



with Vivien Fleisher

WORD IN THE VILLAGE

“Do you think giving teachers Christmas gifts is necessary?”



Paul Crowe “No. It’s nice, but not necessary. It can put pressure on parents.”



Jocelyn Bouwman “I don’t know about necessary, but it’s a nice gesture. We like to do it.”



Nicole Hutzel “I do. It’s important that they feel special.”



Lynn Wing “I don’t think it’s necessary. It’s nice, but not necessary. I don’t think it should be expected. Parents should not feel obligated.”



CHRISTMAS RECIPES

with Jessica Wilson

The New Tanner’s Jessica Wilson will be sharing some of her favourite holiday recipes (great for cookie exchanges or for when company drops in) in this seasonal feature.

Turtle Thumbprint Cookies

For the Cookies:

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 lrg egg separated
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup pecans finely chopped

For the Caramel:

- 2/3 cup Kraft caramel bits or regular caramels, melted
- 1/2 tsp water

1. Combine flour, cocoa and salt. In a separate bowl cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in the egg yolk, milk and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture, just until combined. Chill dough in the refrigerator for one hour.
 2. Whisk egg whites in a bowl until frothy. Place chopped pecans in another shallow bowl. Remove dough from fridge and roll into small balls makes 20.
 3. Roll each dough ball in the frothy egg whites, and then roll and press in the chopped pecans. Place on a greased baking sheet.
 4. Use the back of a small measuring spoon to make an indentation in the centre of each dough ball.
 5. Bake at 350 F for about 10-12 minutes, or until set.
 6. As the cookies come out of the oven, gently re-press the indentations with a small spoon.
 7. In a microwaveable bowl mix the caramel bits and water. Microwave at 30-second intervals, stirring after each interval, until caramel is melted (about 2 - 3 minutes). Pour small spoonfuls of caramel into the indented cookies.
- *Optional: Drizzle with melted chocolate or sprinkle with sea salt.



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