



April 2015

# Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op  
Monthly Newsletter

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*This can't actually be happening...*

## Is it really time for Kindergarten registration?

We know that it's hard to believe the day is coming... however, let's take the first step together. Kindergarten registration begins on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 for all Anne Arundel County Public schools. Each school sets its own hours or suggested guidelines for registration windows. You are encouraged to either visit or phone your area school to find out



more. Contact information from several area schools is provided below.

The details that follow are from Davidsonville Elementary School. The first week of registration will be April 8, 9, & 10 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will also be an after-hours registration night on April 9, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information, please call Ms.

Tammie Wolfe in the DES office at 410-222-1655.

### Local Elementary Schools

**Edgewater Elementary School**  
121 Washington Rd., Edgewater  
(410) 222-1660

**Mayo Elementary School**  
1260 Mayo Ridge Rd., Edgewater  
(410) 222-1666

**Lothian Elementary School**  
5235 Solomon's Island Rd., Lothian  
(410) 222-1697

**Shady Side Elementary School**  
4859 Atwell Rd., Shady Side  
(410) 222-1621

**Central Elementary School**  
130 Stepney Lane, Edgewater  
(410) 222-1075

### REQUIRED ITEMS TO REGISTER:

- Birth Certificate
  - Proof of up-to-date Immunizations and 5-year-old well visit
  - 2 proofs of residency, which include the following:
    - Current mortgage statement or signed rental/lease agreement
    - Current utility bill, property tax bill, bank statement, or paystub (The utility bill must show both the mailing address and the service address, otherwise it will NOT be accepted)
- (If the lease/deed is not in your name, you will need to have a completed & Notarized Tenant Resident Verification Form.)*

### Alumni Open House May 2

Drop by anytime Saturday, May 2nd from 10-1 pm for a walk down memory lane and to catch up with friends. We'll even give you the chance to re-create a favorite craft project! Help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the co-op! Look for the invitation soon and invite all of your alumni friends.

# From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Yay! Spring is finally here!

As we head quickly into the end of our school year, there is still much to share so please read your newsletter carefully – lots of fun dates you won't want to miss!



A million thanks to Jen Novak and her Events and Fundraising Team as well as the husbands who pitched in the night of the event. I can't say enough about what a truly amazing night it was. Not only did we break records with the amount we raised (over \$25K!) it was an incredibly smoothly run event. The few kinks were all kept behind the scenes – I'm incredibly grateful to Jen for her leadership and tireless efforts. The Co-Op only succeeds when we all do our parts so thank you to everyone for the great donations, participation, bringing guests and having fun!

Shortly you'll receive School Evaluations. Please take some time to fill these out and return – we really do read everyone's comments and appreciate your input! If you have questions let Stacey McCoy know. These will come via e-mail and Survey Monkey to help keep things green. If you'd like a paper copy let us know!

The Nominating Committee Meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday April 15th 7:30 pm. Attendance is not required, but this is the perfect opportunity to secure your desired position for next year.

If you are returning next year, please re-consider the committee preferences you made for the Fall. We really need people to step up [PLEASE]

and take on jobs that are more challenging and require a little more experience than a first time member. Call me to chat (or I may call you!).

Please spread the word about our school... we have a handful of spots open in our afternoon 4's class as well as some openings in the Tu/Th morning 3's. If you refer a friend, they get ½ off registration (have them mention your name!).

If you have any issues or suggestions, please contact me or attend one of the Board Meetings. The next Board Meeting will be on April 15th following the nominating committee meeting.

~ Anne Canaday

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# Teacher's Corner *By Barbara Freeman*

## April

**H**appy spring! We hope that April brings a beautiful spring and lots of warm weather. After such a cold winter is a joy to start seeing all the daffodils and baby leaves on the trees. Of course as I write this it is about 30 degrees so let's hope the real spring arrives soon.



Ann and I enjoyed visiting with all the dads for Fathers' Day last month. It's always fun to watch the children play with their dads. It's especially fun watching the dads sit on our small chairs having tea parties in the house together! Everyone also enjoyed making pictures and donuts together. It really is a special day when you have Dad all to yourself - if only life could stay so simple.

Thanks to Jen Novak and all the parents that put

so much thought, effort, energy and love into our fundraiser last month. It was fabulous! Ann & I enjoyed seeing everyone have a good time and it was also fun to see so many alumnae at the event. It didn't hurt to make a lot of money either! Thank you, thank you.

Seeds, pets and baby chicks will be our themes for both the 3's and the 4's this month. We will plant several different types of seeds and watch them grow in the classroom, along with the traditional "Hairy Harry" that will come home the beginning of the month. The eggs will go into the incubator the middle of the month and with a little luck we will have baby chicks on May 11th. Keep your fingers crossed!

There are several special events this month for both the 3's and the 4's:

### **April 20 & 21: GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Grandparents, or a special adult friend, are invited to visit our classroom and spend some time with their grandchild. Grandparents should arrive as follows: 3 a.m. class at 10:15 a.m., 4 a.m. class at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. class at 1:15 p.m. Don't feel badly if your child does not have a grandparent to visit with them. Grandparents are very good about "sharing" themselves and no one has ever felt left out. We will also be asking parents to send in extra snack donations, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the front bulletin board. This year we would also like to make a grandparent collage. **Send in a picture of your child with their grandparents the week of the 13th** and we will display them for Grandparents Day.

### **April 30 & May 1: PET DAY**

If you have a pet that would be a good guest, you may bring them in at the beginning of class. Small animals should be in cages, dogs and cats should be leashed or caged. Each child will have an opportunity to talk about their pet. After your pet has had their turn in the spotlight, you may take them home. Small caged animals can remain for class time if desired. If your pet is unable to travel, your child may want to bring a picture of their pet. For children that do not have pets they may bring in a favorite stuffed animal.

### **May 7 & 8: MOTHERS' DAY TEAS**

This is our social event of the season. We ask that all moms return to school for the last 45-60 minutes of the day for a special snack/lunch. Sorry, no siblings. More details will follow, just wanted to give everyone a heads up about the date.

## Fellow Co-Op'ers: We need your help

Now is the time to promote the Co-op to everyone you meet! People are making their school choices and we need to make sure they know that the South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op is the very best choice to make.

As you've heard, there are a few more spots open for next year and we would love to fill them as soon as possible. Future planning depends upon enrollment numbers, and it really helps things run more smoothly to get spots filled early.

So, spread the word, talk with your friends, your neighbors, your neighbor's friends, the woman in front of you at the grocery store...

The class options for next year are listed to the right, so that you can show the details to everyone who asks.

And don't forget to point them to our next **Open House event on Thursday, April 16th** at Noon. Thank you for helping!

For all enrollment questions,  
please e-mail:

**enrollment@ davidsonvilleprek.com**

### The Programs for 2015-16

We are pleased to share that beginning in Fall 2015 we will have more programming options to better meet your family's needs. These are your class choices for the upcoming enrollment period.

**3's T/TH 9:00-11:30 am:** Students must be age 3 by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – 2.5 hours long, \$105/month

**Fall 3's & 4's M/W/F 9:00 am-12:00 pm:** Students must be 4 by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 — 3 hours long, \$150/month

**4's-PreK M/T/W/Th 12:30-3:30 pm:** Students must be age 4 by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 — 3 hours long, \$205/month.

\*Optional 5th day most weeks for all students.

## Reminders & Notes

### Outdoor Play

While the weather will be warmer, please remember that it is always windy up on the hill. Even when it seems warm at your house, the children may still need a jacket to go outside.

Flip-flops and sandals may be cute and comfortable but they are not appropriate footwear for school. Please encourage your child to wear real shoes to school. Tell them Miss Barbara says so.

### Sign- In Sheet

Have you been signing in and out each day? You should. Did you know that inspectors who come to visit the school check the logs to ensure that they are being updated regularly?

It may seem a bit late in the year to remind you of these things, but better late than never.

### Yearbooks

Yikes! it's almost that time of year already. Yearbooks need to be assembled, so you know what that means, right? If you've been waiting to send in your photos – you better get to it soon.

The Board thought it would be nice to wait until the school year is over so that all of the events late in the year can make it into the book. This means that distribution of the yearbook will again take place over the summer.

Order forms for this year's yearbook will be coming before the end of the year so that we can collect payment and get contact details to get you your book.

You can e-mail your pictures to Historian Christina Feindt at: **scpcyearbook@gmail.com** or **cfeindt@gmail.com**.

You can also use the SCPC

Shutterfly Share site, This site makes it easy to upload photos. Visit:

scpcphotos2014.shutterfly.com. (You'll need an invite to be able to join - email the historian at the address above). There's also a Share Sites mobile app.

We suggest that you consider using a thumbdrive to load school photos on. Then, you can just give it to the editor to work with.

### Class Times Reminder

Just in case you refer to this list more often than you think is normal (like me), here it is again:

#### All 3's

9:15-11:45 a.m.

#### 4 AM class

9-11:30 a.m.

#### 4 PM Class

12:15-2:45 p.m.

#### New Tuesday Program for 4's

12:15-2:45 p.m.

# SCPC Calendar

## APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		3	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Bear Hunt 4's Nominating Committee BOD Meeting	16 Teddy Bear Picnic for 3's <b>OPEN HOUSE</b>	17	18
19	20 Grandparent's Day 4's	21 Grandparent's Day 3's	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Watkins Park trip for 3's	29	30 Pet Day for 3's		
					<b>May 1:</b> Pet Day for 4's	

## APRIL

- 7 Class is back in session
- 15 Bear Hunt for 4's
- 15 Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m.  
(Note new date)
- 15 SCPC Board of Directors meeting
- 16 **Open House at SCPC, 12 p.m.**
- 16 Teddy Bear Picnic for 3's
- 20-21 Grandparents' Days  
4AM class - grandparents come at 10 am.  
4PM class - grandparents come at 1:15 pm  
3's class - grandparents come at 10:15 am
- 28 3's Field Trip to Watkins Park
- 30 Pet Day for 3's

## MAY

- 1 Pet Day for 4's
- 2 **40th Anniversary Reunion**  
Alumni Open House, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 4 GMM Meeting, 7 p.m. in Ford Hall
- 7 Mother's Day Tea for 3's
- 8 Mother's Day Tea for 4's
- 19 3's Last day of school
- 20 4's Last day of school
- 30 Spring Clean Up event, 9 a.m.

**When will the  
baby chicks hatch?**

**Will it be  
May 11th  
as Miss Barbara  
predicts?**



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# The Threes

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## April

The 3's enjoyed the many science activities this past month, particularly "sink and float," mixing "concoctions," and magnets. Along with the science activities, we spent time classifying, sequencing and talking about opposites. We will take our trip to Old Maryland Farm (Watkins Park) on **April 28th**. Hopefully, the weather will be warm by then. More details will be sent home later.

**April 16th** will be the Teddy Bear Picnic – Everyone should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal. The snack parents need to talk with Miss Ann about what to bring for snack that day. Weather permitting, we will take our bears outside to picnic.



### Dates to Remember:

April 16:	Teddy Bear Picnic
April 21:	Grandparent's Day
April 28:	Trip to Watkins Park
April 30:	Pet Day

## Touch and Tell Schedule

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
Isabela	Anna	Holly	Lily
Sydney	Sammy	Matty	Sawyer
Abbie	Mikal	Hudson	Jacob
Thomas		Weston	
Lola		Gracelyn	

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# The Fours

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## April

The fours enjoyed the dinosaurs this past month and all the different art activities that accompanied them. They also had the opportunity for several language activities. Ann and I always enjoy their creative stories and the making of the mural. Thanks to the parents who helped with the messy art projects - especially the paper-mache dinosaur eggs. Even though it was a bit chilly, we had a fun trip on the Metro to see the dinosaur exhibit.

Our star of the day activity will return after Easter.

**April 15th** will feature the Bear Hunt – Everyone should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal along with a flashlight. The snack parents need to talk with Miss Ann about what to bring for snack that day. Weather permitting, we will take our bears outside to picnic.



### Dates to Remember:

April 15: Bear Hunt  
 April 20: Grandparent's Day  
 May 1: Pet Day

## Touch and Tell Schedule

### 4 A.M.

MONDAY	WED.	FRIDAY
Liam	Leo	David
Vincent	Lillian	Lucy
Izzie	Shoshi	Landon
Zoe	Courtney	Chaya

### 4 P.M.

MONDAY	WED.	FRIDAY
Owen	Luke	Lilly
Mary	Abby	Alison
Isaiah	Jane	Nikolas
Kortland		