinook arrived.

By 10:00 am, the neighbourhood snowmen were shrinking, the skating rinks were turning into wading pools, and a man walking along 20 Avenue in shorts was overheard saying, "Can't complain about this weather!"

At the Community Hall, Santa Breakfast was in full swing. Volunteers were flipping pancakes, children were bouncing off the walls, and someone had ventured into the hall's legendary 1970s kitchen, only to emerge muttering, "2027 can't come soon enough."

Outside, the rink volunteers were staring at their carefully maintained ice, which was now roughly the consistency of a Slurpee.

"We just flooded that yesterday," one sighed.

"Look on the bright side," said another, "at least we don't have to shovel it."

Word of the crisis spread quickly. Neighbours arrived with baked goods from the Coop, thermoses of hot chocolate, and plenty of unsolicited advice. Someone suggested moving the skating lessons to Nose Creek. Someone else proposed turning the rink into a giant community hot tub.

The WHMCA Board promptly formed a committee to investigate.

By evening, the temperature had dropped 20 degrees. The puddles froze, the sidewalks became skating rinks, and the fellow in shorts was last seen sprinting home along Edmonton Trail.

The rink volunteers cheered. The children cheered. Even the committee agreed that no further meetings were necessary.

And somewhere in Winston Heights-Mountview, a snowman was hastily reassembled out of dead grass and leaves, slightly shorter than before, but still smiling.

Because in our neighbourhood, holiday magic doesn't come from the weather. It comes from the people who put up with it together.

Happy Holidays from Winston Heights-Mountview Community Association!



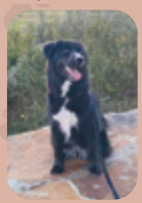
Cats, Canines, & Critters of Calgary



Jasmine,
Mount Pleasant



Jasper,
Arbour Lake



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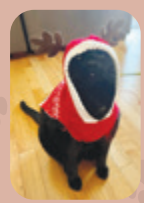

Taco,
Woodbine

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Powerline Committee Update

ENMAX has officially declined to submit our community's preferred fully underground option (Route 8) in its upcoming application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). Instead, ENMAX will present Route 4B as its preferred route, with 1B, 2B, and 7D as alternatives.

The Winston Heights-Mountview Community Association (WHMCA) Powerline Committee remains firm that Route 8 is the only acceptable option to protect our neighborhood from visual blight, noise, health concerns, and negative impacts on property values—including the future Midfield Heights development.

Current Committee Actions

- Securing legal counsel: The Committee is engaging Gavin Fitch with Cassels to formally proceed with our intent to act as intervenors in the next round of AUC hearings.
- Uniting with developers: Major developers working at COOP and Midfield Heights strongly oppose anything but Route 8. We are connecting with ROYOP and ROHIT to pool resources, with Alpha Built already active on our committee.
- Chasing a $9 million funding window: Route 4B currently shifts to an overhead line near 6 Street NE. ENMAX has provided the City's Real Estate and Development Services (RE&DS) a $9 million estimate to bury this final overhead portion.

How Residents Can Help

- Contact our ward councillor: Winston Heights-Mountview is represented by Ward 4 Councillor DJ Kelly. Let him know our community expects the City to secure the internal $9 million funding needed to bury the remaining overhead lines before ENMAX finalizes its application.
- Lobby ENMAX directly: Contact ENMAX Power's Stakeholder Relations team. Forcefully demand they reconsider the impact of Route 4B on Winston Heights-Mountview and explain why they are refusing to present the community-backed, fully underground Route 8 option to the AUC.
- Stay informed and vocal: Keep an eye out for updates regarding the upcoming AUC hearings and be ready to voice your opposition to the proposed overhead routes.
- Support the intervenor effort: Stand behind the WHMCA Powerline Committee as we formally prepare our legal challenge to protect our community's infrastructure and property values.

Ward 4 Contact Information

Please use the following official channels to voice your concerns directly to our councillor's office. Online contact form: www.calgary.ca/council/ward-4/contact-ward-4.html.

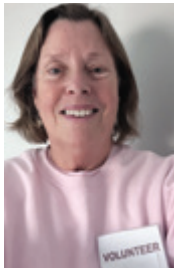
ENMAX Stakeholder Relations Contact Information

Reach the team handling project-specific community feedback through their dedicated intake lines:

- Direct project phone: 403-514-1471.
- Dedicated project email: stakeholderrelations@enmax.com.
- General project trackers: Check for specific updates via www.enmax.com/projects/central-calgary-transmission-line-replacement-project.



Volunteer Spotlight – Maggie Hammill



Hello! My name is Maggie Hammill, and I have been volunteering at WHMCA for about 2.5 years since moving here from Ontario.

I came across the community centre one day when I was biking around my new neighbourhood. I stopped at a beautiful flower garden in front of the community centre. I spoke with a lovely lady named Marcia who was tending to the flowers, and she was gracious enough to stop her weeding and speak to me about the Community Centre and the need for volunteers. Growing up with parents who volunteered, and with a lot of volunteer experience myself later in life, I knew this was one way to meet people and give back. I immediately headed home and filled out my membership! My first volunteer shift was a Sunday concert. It was great fun and I was hooked!

Volunteering is a perfect way to meet new people, as well as a great way to help with an event that brings happiness and fun to the community you reside in. Volunteering makes one feel good, knowing that you've have helped in some way to make an event run smoothly. And there is such a great feeling with assisting in making people feel welcome, smile and hopefully laugh!

All the events I have volunteered for have been special, but I think Santa Breakfast is my favourite. I love that it brings all ages out to enjoy entertainment, food and companionship.

When I am not volunteering at WHMCA, I love to read and I belong to three book clubs! I also belong to a fantastic group called Sole Sisters, with whom I enjoy hiking, kayaking, walking, and socializing. I also volunteer with the Meow Foundation, a cat rescue, and I walk dogs weekly for Elderdog Calgary PAWD along with my two senior pups.

But by far, spending time with my partner Bill and my three amazing grandchildren and family keeps me the happiest and most grounded.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer, do think about it. Share in a smile, laughter and the sense of accomplishment when an event goes well. Sign up for as little or as much as you wish. You will be glad you did!

In the future, an expanded or new kitchen with more equipment would be wonderful.

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Recycle More This Holiday Season

by City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services



Due to new upgrades at our recycling facilities, you can now recycle even more holiday waste this year. As you clean up after holiday gatherings, remember to put these items in your blue cart:

- Paper and plastic gift wrap
- Foam packaging
- Flexible plastic bags, wrappers, and food pouches
- Cardboard and shipping boxes
- Food and body aerosols, like cooking oil spray, whipped cream cans, and hairspray
- Metal food cans, glass jars, and plastic containers

Place all items empty, clean, and loose in your blue cart. Do not bag or bundle them.

Thank you for sorting right and helping keep more holiday waste out of the landfill!

Learn more at calgary.ca/holidaywaste.

Christmas Tree Composting

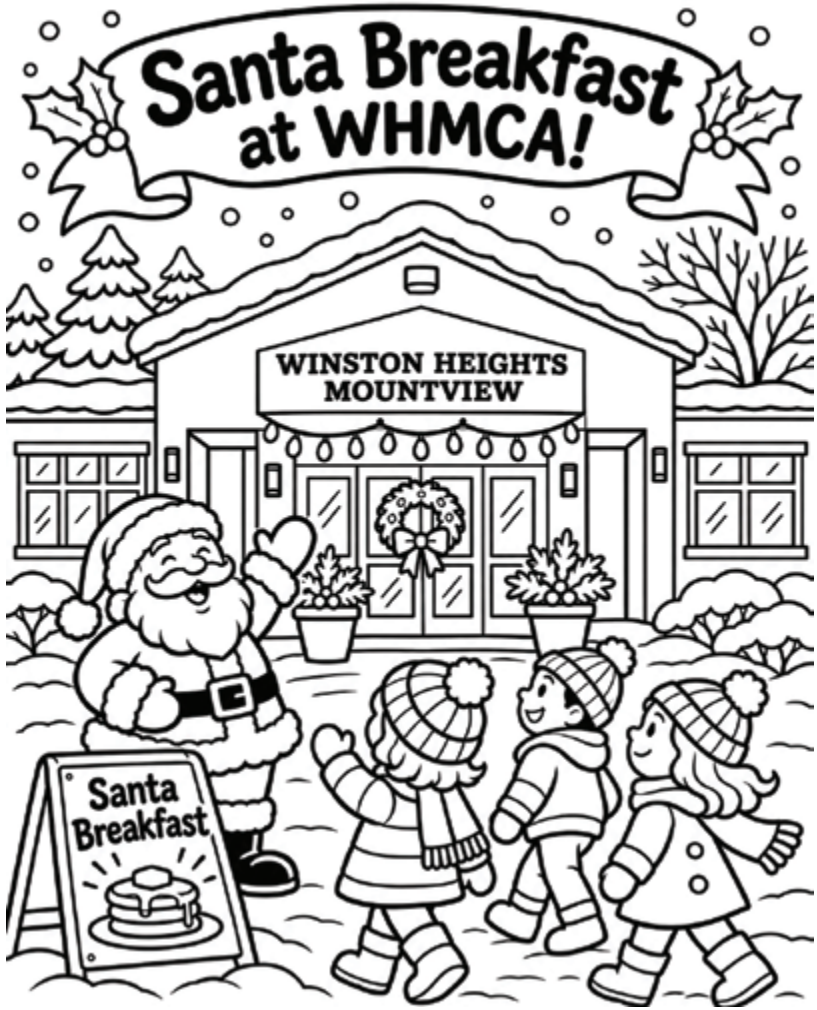
When the holidays are over, give your real Christmas tree a green goodbye by choosing one of the following options for composting.

Green Cart Pickup:

Remove all decorations (lights, tinsel, ornaments) and cut the tree into small pieces so it fits inside your green cart with the lid closed. Place any extra branches in a paper yard waste bag, rolled shut, and set it at least two feet away from your cart.

Drop-Off Site:

From December 26 to January 31, you can take your whole tree to a designated drop-off site. You can find the location closest to you at calgary.ca/christmastree. Please ensure all decorations have been removed and do not wrap or bag your tree when dropping off.



Start a Community Club or Class

Have you ever thought, "I wish we had a group for that?" This is your invitation to make it happen.

We're always happy to support residents who want to create clubs, groups, or classes whether you want to lead or help organize.

Ideas we've heard recently:

- Poker Nights (with instructor)
- Board Game Social
- Fitness and Nutrition (for older adults)

If you have an idea or want to get one of the ideas above launched, we'll help you connect with others who are interested and support you in getting it off the ground.

Contact Suzanne, Event and Programming Chair, at 403-276-5474 or events@winstonheights.ca.

The Perfect Christmas Gift from

Nose Creek Concerts



Nose Creek Concerts presents
KINJO & YOUNG
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Writer's Corner

Soft Animal

by Sarah Arthurs

Spent
Both four-leggeds, crashed on me.
Gentle rise and fall of their sleeping bodies.
A warm weighted blanket of breath and dreams.
Sighing me into surrender.

The words come
let the soft animal of your body love what it loves

The flicker swoops in through the labyrinth of branches.
Lands on a perch, as near as knocks on my door.
Gazes at me through the window.
like I forgot, we had a date.

Waiting—impatient.
Saying something. . .
Are you there?
Is anybody home?
Have you forgotten?

Perhaps I belong.
Perhaps, in a past life, I'm part of the tribe.
Flying with flashing orange petticoat
a cape of stripes and dots.
A child's bright red winter cheeks.

A distinct flicker pronouncement
punches through the window.
Walk like you are here.
The whole earth is your place.
You don't need an excuse.

Thank you, Mary Oliver.

Fun Neighbourhood Fact

The City looks after 3,848 trees on the streets and in the parks of Winston Heights-Mountview, about 2.6 for every home.





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Peppermint Cookies



by S. Law

This was a staple in my household growing up. Every year my mom and I would bake a huge batch of these cookies, and we'd pass them out as little gifts to my class before everyone went away on winter break. Needless to say, while I'm no longer in school, we've kept the tradition going, so if you're looking for a light, buttery snack to go with your hot chocolate this year; these cookies never fail.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tbsp peppermint extract
- 1 tsp salt
- A few drops of different food colours. (We always use pink and green)

Directions

1. In a large bowl combine your flour, powdered sugar, peppermint extract, and salt.
2. Add the butter in chunks and then begin kneading everything together. The kneading is important as it allows everything to be mixed into a smooth dough that still holds its shape.
3. At this stage if the dough either looks too dry, or too sticky, add more butter or flour respectively.
4. Separate your dough into three or more even piles and dye each one a different colour. Typically, I leave one the original white because I like the way it looks. You only need a few drops of food colouring to get a soft pastel shade.
5. Once you have your desired colours, roll each section into a log, and then form a bigger log with your three sections. Roll them slightly so everything sticks together and the colours blend gently, then wrap in saran wrap and set in the fridge for a few hours.
6. Once everything is cooled slice your log into 1-inch-thick pieces and place on a sheet pan.
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8. Let them cool and enjoy with family and friends!

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