

March 2015

Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op
Monthly Newsletter

3789 Queen Anne Bridge Road • Davidsonville, Maryland
P.O. Box 160, Davidsonville, MD 21035 • 410-798-5650 • www.myscpc.org • www.davidsonvilleprek.com

The Denim & Diamonds auction is almost here!

Wow, time flies! After months of planning and preparing, the auction is now just three weeks away! Events & Fundraising is so excited for all of the incredible items we will have up for bid. THANK YOU to all of you SCPC families for making this happen year after year. It is because of all of you that the auction is such a success!

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do so this week. You can leave your payment in my box at school. Know some friends who want to have a great night out? Invite them! We have several extra tickets available if you'd like to buy a few more. Remember, tickets are \$40 each and include food, dancing, and tons of fun!

If you have an item to turn in to me, please bring it to school this week. If you are still working on something, please let me know. I am so excited for all of the great items that will be up for bid! From kid's birthday parties, to horseback riding lessons, so many restaurants, trips, getaway packages, and even a piece of one of Daytona 500 winner Joey Logano's stock cars, you are sure to win something fabulous!

In addition to having hundreds of items for you to bid on, we'll also have many opportunities for you to play some games and have a great time. There

The Annual SCPC Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Saturday, March 21st, 2015

6-11 p.m.

at the Greek Orthodox Church
2747 Riva Rd., Annapolis

.....
Suggested dress:

Denim, Diamonds, Dressy Casual

will be several raffles including a 50/50 raffle and a chance to win a chest filled with over \$1,200 of diamond jewels. Are you a corn hole champion? You'll be able to play in our corn hole contest all evening! And something that's sure to be a highlight of the night – the Prize Wheel! The wheel will be stocked with all sorts of libations and amazing prizes for you to take a chance at winning.

If you have any questions about the auction, please reach out to me anytime. I am so excited and can't wait to see all of you at this incredibly fun event!

—Jenn Novak

Special March Class Happenings:

Monday, March 1st: 4's wear your pajamas to school and enjoy green eggs & ham!

March 16 & 17: Celebrate St. Patrick's day by wearing green to school

Monday, March 23rd: The 4's are taking the train to D.C. to visit the dinosaurs

Friday, March 27th: Spring Bonnet Parade for 4's (start designing your hat now!)

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Whew! What an end of February! All the cold weather, delays and cancellation has left our house craving some routine and order...and sunshine too. Warmer days are ahead! Thanks for doing your best to clean the school on indoor recess days and thank you to our maintenance team working so hard on the weekends.



The Denim and Diamonds auction is coming quickly and I'm looking forward to a night out and the opportunity to shop and support our sweet little school. I had a sneak peak at the list today and there some amazing things at all price points. It's a great night of community and every dollar you spend, whether \$10 or \$10,000, all contributes to the success of our school. Also bring friends and family! We are able to continue to sell tickets so keep inviting people.

We do still need items, so keep soliciting. We'd love to have some additional sports tickets, rounds of golf, children's activities and hotels in DC or Baltimore.

There are many other events coming up also: The Wee Sale (March 18-22), Father's Day (March 7 and 14th). In April we have grandparent's days (April 20 and 21st) and Nominating Committee (April 8th). Keep your eye out for our upcoming craft day at the school also – this is a great time to invite friends with little kids to come check out the preschool and have some fun.

Speaking of the Wee Sale, this is a great opportunity to introduce our school to thousands of families, the majority of whom have young kids. Please make every effort to cover a

shift at the sale. Since it's also auction week-end, many of us are wearing multiple hats and if we each do a small part then we can ensure success for everyone.

You will be receiving School Evaluations after the auction. Please take some time to fill these out and return – we really do read everyone's comments and appreciate your input!

Please spread the word about our school...

On the wall between the kitchen area and the "office" there are some post cards that can be posted at many locations around town – libraries, swim centers, restaurants, kids' gyms, haircut places, etc. Take a few and post them on any community bulletin boards where you visit – every bit of visibility helps!

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. The next Board Meeting will be on March 18th at 7:30 pm.

See you at the auction!
~ Anne Canaday

annecanaday@gmail.com/
president@davidsonvilleprek.com
734-717-0480 (calls/text)

2014-2015 SCPC Board of Directors

Anne Canaday, **President**
annecanaday@gmail.com

Christy Logue, **Treasurer**
xina_mae@yahoo.com

Stacey McCoy,
1st Vice President
sgarofal@yahoo.com

Leonore Wilson, **Secretary**
lgcatalla@hotmail.com

Carrie Hayes,
2nd Vice President
carriehayes04@yahoo.com

Nicole Gunhus,
DFRC Representative
ngunhus@auol.com

Debbie Ailiff, **3rd Vice President**
dailiff@msn.com

Christina Feindt, **Editor**
christina@feindt.com

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Tina Toth, **3's Class Rep.**
ktoth2@bcps.org

Carrie Groff, **4 AM Class Rep.**
cagroff@comcast.net

Desirae Flores, **4 PM Class Rep.**
f1f3md@verizon.net

Teacher's Corner By Barbara Freeman

March

Happy almost spring! After an exceptionally cold and dreary winter let's hope that spring is right around the corner! Baby leaves and daffodils will be a welcome sight this year. We are looking forward to some serious time on the playground.

Slumber parties, dinosaurs, science projects, Fathers' Day, leprechauns, Easter - March promises to be a busy month!

Fathers' Day will be held on **March 7th** for the 3's this month and **March 14th** for the fours. We will combine the four year old classes this year for Fathers' Day. The children will be making invitations to send home for Dad before the big event. Fathers' Day is a chance for Dad to come



to school and play for an hour, check out the classroom, sing some songs and meet some of their child's friends. Ann and I look forward to meeting all the Dads.

Our Easter celebrations will be held on **April 10th or April 11th**. We will be dyeing eggs and making biscuit bunnies. Each child needs to bring in two hard-boiled eggs at the beginning of class time. We also will be making a special snack that day. If you are the snack parent, please talk with Miss Ann.

We're looking forward to the annual auction. It sounds like we are in for a very fun evening this year. Many thanks to everyone for all the hard work that has already gone into the event.

Come out to play, to share, to make memories

There are several upcoming "visitor" events at SCPC, including Father's Days, Grandparents/Special Friend's Days, and the much anticipated Mother's Day Teas.

While they might at first seem to be just another event on the calendar, these extra special days are very meaningful to our students. These visits are a chance for your child to share their school, their teachers, and their friends with someone special in their life.

For the Father's Day visit, we invite each student to bring along their dad to spend an hour playing and creating with them. There will be some type of organized activity, but most of the time can be spent as you please. Every kid loves to show off their favorite toys, or just read a quiet story in the book corner. This year's events are set for March 7th for the 3's and March 14th for the 4's.

The Grandparent's Day has turned into quite the event each year! And while not all of our students have

grandparents in the area who are able to attend, there is never a shortage of attention to go around. Some students bring along multiple family members to share the day with, some just bring one special family friend.

We will craft together, play together, and share a little treat. April 20th for the 4's, and April 21st for the 3's are this year's dates.

The Mother's Day Tea is perhaps the premiere class event each year. Your kids will prepare for a while for this celebration. Moms get to feel like a queen for a day!

Mothers are invited to dress up and make the day one to remember. You won't believe how much the kids look forward to your arrival, your company, and your attention! Dates this year are May 7th for the 3's, and May 8th for the 4's.

You will watch them sing a little song, then share food. Moms will also be given some long-gathered memory items from the classroom as we approach the end of another school year.

Every child should get to feel special

Reminders & Notes

Shop at Safeway?

eScrip works with merchant partners to contribute to groups like ours each time you shop, at no cost to you! If you shop at Safeway, or dine at one of several restaurants, you could be earning money for SCPC. You may also choose to support more than one organization. Here's how to get started:

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Click on "sign-up"

3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and your existing credit/debit cards.

South County Pre-K Co-Op

eScrip Group ID - 6565463

Accounts must be renewed each year! Sign up or renew your account

today! If you have questions, or need help, you can send e-mail to: Christina@feindt.com

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.

You will be getting more details and a link to sign-up via e-mail. Please consider signing up for some shifts to help.

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.

Please be on time!

Tea Clothing Fundraising is back again

Have you ever heard of Tea Clothing? This company offers globally minded children's clothing. Materials are ethically sourced, meaning that every effort is made to ensure that all facets of clothing design and creation are mindful of human rights and environmental impact. At the same time, the company focuses on bringing worldwide culture and modern design to children's fashions.

Each year, the company offers schools the chance to earn profits from online orders. This year's sale will run from March 9 thru March 15 at 7:59 p.m.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Log on to: www.teaschooldays.com

Enter promo code (at checkout):

SDS15SOUTHCOUNTY

Shop, check out, and know that the Co-op will receive 20% of the final order total before tax and shipping for each purchase using this code.

In addition, each customer will receive free 6-10 business day shipping on their order (**YOU MUST** check this shipping option before completing the order to get this deal).

Please feel free to pass this information on to friends and family, by e-mail or by using social networking like Facebook. The more shoppers, the more money we earn!



The sale runs: March 9-15

**Our promo code is:
SDS15SOUTHCOUNTY**

SCPC Calendar

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tuition Due	2 4's wear your PJ's to school!	3	4	5	6	7 Father's Day event for 3's
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Father's Day event for 4's
15	16 4's wear green	17 3's wear green	18 SCPC Board meeting, 7:30	19 Wee-Sale, thru Sunday	20	21 Auction Night! 6-11 p.m.
22	23 4's go to D.C.	24	25	26	27 4's Spring Bonnet parade	28
29	30	31				
Enjoy your Spring Break and Happy Easter!						

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
- 16 St. Patrick's Day for 4's
- 17 St. Patrick's Day for 3's
- 18 SCPC Board meets at 7:30 p.m.
- 19-22 Wee Sale Consignment event
- 21 **Annual Auction Event , 6-11 p.m.**
- 23 4's Field Trip to Natural History Museum
- 27 4's Spring Bonnet Parade
- 30 **School Closed**, Spring Break begins

APRIL

- 4 GMM Meeting, 7 p.m. in Ford Hall
- 7 Class is back in session
- 8 Nominating Committee
- 10-11 Easter class activities
- 20-21 Grandparents' Days

MAY

- 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

3

The Threes

3

March

We enjoyed watching the 3's open all of their Valentines last month. They are always so excited to receive their special "mail"!

This month we will focus on a variety of science activities. Sink and float, densities, and magnets are some of the concepts we will explore. These are always fun activities and the children may also enjoy trying them at home.

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on **March 17th**. Children are encouraged to wear green and parent helpers may wish to bring a green snack.

Huggy Bear will wake up from his long winter's nap with the arrival of spring and we will take a walk outside to see some signs that winter is officially over (providing the snow is melted of course).

Dates to Remember:

March 7 Father's Day for 3's
 March 17 St. Patrick's Day
 March 21 Auction Event



Touch and Tell Schedule

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

4

The Fours

4

March

March will be a busy month for the fours. Our main focus will be on dinosaurs. We will use the story, *Maia*, to help learn about dinosaurs. We will paint a dinosaur mural and dinosaur eggs, hunt for "fossils", and measure to see just how big those dinosaurs really were. This unit involves a lot of paint and messiness, so don't wear your best clothes on co-op days! If your child has any interesting books or other information about dinosaurs that we could borrow, please bring them in to share.

To conclude this unit we will take a trip to the National History Museum to view the dinosaur exhibit. This trip is always very popular, but requires a lot of parent participation. We ask that a parent accompany each child. The date for this year's trip is **March 23rd**. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather! We will meet at the school at 9:00 to carpool to the New Carrollton subway station. We usually leave the museum by 12:30 and arrive home by 2:00. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

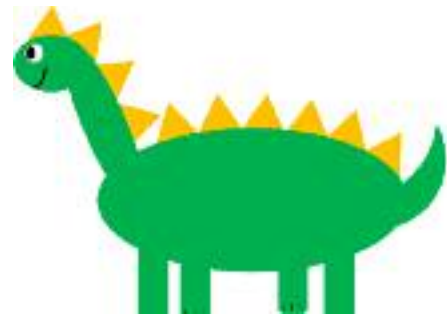
We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday, **March 16th** with Green Eggs and Ham. Ann will contact the parent helpers concerning what to bring for snack. Children are encouraged to wear

green on that day.

Our annual spring bonnet parade will be held on **March 27th**, more details to come.

At this time of year the four years olds bring a lot of energy to the classroom. This is due to many factors including the long winter and lack of outdoor playtime. You may wish to talk to your child again about good classroom behaviors. Listening at circle time, helping to clean up, and using good table manners need to be reinforced.

Fred and Buster enjoyed their adventures with everyone the last few months. The books will be on the bookshelf if you'd like to read about their adventures. It has been great fun reading their stories each day. In a couple of weeks a new animal will come home with a different theme.



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		