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SINTERKLAAS

EXTRA EDITION!

LET'S DANCE

SINTERKLAAS is coming to town.



**Saturday, December 5,
from 2:00 till 4:30**

Can you believe it?!

Only a few more days and we will be back! Sinterklaas is very much looking forward to travel to Springfield to meet you guys.

He still remembers having a great time with you last year. The Pieten are getting really nervous however. Not only because there will be so many active and lovely children present, but also for another reason, Sinterklaas, you know, loves to dance. The Dancepiet told Sinterklaas that the children in Springfield are excellent dancers. But the Pieten don't know how to dance. Because they don't want to embarrass themselves they are practicing every day on the stern of Sinterklaas' steamer, but they don't seem to be doing very well. We'll see what will happen on December 5. If you practice a little bit at home you might be able to help out the Pieten. Don't forget to tell your mom and dad to drive safely and leave from home on time.

**We can't wait to see you on December 5.
Hoofdpiet**



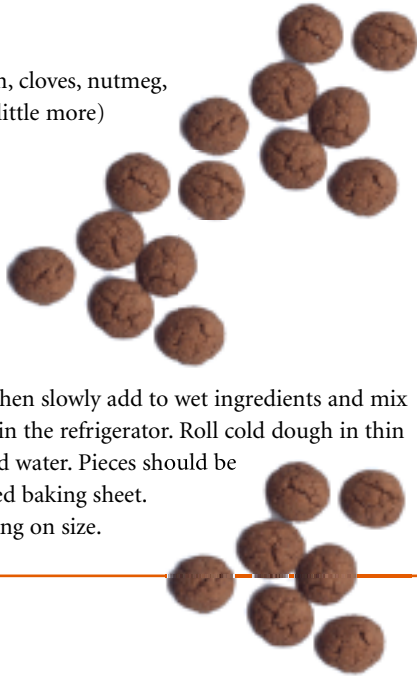
My father makes several kinds of peppernuts every year at Christmas. This is one of his favorite recipes.

Mrs. J.H. Epp's Old Fashioned Peppernuts

From the book **Peppernuts Plain and Fancy**
By Norma Jost Voth

Ingredients:

½ cup butter	½ t. vanilla
¾ cup sugar	½ t. each of cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg,
½ cup brown sugar	pepper, allspice (or a little more)
1 egg	½ t. salt
½ cup cream	½ t. baking soda
2 T. honey	½ t. cream of tartar
1/3 cup syrup	¼ t. baking powder
1 t. anise oil	4 cups flour



Preparation

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Mix wet ingredients until fluffy. Mix dry ingredients, then slowly add to wet ingredients and mix well. Cover dough and store overnight or a few hours in the refrigerator. Roll cold dough in thin ropes and slice with sharp knife dipped in flour or cold water. Pieces should be the size of a hazelnut. Place pieces separately on greased baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for about 7 – 10 minutes, depending on size.

What is a Pepernoot?

We all know of the Pepernoot, but what is it, apart from being delicious of course. According to the website, wereldskoken.com pepernoten were, back in the 17th century, a luxury item. Peper (pepper) was for people of that time comparable with truffles nowadays, a delicacy, very hard to obtain, which enhances the flavor food. Other luxury ingredients were anise and honey. The high cost of these ingredients explain why these chewy cookies are so small. Nowadays we also eat the so-called 'kruidnoot' which is a cheap pepernoot made with 'speculaas' spices and ordinary sugar. Mrs. Epp's recipe is an evolved pepernoot. Back in the day it was just equal amounts (in grams) of honey and flower mixed together with egg, anise and spices.

There are different explanations for why pepernoten are thrown instead of handed out. The most poetic one is that Zwarte Piet puts the full moon in his bag and dispenses her light to the children as little stars. The more practical explanation we find in ancient Germanic traditions where the throwing, which is reminiscent of sowing, of food items like fruits and nuts was used in fertility rites. The throwing of pepernoten, and later on candies, was supposed to bring good fortune.

naam

RIJMEN MAAR !

Ik kreeg van Sinterklaas een grote
pop van

Piet gaat door de schoorsteen
heen en dat doet hij het liefst

Waar is mijn verlanglijst gebleven die
ik net pas heb

Ik stel Sint graag moeilijke vragen.
Dat doe ik alleen maar om te

Dit varkentje van marsepein kreeg ik
zomaar voor de

Piet houdt wel van een balletje
trappen. Wie graag voetbalt, zal dat
wel

taai-taai	leren
speculaas	lachen
marsepein	plagen
samen	grap
alleen	gein
voorzichtig	lol
gelezen	begrijpen
gemaakt	weten
geschreven	snappen

Colophon

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And don't forget to pay your dues and update us on any address changes, so that we can keep you up to date with what's going on at the Naadv! Membership is: Student \$20, Single \$25, Family \$35 and Patron \$60 or more.

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(Practice your Dutch)

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pop	roe
banket	suikergoed
lied	zak
heerlijk	paard
Sinterklaas	mijter
Zwarte Piet	dak
taaipop	maan
speculaas	december
pakjes	zout
cadeaus	staf
schoen	

De overgebleven letters, van links naar rechts gelezen, vormen samen de eerste zin van een sinterklaasliedje.

Schrijf op:

Welke Piet is anders?

Zet een kruisje in het vakje.



Movie Tip



Santa & Pete

Of course Sinterklaas wants children to read, except of course if the movie is about him, even Santa can't escape a little narcissism. Santa and Pete is based on a book by Christopher Moore and Pamela Johnson and appeared on Tv for the first time on December 5 1999. The story is about how Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet changed after they visited the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in the 1600's. Sinterklaas is played by Hume Cronyn and the narrator is James Earl Jones. The movie is available on DVD.

EXTRA!

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**Princeton Presbyterian Church
933 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19064**

Directions

From Philadelphia: Take I-95 S to 476 N to the Media/Swarthmore exit (# 3).

Off exit ramp, turn right to go East on Baltimore Pike towards Springfield.

1.3 m. on the right on the corner of Church Rd.

From King of Prussia: Take 476 S to the Media/Swarthmore exit (# 3).

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Memo

From: Hoofdpiet
To: Mom and Dad
Topic: Mail Gift



Dear Mom and Dad,
Please, **DO NOT BRING GIFTS TO THE EVENT!** Sint wants to bring a gift for each child. Be kind, mail your presents (under \$20.00

please). GIFTS MUST BE GIFT WRAPPED and clearly marked with the child's name!
Along with your gift, send in the registration form and payment (a flyer with details has been mailed to current members). We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Due to the usually large turnout, this event is for members only so make sure your membership is up to date! The Hoofdpiet cannot accept late registration or unregistered "binnenvallers" at the door.

Will you help us? Thank you! You can reach us by email or phone:

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 5 Sinterklaas
- Dec. 13 Holiday Reception - 5 pm
Manayunk Brewery & Restaurant
4120 Main Street, Philadelphia
www.manayunkbrewery.com
- Jan. 17 New Member Borrel - 3 pm
Locatie t.b.d.
- March Annual Meeting
- April Koninginnedag
- June Belgian Beer and Breughel Fest
- June NAADV master Golf Tournament
- July Pool party
- August Rafting or Canoe Trip
- Sept. Speelgroep picnic
- Nov. Indonesische rijsttafel
- Nov. Heritage Day

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