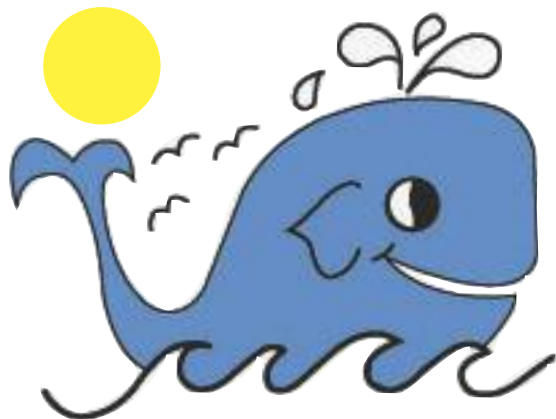


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Whale Tales

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Auction excitement is in the air!

The Events & Fundraising committee is excited to bring you the latest auction news!

We have a new venue! Due to a scheduling conflict at the Blue Dolphin, I am happy to announce that the auction will now be taking place at the Greek Church, 2747 Riva Rd. in Annapolis. Same date, same time. Saturday, March 21st from 6:00-11:00 pm. The theme of the auction is Denim & Diamonds, so be sure to put on your best blue jeans and bling and get ready for a great night!

Donation Contest

Who doesn't love a little friendly competition? Anyone who turns in a donation pledge form before the GMM on Feb. 9th will be entered in a drawing. The winner of the drawing will get their helper shift covered at school, or a lunch outing for their kid with Anne Canaday. Each form received gets you one entry into the drawing, so gather up those donations this week and increase your chances of winning!

Ticket Sales

The annual auction is an event you don't want to miss! Tickets will go on sale at the GMM on February 9th and cost \$40 each. Your ticket includes food, fun, dancing and a chance to win some really wonderful items. Each family is responsible for purchasing 4 tickets for their first student and 2 additional for their second student. If you would like to purchase any additional tickets for friends and family that want to share in the fun, please let me know! The deadline for purchasing tickets is March 1st. (*Editor's Note:* If you do not plan on using all of your tickets, please consider donating them back to the school so that we can offer them to alumni or others interested in attending - and bidding on items!)

Fun & Games

In addition to being able to bid for items during the silent and live auctions, we will have several opportunities available for you to win prizes like cash, jewels, libations and more! Feeling lucky? Try your luck at our 50/50 raffle and split the prize with the school. Or take a chance at spinning our prize wheel and see what you get! A gift card, bottle of

DENIM
&
Diamonds

bubbly, or another wonderful prize! Also, for you competitive folks, we will be holding a corn hole tournament with a chance to win custom made corn hole boards! We will have something fun for everyone!

Donations

Thanks to all of you who have turned in your donations! We have received some amazing items and can't wait to see what other great things we get! If you need help thinking of a donation item, please let me know.

The deadline for turning in your auction items is March 1st. We are still in need of items for our live auction. Do you own a vacation home, have season tickets to a sporting event, or something unique? We would love to be able to offer items like these, so please let me know if you think you can donate something like this. The more creative, the better!

Stay tuned for more exciting news about the auction in the coming days/ weeks. As always, thank you for your continuous support of our wonderful school!

– By Jen Novak

Your To-Do List for Auction:

- Find donations by March 1st.
- Purchase tickets by March 1st.
- Donate item to your class basket.
- Arrange for childcare for the night.
- Attend auction March 21st, 6-11 p.m.

* Attend meetings and help the team if you are on the committee.

* Help set-up event if you are on the committee or on the Board of Directors.

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Happy February! Wow, how is it February?!? It looks like we may have escaped the big snow this year...much to my disappointment.



Though we missed the snow, the germs are still in full force. Please remember to keep your kids home if they are sick. I know they miss school when they aren't there, but we want to keep everyone healthy. A big thank you to our maintenance team who have been helping to keep the school clean each weekend and the snow cleared.

The Auction is rapidly approaching and I am very excited! Jen gave us an update at the board meeting and she and her team are working really hard. It's going to be a fun night you don't want to miss! Please remember to turn in ticket money and auction donations to the Events and Fundraising team by March 1st (you may include ticket money with your tuition). If you're looking for ideas, we'd love to put together some local mini-trip packages (hotel, dinner, activity) as well as some fine jewelry for an auction item (think "Diamonds and Denim").

Also make sure you check out the Google doc for not just ideas, but the contacts to reach out to. To help entice your solicitations, everyone who attends the GMM and turns in a form for a donation received so far will go in a drawing. If you are pulled, I will either cover one of your parent help shifts or you can have your own personal lunch bunch and Isabela and I will pick your kiddo up for an hour after or before school one day.

You can also help nominate individuals for the annual Legacy Award on our website. Look under the "About Us" section to get to the Denim & Diamonds Auction page.

There are several important events coming up: Open House on **Tuesday, Feb. 3rd** at 7:30 pm, the General Membership Meeting on **Monday, Feb. 9th** at 7:00 pm, and the dinner and auction on **March 21st!** Please check the calendar at school for other events and fundraisers.

We still have spaces for next year so please spread the word... fliers to local businesses about upcoming open houses, invites to friends to the auction, and/or for a visit (anytime!). Word of mouth is always the most effective marketing we have, so share your love for our school!

As always, read your newsletter each month! If you have questions about policies, procedures, membership obligations, etc., please check the Bylaws or Policy Statement or ask your class reps.

If you have any issues or suggestions, please contact me or attend one of the Board Meetings - we'll be happy to do what we can! The next Board Meeting will be at the DFRC BOQ on February 18th at 7:30 pm.

Stay warm and safe!
~ Anne Canaday

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Teacher's Corner By Barbara Freeman

February

Happy February! Winter has been doing its best to make it difficult to get back into our routines. Hopefully this month we will see a return to our regular schedules. It might be time to stop singing those snowman songs!



Everyone gave Huggy Bear and Randy a big hug last month before they went off to their logs to hibernate for the rest of the winter. We will see them again in the spring. Sleeping through the winter is starting to sound like a good idea. Let's hope the rest of the winter goes by quickly!

Snack

Please remember to fill in the snack chart on the refrigerator when parent helping. This is a health department requirement.

THANKS to all of you!!!!

As we approach the halfway mark of the year, I am reminded again how lucky Ann and I are to work in a school with such wonderfully dedicated parents. The board is always working together to discuss ways to promote the school, raise money, and everything else that needs to be done to keep our little school running smoothly. Thank you, thank you! But

it is not just the board members that work hard. It is all of you that take the time to clean the school on the weekend, answer phone calls for enrollment, collect health forms, purchase supplies, plan events, contribute auction items - the list could go on and on and on. And all that is in addition to helping in the classroom each month. Your efforts are much appreciated and we thank you!

Reminder

Send in an envelope addressed to your student's parents (Mr. & Ms....), along with 49¢ for postage. Please have them in by Feb. 9th & 10th

FUN TIME Playdoh Recipe

1/2 cup salt
2 tbsp. cream of tartar
1 cup water
2 tbsp. oil
1 cup flour



- Combine ingredients in pan.
- Add food coloring if desired.
- Stir over low heat until the dough leaves sides of the pan.
- Work dough until cooled.
- Store in air-tight container.

We double this recipe for school.

Reminders & Notes

Field Trips

Unless otherwise stated, siblings are not allowed on fieldtrips. This may make it difficult for some, but most of the places we visit to not accommodate overly large groups. Too large of a group also makes it difficult for children to listen and fully appreciate the activity. Just remember – your younger child's time will come!

Hats & Mittens

Please remember that it is cold and windy on our hill. Hats and mittens (preferred over gloves) are nice to have up on the playground. If you tuck them into a coat sleeve they are easy to find when putting on coats. We sometimes miss them when they are stuck at the bottom of the tote bag.



Wee Sale

The Wee Sale Consignment sale returns again March 19-22. You may recall that there was a fall sale last year.

Once again, our school has the chance to host an informational table at the event to help market the school and programs. This is a perfect chance to connect with hundreds of people with young children.

SCPC will be seeking parent volunteers to help man the table during various time slots. Please be on the lookout for a future mention of this via e-mail and in the March edition of Whale Tales. We hope you will consider offering some of your

time to help.

Yearbook Photos wanted

You are encouraged to send in photos ALL year long to help fill up our annual memory book.

There are several ways to get your photos to the school Historian (Christina Feindt).

1. You can e-mail them as attached files to:

scpcyearbook@gmail.com

2. You can add them to the Shutterfly Share site set up for this year's classes at:

scpcphotos2014.shutterfly.com

3. You can always just put photos in a dropbox folder at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xf3hfhrj4v3sqde/AABRAqWarzAzz39R9U6WtQvha?dl=0>

4. Feel free to burn them on a CD, DVD, or store them on a thumb drive to transport them to the Historian. Several folks used the thumb drive idea last year and it worked out great.

If you have any questions at all, contact me at: christina@feindt.com.

Arrival/Dismissal

Please be mindful of our school hours. Children really enjoy playing in the sandbox and large muscle room. It is an important time of the day for them. They can greet their friends and run off a little energy

before circle time begins. It can be disruptive when children arrive during circle time. Please arrive on time at the end of the day as well. Ann & Barbara often have commit-

ments after school and need to leave on time as well.

Events coming up

Following are some dates of note for several up-coming special annual events.

The Father's Day celebrations this year are scheduled for **March 7th**, for the 3's and on **March 14th** for the 4's. These special Saturday events offer students an opportunity to share their classroom activities with their fathers. There is always a fun activity planned for everyone.



The annual Mother's Day Tea will take place on Thursday, **May 7th** for the 3's and Friday, **May 8th** for the 4's. Mothers can enjoy a special day of tribute and tea with their children and their classmates. Mothers are asked to dress-up for this "fancy" event.

The Spring Clean Up event will be held on Saturday, **May 30th**.

You can find out more news about these and other activities in future SCPC newsletters.

Class Times Reminder

Please make note of your class times as some have been adjusted by recent changes:

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.

Be sure to arrive on time for drop-off and pick-up.



**KEEP
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AND
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BE
LATE**

SCPC Calendar

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tuition Due	2 Scholastic Book Orders sent home	3 Open House 7:30 p.m.	4 4's go to Ledo's	5	6	7
8	9 GMM Meeting Turn in Book Orders	10	11 4's go to Post Office	12	13	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL	17	18 SCPC Board meeting, 7:30	19	20	21
22	23	24 Fire Truck visit for 3's	25	26	27 4's Field Trip	28
<i>Happy February Birthday to Miss Barbara!</i>						

FEBRUARY

- 1 Mar. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 4 4's Field Trip to Ledo's
- 3 Open House, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **General Member Meeting**, 7 p.m. at Ford Hall. Mandatory for all members, no children please.
- 9 Scholastic Book Orders due
- 9-10 Please send in envelopes for mailings
- 16 **School Closed**, Presidents' Day
- 18 SCPC Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Fire Truck Visit for 3's, 10 a.m.
- 27 4's Field Trips to Lothian/Harwood Fire Station

MARCH

- 1 April. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 1 Auction Ticket money due by this date
- 1 Auction Items Due
- 7 Father's Day event for 3's
- 14 Father's Day event for 4's
- 19-22 Wee Sale Consignment event
- 21 **Annual Auction Event held**
- 23 4's Field Trip to Natural History Museum
- 30 **School Closed**, Spring Break begins

APRIL

- 7 Class is back in session

MAY

- 7 Mother's Day Tea for 3's
- 8 Mother's Day Tea for 4's

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The Threes

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February

Our themes for the month of February will center on Valentines' Day and Community Helpers.

Valentines' Day is one of my favorite holidays with preschoolers. They are always delighted to receive a big bag of "mail" and enjoy opening every card! We will celebrate Valentines' Day on **Feb. 12th**. The children may bring valentines to share with their classmates on this day. The valentines will be "mailed" into a large box so please put the children's names on the front of the envelope so they can be sorted.

We will be making and mailing mom and dad a special valentine. Each child needs to bring in a pre-stamped, long business size envelope addressed to "Mr. and Mrs." **by February 10th**.

The second half of February we will talk about

community helpers - people who help us. A visit from the Riva fire truck is planned for **February 24th**. Any parent that would like to share their special skill or profession with the class is welcome. Please let me know if you have anything you would like to share with the group.

**Is your student continuing
at SCPC next year?**

Have you registered yet?

If not, please do so as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Visit the website for all required paperwork.

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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February

The fours are enjoying their adventures with Fred and Buster. We look forward to reading their stories at the beginning of each day!

The themes for the fours will be similar to the threes this month. We will talk about people we love for Valentines' Day and community helpers will be our theme for the second half of the month.

Valentines' Day will be celebrated on **February 13th**. Since our valentines will be "mailed" into a large box, please put the children's names on the front of the envelope so they can be sorted.

On **February 11th** we will take a short trip to the Davidsonville Post Office to mail our special Valentine for Mom and Dad. Ann and the parent helpers will make two trips to the post office to buy a stamp and mail their letters. Please send in a long, business envelope addressed to "Mr. & Mrs." and 49 cents **by February 9th**. Do not put a stamp on the envelope. Although we will not need additional drivers for this trip, a "group" permission slip will be posted on the bulletin board.

The end of the month we will focus on community helpers and our neighborhood. A trip to the

Lothian Fire Station will be on Friday, March 27th and we will also have a visit with a police officer this month. Miss Ann is trying to get a cement truck to visit us as well. If any parent has a special job or skill they would like to share with the class, please let me know.

Letter recognition and name writing will be emphasized this month. In order to encourage name writing, when working at the art table let the children write their own name on the project when possible. You may want to let them write it on the back of the paper first to give them more room. When practicing name writing at home, have your child start their name with the capital letter and the rest lower case letters.

In order to shake us out of the winter doldrums, we will also set up some special areas in the classroom this month.

MUSEUM TRIP

Along with our dinosaur unit in March, we will visit the Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C. We will ride the metro downtown, eat lunch and view the dinosaur exhibit. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the date of this trip will be **March 23rd**. A parent will need to accompany each child. More information will follow.

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		



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To Whom It May Concern:

The South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op (SCPC) is a not for profit corporation designed to provide a quality pre-school experience to three and four year olds. Founded in 1974, SCPC is accredited by the Maryland Department of Education and meets all requirements for a non-public nursery school. It is located at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center.

The SCPC is a cooperative pre-school made up of more than 60 families. The school provides children with quality education at a reasonable cost while allowing parents the ability to observe, participate and offer input into their child's classroom. In exchange for reduced tuition, the school depends on the volunteer efforts of its parents and the school's fundraising activities.

Each year, the SCPC hosts several events to raise funds for the school. This year, the SCPC will hold a Dinner/Dance and Auction on Saturday March 21, 2015. On that evening we will be auctioning items and or services donated by local businesses. We are asking your business to be a sponsor of this event by donating an item to be auctioned. Donations can be in the form of actual merchandise, certificates or services. Your donation is tax deductible.

The SCPC Dinner/Dance Auction has been quite successful in the past, in large part to the generosity of organizations in our community such as yours. We cannot express how grateful we would be for your participation and support. At the event, we will acknowledge your donation by listing your company in the event program and continually promoting your business to families in the SCPC flyers, newsletter and on our school's Web site. The impact of your donation will go a long way by strengthening the lives and minds of our youth so that they may help brighten our future.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Novak, Events and Fundraising Chairperson

Contact:
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Novakdreamhomes@gmail.com

Receipt for Donation to SCPC

Name of Business/Donor: _____ Date: _____

Item Donated: _____ Value: \$ _____

Name of SCPC Member: _____



DONATION PLEDGE FORM

2014-2015 Dinner/Dance & Auction

Benefiting

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op, Inc.

Type of Donation

(Circle One)

Entertainment Merchandise Restaurant Service Travel Other

Description of Donation

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Value of Donation

\$ _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address & Phone #: _____

SCPC Parent & Class: _____

Please return completed form attached to the donated item and place in the drop box located in the school office NO LATER THAN MARCH 2, 2015.