

January 2014

# Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op  
Monthly Newsletter

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## Grab your spot for next year - Enrollment time is here

SCPC Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year begins next week! 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 the week of January 6th.

If you have any enrollment questions or concerns, please contact Kelly LaBrutte at 410-259-2029 or e-mail to: [kellylabrutte@gmail.com](mailto:kellylabrutte@gmail.com)

### A few important details about enrollment:

Returning students may complete the abbreviated registration packet.

Completed enrollment packets must be submitted **by January 17, 2014 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 day/time it is received as space is available.

First month's tuition is due by May 1, 2014 to secure your class placement. In this way you will accept the placement and **THIS PAYMENT WILL BE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

### Schedule

#### January 13-17:

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

#### January 20-24:

Alumni students (families who have previously attended SCPC, but are not currently enrolled)

#### January 27-31:

Open Enrollment

## Do you need some more "me" time?

Fantastic Fridays are the perfect answer for finding additional "free" time in your week. If you haven't checked out this special offering, you've been missing out on a pretty fantastic thing. Come join us!

The 2-hour session costs just \$20. If you've priced babysitting lately, you'll see that this is quite reasonable. Especially considering that we have two teachers with decades of experience providing the care.

A Friday session includes children from all classes at the co-op. This lets your child see new faces and make new friends, younger and older.

The kids do art, play games, enjoy stories and snack time, and they have a chance to enjoy some new

activities they don't get to do in their regular class.

You get to drop the kids off and go get things done for two hours. Or, just enjoy the rare silence while they enjoy all of the fun.

There are still spots available for the winter dates recently announced. It's easy to register online too. Then you simply grab a payment coupon on the front bulletin board in the school hallway, and drop it with payment into the tuition payment box. That's it!

For upcoming dates and to sign up for a session (or three!) visit: [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)  
Click "Find a Sign-Up" and then use Anne Canaday's e-mail: [annecanaday@gmail.com](mailto:annecanaday@gmail.com).

# From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break and a fabulous New Year and lovely snow day! 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 your packet in your totes the week of January 6th, 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!

We will have yard signs in soon for advertising our open houses. Please help us by taking a few and placing them around your neighborhood and other high traffic areas. We should also have new post-cards to distribute as well. We will also have flyers to put up at local businesses; those will be sent separately. Stay tuned for the e-mail when these items are ready!

The Annual Auction is rapidly approaching. You must

buy your tickets and submit your auction donations by February 15th. The donations are needed by this date to help the Events and Fundraising Committee compile the list of donations and begin working on the programs. There is a list posted at school of businesses that have been solicited and those businesses that have given us donations. Please don't be afraid to ask for donations – most businesses

welcome the opportunity to give back to the community and are looking for the tax deductions.

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 January 22nd at 7:30pm. And don't forget the GMM on February 10th.

Happy New Year and welcome back!  
Anne Canaday

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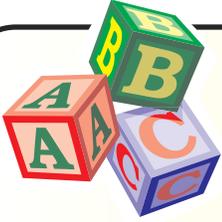
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*(Debbie & Tanya will be working together on the 3's schedules and tasks this year.)*



# Teacher's Corner

By Barbara Freeman

**H**appy 2014! 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. Most of these kids have

not seen a lot of snow so perhaps we will get some of the white stuff this year to build a snowman with!

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 the 6th.

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.

## FINGERPLAYS

We do these fingerplays during our first circle time each day. Listen and see if you hear your child singing them at home!

### 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!



## 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!*

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# The Threes

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## January

**W**e 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 the 6th. On **January 9th** 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 16th** 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.



### Touch and Tell Schedule

**3 A.M.**

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Jane	Zoe
Landon	Leo
Courtney	Chaya
Shoshi	Nolan
Lucy	Lilly
Vincent	Alison
Izzie	

**3 P.M.**

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Owen	Luke
Trevor	Juliet
Mary	Lilly

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# The Fours

## January

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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 **January 8th** 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 January 13th**. Conferences will be held in the afternoons and evenings on **January 22nd and 23rd**.

Looking way ahead, the fours always take a trip to the Museum of Natural History to visit the Dinosaur Exhibit during the month of March. There is a good possibility the exhibit will close for renovation sometime during the month. I will try to see if I can find some more information so we can set a date. We usually visit on a Monday when there are less school fieldtrips. To make this a successful trip, we ask that a parent accompany each child.

**4 a.m.  
TOUCH  
&  
TELL  
Schedule**

MONDAY	WED.	FRIDAY
Sophia L.	Madelyn C.	Sophia M.
Cameron	Maddie	Micah
Hope	Jonathan	Ryan
Jennifer	Ally	Madelyn L.
Michael	Anna	

# SCPC Calendar

## JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	11
12	13 Enrollment begins	14	15	16	17 Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL  Enrollment for alumni begins	21	22 SCPC Board Meets 7 p.m.  Conferences 4's	23 Conferences 4's	24	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29	30	31 Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	

## JANUARY

- 1 Feb. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 10 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30
- 13-17 Enrollment for 2014  
current and continuing families
- 17 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30
- 20 School Closed - MLK Holiday
- 20-24 2014 Enrollment for alumni families
- 22 SCPC Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22-23 Conferences for 4's
- 27-28 School Closed
- 27-31 2014 Open Enrollment
- 31 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30

## FEBRUARY

- 1 March. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 1 Auction Ticket money due
- 3 Metro Diner Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m.  
Mention SCPC for 15% donation
- 5 Open House, 7:30 p.m. at the school
- 10 **General Membership Meeting**  
*Attendance is mandatory for members*
- 15 Auction Donations Due
- 17 School Closed - President's Day

## MARCH

- 1 March. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 8 SCPC Annual Auction Event
- 13 Open House, 10 a.m. at the school
- 15 Father's Day event for 4's, 9-10 a.m.
- 15 Father's Day event for 3's, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
- TBD Natural History Museum trip for 4's

# Reminders & Notes

## Upcoming Financial Obligations:

### January 13-17:

Registration fees will be due with your application, \$100 for first child, \$50 for second child

**February 1:** Auction Tickets \$40/each

**February 5:** Auction items due

## Dress Up Drive

We are looking for gently used items to restock our dress up closet. We mostly are in need of boys outfits and boots for boys.

We would like to keep them career minded or realistic outfits. No superheroes please.

A big thank you to those of you who have already donated.

For more details, contact Heather Oster at: [oster.heather@yahoo.com](mailto:oster.heather@yahoo.com)



## Photos for Yearbook

I haven't been getting many photos from anyone yet. Just a trickle here and there. I know there have to be lots of holiday pictures on those cell phones! Keep sending in your photos of classroom days, special events, field trips, and more.

Please remember to periodically e-mail your class and individual pictures to Historian Christina Feindt at: [scpcyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:scpcyearbook@gmail.com)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Continue checking your child's tote for Scholastic fliers throughout the school year. Each purchase earns points that are used for books in the classroom as well as equipment!

When you get the flier, you can order one of two ways: Complete the back of the flier, make a check out to Scholastic, and place both items in my box (Carol Corkill) at the school. Or you can go online to [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), use the code **GYG2P**, and pay via credit card. So easy!

If you ever have a question, e-mail the committee chairperson at: [carolcorkill@gmail.com](mailto:carolcorkill@gmail.com).

## Classroom Notes

*From Ms. Barbara*

### 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.

### Just a Few Hints/Reminders for Snack Time

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. Health code regulations prevent it from being poured from our small containers.

Unless you have a goeey snack, it can be placed on a napkin. Save the plates for messy snacks.

# Denim & Diamonds

All you need to know about SCPC's auction extravaganza

The auction event is the primary fundraiser for the school each year. The money that is earned from both the tickets sold and the auction items purchased is vital for the school's programs and operations.

Each family is required to purchase four auction tickets if they have only one child attending SCPC. If you have a second child attending, you must buy two additional tickets. Payment for these tickets (\$160 for one, \$240 for 2 or more) is due **by February 1st**.

In addition to the ticket purchases, each family is also obligated to acquire auction donations. A minimum of one \$50 item or two \$25 items, purchased or donated for your first child, and an additional \$25 donation for your second child. Please note that money is also accepted in lieu of actual items or services. All auction items are due **by February 15th**.

The auction event attracts current families, grandparents, alumni, and even former students. It is a special evening each year. There will be a silent auction followed by a live auction of larger items. Remember, that though you may wish to find a bargain, every dollar earned at this event helps the school and is much appreciated.

You will be receiving e-mails from the Events and Fundraising team concerning the auction. Please read them and try to adhere to all of the deadlines. We have also included copies of all of the auction related documents on the following pages of the newsletter in hopes that it will allow us all to locate these items more easily.

## Here are some items that sold well at the 2013 Auction:

Good restaurant gift cards: Paladar, Gordon Biersch, Mike's Crab House, Old Stein Inn  
 Whole Foods cooking class  
 Chic-Fil-A for a year/Panera Bread for a year  
 Francis Scott Key Resort- B&B's are great!  
 Pandora Bracelet- jewelry always sells well!  
 Redskins, Ravens, Capitals...any local sports teams tickets  
 Sports Memorabilia- rookie cards, signed gear etc.  
 Horse Riding Lessons  
 Lacrosse Gear (any nice sports gear is a big hit in our area!)  
 Car Wash Packages  
 Salons and Massage packages sell well  
 Birthday Party packages  
 Photography packages  
 Beach House (last year Cape Charles)  
 Gas Grill (huge bidding war over this last year)  
 Staycations (local hotel and dinner gift card etc)  
 Family trips (Hershey, Dutchwonderland, Sesame Place etc)  
 Children's "hot" toys and or activities

### What:

Annual Fundraising Auction for SCPC

### When:

Saturday, March 8th, 7-11 p.m.

### Where:

Saints Constantine & Helen  
 Greek Orthodox Church  
 2747 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

### Cost:

Tickets are \$40 each

### Who to Contact:

Carrie Hayes  
 carriehayes04@yahoo.com  
 202-352-2518

### For General Ticket Purchases:

E-mail - coopauction2014@gmail.com

Or

Use the ticket order form e-mailed to you and sent home in your student's tote bag. It is also included here in the newsletter.

### Tips when asking for a donation:

- Ask at places you go often: classes, restaurants, stores, etc.
- Take the donation letter so the company has the documentation they need.
- Remind the businesses you ask that all donations are tax deductible for them.
- Think outside the box! Do you have a beach house, does someone you know? Do you have a boat? Fishing charter? Hotel connections, handyman?
- Kid related stuff sells well!

See the following pages for all auction related documents that have been sent out by e-mail.

Dear SCPC Parent:

The Events & Fundraising Committee is very excited to announce that the Annual SCPC Dinner/Dance and Auction is scheduled for March 8, 2014! To better serve the General Membership, the Events & Fundraising Committee would like to share a few pieces of information to help us prepare for this auction. As you may be aware, membership in the SCPC requires that you participate in this event in the following ways:

- donation of auction items - two twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) or higher auction items or services, OR one fifty dollar (\$50.00) or higher item or service
- purchase four tickets to the event.

We all must start soliciting for donations for the event! You can either personally donate or solicit donations as follows:

#### IDENTIFY A BUSINESS TO SOLICIT:

Look to the businesses you support and in turn support your family. Think about what restaurants you frequent, where you shop, what lessons your children take, camps your children attend. If you have an established relationship with an area business, please use that to your advantage.

In the past, the success of our event has been a result of members soliciting more than the required donations, we certainly like our over achievers! We encourage you to generate as many auction items and at any price level that you wish.

If you need ideas, we have a list of businesses that have been supportive in the past as well as a wish list of items we would like to have. We will be sending out this information in a future e-mail.

#### RECORD THE DONATION:

Included in this packet are two documents. The first is a Donor Letter which explains the SCPC and its philosophy. The second is a formal Donation Pledge Form.

Once a business has agreed to donate an item, fill out the receipt provided on the Donor Letter and give it to the organization for their files. Next, complete and attach a Donation Pledge Form for each auction item you submit so that you receive credit for the donated items. We ask that you place the completed Donation Pledge Forms and place them in the Events & Fundraising mailbox. Finally, place the donated items in either the Events & Fundraisers mailbox or drop-box located at the school. \*Remember to request that the donation be issued for use anytime after February 12, 2014.

**TIMEFRAME** - We request all items be donated and collected no later than **February 15, 2014**. Quite frankly, the sooner the better! This is a **FIRM** deadline, as we need time to process the items and prepare the auction program. If you have any questions contact Events & Fundraising Chairperson, Carrie Hayes, [carriehayes04@yahoo.com](mailto:carriehayes04@yahoo.com); (202) 352-2518. The Events & Fundraising Committee thanks you in advance for your help and support in making this a fun, profitable, and memorable event. We would also welcome any suggestions you may have.

Thank you so much,

Carrie Hayes  
Events & Fundraisers Committee Chairperson



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**P.O. Box 160**  
**Davidsonville, Maryland 21035**  
**TAX ID #521004567**

Class of 2013-2014

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 8, 2014. 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,

Carrie Hayes, Events and Fundraising Chairperson

Contact:  
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Davidsonville, Maryland 21035  
(202) 352-2518  
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Receipt for Donation to SCPC

Name of Business/Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Donated: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of SCPC Member: \_\_\_\_\_



## DONATION PLEDGE FORM

2013-2014 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 FEBRUARY 15, 2014.

Please put each completed form in the Ways & Means Mailbox! Thanks!

save the date...

# Denim & Diamonds

## THE SOUTH COUNTY PRE-K CO-OP ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

*on*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014 ~ 7-11 PM**

*at*

**THE GREEK CHURCH  
RIVA ROAD IN ANNAPOLIS, MD**

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### TICKET SALES ORDER FORM

Due February 1, 2014

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class (Please Circle)    4AM                    3AM                    3 PM

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number Of Tickets: 4 + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets X \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Each family is responsible for purchasing a minimum of four tickets)

All Tickets are \$40 each (Checks payable to SCPC)

#### NEW THIS YEAR...

Program ads are now available. \$35 for a ½ page ad or \$50 for a full page. Advertise a business, honor your child, thank a teacher, or just submit an adorable photo of your kid or class.

Number Of ½ Page Ads (@ \$35) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Full Page Ads (@ \$50) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Events & Fundraising box (Carrie Hayes) at the school.

Looking for the perfect gift for the hard to buy for grandparent, neighbor, or friend ~  
How about a ticket for a fun night out?

If you know of anyone who should be sent a formal invitation to this event, please include their name(s) and address on the back of this form or email [carriehayes04@yahoo.com](mailto:carriehayes04@yahoo.com).