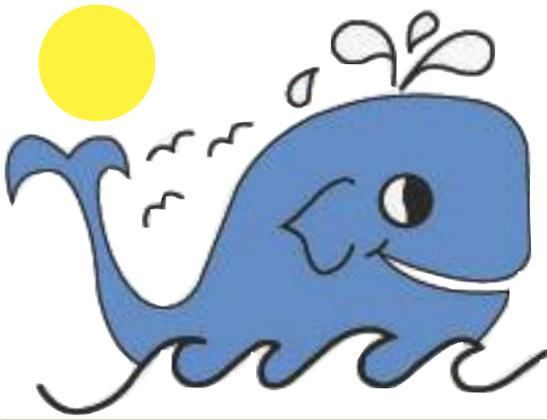


January 2014



Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op
Monthly Newsletter

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New 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 1st, 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 31st, 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 1st, 2015 — 3 hours long, \$205/month. Optional 5th day most weeks.



Come craft with us!

Join us Friday, January 23rd from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a FREE crafts and storytime at the Crofton Branch Library.

This is a great time to invite friends to come meet some families at the Co-Op, learn about the school and have fun with their preschooler. We are trying to reach out to families in the nearby areas and would love for you to join us.

The Crofton Branch Library is located at 1681 Reidel Road, Crofton, MD 21114.

Enrollment time again

SCPC Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year will begin in January for families currently enrolled.

Current families will have first priority to register for the upcoming school year followed by alumni and new families. Be on the lookout for an enrollment packet in your child's bag soon.

If you have questions contact Kelly LaBrutte at 410-259-2029 or kellylabrutte@gmail.com

January 12-16:

Registration open for Current and Continuing Students (3's who will be enrolling in the 4's class and siblings of currently enrolled students)

January 20-23:

Registration open for all Alumni students (families who have previously attended the co-op, but are not currently enrolled).

January 26 - Ongoing:

Open Enrollment for all new families.

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A few important details about enrollment:

1. Returning students may complete just the abbreviated registration packet!
2. Completed enrollment packets must be submitted **by January 17, 2015** for current students in order to hold your child's spot. Forms received after that date will be treated as new registration and placed in classes according to the day/time it is received as space is available.
3. First and Last month's tuition is due by May 1, 2015 to secure your class placement. In this way you will accept the placement and half of this payment will be **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Wheh. Anyone else want a do-over break? After spending nearly the entire break sick (me) I'd like a do-over. Alas I'll settle for a public service announcement: Please keep your kiddo home if they are showing any symptoms of the flu or other sickness. I know our kids love school, but it's important for the health of everyone to err on the side of caution. Enjoy the pajama day and together we can all stay a bit healthier.



January is a busy month at the Co-op, so please read your newsletter carefully. There are many important events ahead of us—enrollment, open houses, our general membership meeting (GMM) and auction due-dates!

First up is enrollment. Look for information in your totes by the end of the week (Jan 9th), information will also be posted on our website and e-mailed. As you're completing your forms for next year, please carefully consider your committee choices. We will have a handful of board positions become vacant. If you'd like to know more about what any of the positions are responsible for, please give me a call. I'd love to chat with you!

The Annual Auction is rapidly approaching. Ticket

money may be turned in anytime (\$40 each, each family is required to buy 4 tickets for their first student, and 2 additional for their second student). Now is also a great time to get rolling on donations, too. Check out the google-doc (coming soon) for ideas! Please don't be afraid to ask for donations – most businesses will welcome the opportunity to give back

to the community and are looking for the tax deductions.

If you have questions about policies, procedures, membership obligations, etc., please check the By-laws or Policy Statement, or ask your class reps. If you want to know more about program changes, feel free to send me an e-mail, or stop and talk.

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 on January 21st at 7:30 pm.

Happy New Year and welcome back!

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Teacher's Corner By Barbara Freeman

January

Happy 2015! Welcome back! Ann and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed the gifts the children made for you. They were very excited to give them to you.

With all the hustle and bustle of December behind us, January is always the month to re-establish routines and get "back to work". Don't be surprised if your child goes through a re-adjustment period. This is especially common with threes, often similar to the first month of school. It's hard to believe we are approaching the half-way mark of the school year! Where does the time go?

The beginning of the month we will talk about winter and snowmen. We had quite a bit of the white stuff last year so hopefully everyone will remember basic snowman building!

Along with our food unit this month we will be setting up a small grocery store. If anyone has



a check-out "scanner" we can borrow please let me know. We will also need empty boxes or cans (cereal boxes, pasta, milk cartons, soup cans, etc.) to stock our shelves. These items can be brought to school the week of January 12th.

We will continue to go outside as much as weather permits, even if it is just for a quick run up and down the hill. Please dress your child warmly. It

is always colder on the hill than you may think, so be sure to send hats, mittens (Ann and I love mittens), etc. It is easier for us to find hats and mittens if you place them in a coat sleeve rather than leave them in their totes.

THANK YOU!

Ann and I would like to thank each class for the very generous Christmas gifts! They were much appreciated. You always make us feel so special!

FINGERPLAYS



Snowman

I made a little snowball,
I rolled it round and round.
It grew into a snowman,
So big and fat and round!
I gave him eyes, a nose, a hat,
A great big coat of red,
I wrapped a scarf around his neck
And a hat upon his head!
Then... out came the sun.
Watch my snowman as he melts down!

The annual auction event is just getting started!

Happy New Year! The auction is quickly approaching and I wanted to send out a few reminders to all of you.

The Events & Fundraising committee is still looking for donations for both the live and silent auction.

An e-mail will be sent out to all of you with a spreadsheet to keep track of all of the donations we receive. When you receive a donation, just add it to the spreadsheet.

If you are looking for ideas or have any questions about what type of items we need, let me know!

This year the auction will take place at the Blue Dolphin in Crofton on **March 21st**. This is going to be such a fun night that includes wonderful food, a DJ, dancing, and of course, fundraising! Tickets will cost \$40 each and will be available for purchase at the GMM meeting, Feb. 9th. Each family is responsible for purchasing 4 tickets for a total of \$160. You can also purchase tickets anytime by leaving payment in my mailbox at the school. If you would like to purchase additional tickets for friends, let me know!

We will be holding a Chik-Fil-A fundraiser night on January 14th and hope all of you can make it! More details will be sent to all of you shortly. Thanks for everything you do for our school! —Jen Novak

In case you missed the recent e-mail with donation materials, both the donation letter and the pledge form are included at the end of this month's newsletter. Print some out and carry them around town with you – you never know when an opportunity will arise!

Reminders & Notes

Parent Helper Duties

As the school year approaches the halfway mark, parents should be familiar with parent-helping duties and classroom routines. During the winter we often go outside for a very short time. This makes it difficult to vacuum, sweep, etc.

It would be appreciated if parents who arrive early could assist the parent helpers if it appears they do not have enough time to complete their jobs. This would especially be helpful for stuffing the tote bags or putting the day's artwork in the totes to go home.

Also, please be careful when spraying the bleach. We often find bleach marks on art supplies and bulletin boards near the snack tables. The bleach is

meant to sanitize the tables. You can just use water to wash off paint, glue, etc. and after the tables are clean they can be sanitized.

Snack Time Hints

Before starting snack, count out the correct number of chairs around the tables. This will make it easier for the children putting out cups and napkins

In this season of colds, flu, and lots of germs, please don't let the children handle unwrapped food. They can place out the napkins, cups and foods that are wrapped. Parents should handle unwrapped foods such as apple slices, cheese, etc.

When serving milk with the fours, please pour it directly into

the cups. Current health code regulations prevent it from being poured from our small containers.

Unless you have a gooey snack, it can be placed on a napkin rather than a plate.

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.



3220 Solomon's Island Rd.,
Edgewater, MD

South County Pre-K Co-Op Fundraiser Night

Wednesday, January 14th

Make plans to bring the family for dinner.

Times to be announced

SCPC Calendar

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tuition Due	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Registration for 2015 opens	13	14 Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser Board meets at 7:30 p.m	15	16	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 Miss Bunny visits the 3's	21 Parent Conferences for 4's	22 Parent Conferences for 4's	23 9:30-11:30 Craft Day at Crofton Library	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28	29	30	31

JANUARY

- 1 Feb. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 12-16 Registration is open for continuing students/families
- 14 Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser night
- 19 **School Closed** MLK Jr. Holiday
- 20 Miss Bunny visits the 3's
- 21-22 Parent Conferences for 4's
- 23 Craft Day at Crofton Library, 9:30-11:30
- 26-27 **School Closed**, professional development

FEBRUARY

- 1 Mar. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 3 Open House, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 General Member Meeting, 7 p.m. Ford Hall
Mandatory for all members, no children
- 16 **School Closed**, Presidents' Day

MARCH

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

**Help spread the word about the Open House
Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 p.m.**

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The Threes

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January

Ann & I hope everyone has adjusted to the new class size and class times. We have really enjoyed having both classes together and a larger group. While it may take a while for everyone to adjust, it has been a positive mood already. Thank you for your flexibility and willingness to make changes four months into the school year. Now if only I can remember that the a.m. class doesn't end until 11:45 we will be all set!

This month we will talk about winter and the changes it brings this month. Hot and cold, snow and hibernation will be discussed. We have had quite a few really cold days already so hibernation is starting to seem like a good idea.

We will set up our grocery store and talk about food and nutrition

during the week of January 12th. On the 15th we will make individual pizzas for our snack. If you are parent helping on that day, please talk to Ann about what to bring. Miss Bunny, a dental hygienist, will visit the class on **January 20th** and talk to us about good nutrition and the proper way to brush our teeth. She keeps talking about retiring but we are happy she is still doing her program.



January will bring two changes in our routines. The snack helpers will be counting "how many" before snack and we will place more emphasis on name recognition by "hiding" the stickers on their name cards.

Days to remember:

Jan. 12 - Grocery store opens

Jan. 15 - Pizza snack

Jan. 20 - Miss Bunny visits

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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January

Our two main themes for the month will also focus on winter and food. We will talk about animal behavior and the changes we see in the world around us. With our food unit we will discuss the different food groups, proper diet and our sense of taste and smell. We will also set up our grocery store and do some shopping. This is always a favorite activity with the fours. On the 14th we will make pretzels. We hope to conclude this activity with a field trip later in the month.

We will also have two fun science experiments to go along with these themes.

The letterbox will bring three letters this month.

January will bring a few changes to the fours' routine. The Star of the Day will return in a different format and we will start our journal writing. More information about these two activities will be sent home at a later date.

A signup sheet for conferences will be posted the

week of the 13th. Conferences will be held in the afternoons and evenings on **January 21st and 22nd**.

Looking way ahead, the fours always take a trip to the Museum of Natural History to visit the Dinosaur Exhibit on **March 23rd**. While the main exhibit is closed for the next several years, they have created a smaller, temporary exhibit on the second floor. It includes the large T-Rex and triceratops casts so I think we can still make a fun trip out of it.

To make this a successful trip, we ask that a parent accompany each child. We will meet at school at 9:00 and carpool to the New Carrollton Metro Station. We generally leave the museum at 12:30.

Days to remember:

Jan. 13 - Sign-ups open for conferences

Jan. 14 - Pretzel making

Jan. 21-22 - Parent conferences

March 23 - Natural History Field Trip

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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Class of 2014-2015

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

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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.