



May 2015

Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op
Monthly Newsletter

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NEWS BRIEFS

Read all Summer long!

The last Scholastic Book order of the year will be sent out on Monday, May 4th and will be due by Friday, May 8th. It is the last chance to get some great, inexpensive books for summer reading.

Savor the Memories

Touch and Tell books will be sent home the day of the Mothers' Day Teas. Please read the book with your child and see if they can remember the many special items that they brought in to share.

Student Evaluations

Your child's second written evaluation will be sent home the week of the 11th.

Happy Last Day of School!

The last day for the 3's is May 19th and the 4's May 20th. We will have a short presentation at the beginning of the day for the 3's and the 4 p.m. class. The 4 a.m. class will be flip-flopping the day so Lilly can attend the kindergarten orientation at Central Elementary. Weather permitting, we will have an outside day and picnic for the rest of the class. Parents that wish to stay for the whole day are welcome to do so (siblings invited). Parents that don't want to stay for all of class time may wish to return for the picnic the last half hour of the day. More details will be sent home later.

Miss Ann's Art Camp!

Our favorite resident artist Miss Ann is hosting her locally famous Art Camp again this summer. Spots usually fill quickly and there is limited enrollment. Your kids will make super fun creations and amaze you with their inner artists. The sign-up sheet is in the main hallway on the bulletin board.



SOUTH COUNTY CO-OP IS 40!

ALUMNI FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 2nd

Your family is invited to join us for a walk down memory lane and to catch up with old friends. We've even got a favorite craft to re-create!

May 2nd

10am-1pm (anytime)

Spread the word to other alumnus!



Still a few openings for next year

We would like to ask everyone to keep sharing information about the South County Co-op. There is an incentive of \$25 credit or gift card for every referral that signs up, so keep telling folks! There are still some openings available in the afternoon 4's class.

4's-PreK M/T/W/Th 12:30-3:30 pm: Must be age 4 by Sept 1st, 2015 — \$205/month.

All enrollment questions can be e-mailed to: enrollment@davidsonvilleprek.com

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Wow! How is it possibly already the end of the school year? Such a bitter-sweet time! Although Isabela still has one more year, I'm very sad to be saying goodbye to our graduating families this year.



As we conclude our year, I want to take moment to thank each of you. We have had a smaller membership this year and continually we have seen our membership go above and beyond to continue the success of the school. We had a record auction, an exceptional non-auction fundraising year and all the work of the school has been done joyfully. Special thank you to our board of directors, who helped navigate difficult changes in our program and are helping to leave the school in a stronger place this year – you ladies have given tirelessly and I am grateful to have served with you.

School evaluations came out via e-mail last week. Please take a moment to complete these – they are a chance to share your thoughts and help us as we work to improve the school. We'll report the updates at the GMM.

As a reminder, the mandatory GMM is Monday May 4th at Ford Hall. Followed by the clean-up for the 3's families on May 30th, and the transitional board meeting on June 3rd (when the current board hands off to our new board).

Please spread the word about our school... Most people come to our school simply from word of mouth.

You and your fabulous children are our best marketing. We have space in our afternoon 4's class (M-TH) and for any referral you make that enrolls, you can receive a \$25 gift card of your choice or tuition credit!

Our last regular board meeting will be at Tina Toth's following the Lularoe fundraiser on May 13th at 7:30 pm. We'd love to see you there!

Wishing everyone a great summer,

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A huge thank you to all of our Board members!

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Teacher's Corner By Barbara Freeman

May

We enjoyed all the grandparents and special friends at Grandparents' Day last month. We had a wonderful group with almost 50 grandparents and special friends attending. It is so much fun to see the children interacting with their grandparents and how excited they are to see them. Thanks to everyone who sent in extra food and drink to help make it a special day!



their support and hard work this year. It's the parents that make this school such a special place. SCPC has thrived over the years because of the dedication and hard work of all of you. I hope your efforts were rewarded by watching your children and seeing how much they enjoy themselves when they are here.

What happened to spring? It seems to be late arriving this year. We hope to get a lot of outside time this month to make up for all the time spent indoors during a cold winter. The kids are ready to run!

April was a busy month and with all the special events it went by quickly. It's hard to believe May is already here. We have been noticing how much taller and grown up the children look these days – especially the fours! As always, it has been delightful watching your children grow and develop throughout the year. Ann and I appreciate you sharing them with us for a short while. We have also enjoyed getting to know all the parents and watching their friendships develop throughout the year as well. It may seem overwhelming in September but now everyone is a pro at parent-helping.

It is always difficult to say goodbye to the four year olds and their families. A number of our families our "graduating" from preschool after many years at the co-op and we will miss you!! The Ailiffs have been here with all five of their children. I think their ten years here maybe a co-op record! Make sure everyone comes to visit!

Ann and I would like to thank everyone for

We would especially like to thank Anne and the Board for all their tireless efforts this year. We appreciate all they do to keep the school running smoothly during the year. This year was especially challenging and we appreciate all the extra effort that was made to keep the school running smoothly and to get our name out in the community again. Thanks also to all the committee chairs and committee members for their hard work as well. It's the co-op spirit that keeps us going. Many, many thanks to everyone!

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Last, but certainly never least, I would like to thank Ann for all that she does during the school year. It seems we have worked together forever and I wouldn't want to do this job without her. I appreciate her input with projects and activities and her willingness to try new ideas. The children and I are very lucky to have her here to play with us – even if she does like to run with scissors!

Ann and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful summer. We know your children will be keeping you busy!

Come cheer at the Gator Gallop!

The Co-op will be at the Davidsonville Elementary School's Gator Gallop again this year. We do not have a table of our own, but will be at each water table cheering runners on and representing our pre-school.

I hope you will join us in passing out water and cheering on the Gator runners. Please have your kids wear their blue school shirts and if you can make some fun signs too that would be great. Just choose a water table around the course and make your camp.

Race details are below:

Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00 am 5K run start

9:00 am 1 mile run start

9:20 am (approximately 100 yard gallop start)



Parking is available at the park.

Please meet at the pavilion for the pre-race warm up. Signs will direct participants to the start of the 5K, 1 mile and Fun Run.

Reminders & Notes

Yearbook ordering

Yes, the yearbook has been started. No, it's not too late if you're finally getting around to sending in photos. But, time is (obviously) running out.

Distribution of the yearbook will again take place over the summer so that all of the events late in the year can make it into the book.

Order forms for this year's yearbook will be coming very soon so that we can collect payment and get contact details to get you your book. At presstime, we are still awaiting an estimate from the printer to finalize the cost.

You can e-mail your pictures to: scpcyearbook@gmail.com.

You might consider using a thumbdrive for your photos. Then, you can just give it to me to work with. I hope I can help preserve the memories for you. Check your totes soon for the order form.

Earn money for the co-op ALL year long!

We still grocery shop over the summer, right? So, we can all keep earning much needed money for the school without even thinking about it! Just register your Safeway Rewards card with e-scrip. It's all done automatically every time you shop.

I can't stress enough how great this type of fundraiser is. And last year, Safeway gave over \$300 million to education! This tiny school could earn \$1,000's if everyone signed up.

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 even your existing credit/debit cards if you'd like. I did, and everytime I eat at California Tortilla, the school earns money! And we like to eat there often!

South County Pre-K Co-Op eScrip Group ID - 6565463

Accounts must be renewed each year. Sign up or renew your account today! Last time the records were checked, there were still many families at SCPC and many alumni who have not yet registered their cards. If you aren't sure or have any questions, e-mail me anytime to find out, Christina@feindt.com.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to the Co-op community and farewell from your Newsletter Editor this year.

I left the co-op years ago, not knowing if I would return. I'm so very glad I had the chance.

I hope to continue helping with whatever the school may need for as long as you'll have me.

Thank you to Miss Barbara and Miss Ann for making this first school experience so magical for all of us... again.

— Christina Feindt

SCPC Calendar

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pet Day for 4's	2 40th Anniv. Reunion 10-1
3	4 GMM Meeting 7 p.m.	5	6	7 Mother's Day Tea for 3's	8 Mother's Day Tea for 4's	9 Gator Gallop at DAA Park
10	11	12	13 BOD Meeting Baywood Farms trip, 10:30	14	15	16
17	18	19 Last Day of School for 3's	20 Last Day of School for 4's Central Elem. Kindergarten Orientation	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 DES Kindergarten Orientation 10am	30 Spring Clean- Up 9 a.m.

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,
Mandatory attendance
- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 Mother's Day Tea for 3's
- 8 Mother's Day Tea for 4's
- 9 Gator Gallop, come help!
- 13 Baywood Farms trip for all 4's, 10:30-1
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 3's Last day of school
- 20 4's Last day of school, Graduation
- 30 Spring Clean Up for parents of 3's, 9 a.m.

June

- 3 Transitional Board Meeting held



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The Threes

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May

The month of May will go by very quickly. On Thursday, May 7th, we will have our Mothers' Day Teas. This is a very special occasion and the children look forward to having Mom come for her special day. The teas will be held the last 45 minutes of the class (11:00-11:45) We will be preparing a special snack for the moms and will also have some "entertainment." Parent helpers are asked to stay and help us prepare the food, then we will have you leave while we prepare the classroom for the "tea." This is an event just for moms, no siblings, please. If you are unable to come on this day, it would be best not to send your child to school. We have had aunts and grandmothers substitute for mom upon occasion so please talk to me if there are any problems. When you receive your invitation, it will also include a food item to bring to school. Please bring all food

items at the beginning of the day on Thursday.

On Tuesday, May 19th, we will "Cross over the Bridge."

Summer
break
is almost
here!



Dates to Remember:

May 7: Mother's Day Tea
May 19: Last day for 3's

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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May

The fours are all grownup! They always present quite a challenge for us during the last month of school! Many of them have a tremendous case of spring fever and find it difficult to be indoors. Subconsciously they must know that kindergarten is coming and this is their last hurrah to just be a kid! Please remind them to use their "listening ears" and to participate in all the projects while they are here.

Friday, May 8th will be our Mothers' Day Teas. Don't forget this important event! We will be working hard to prepare for this very special occasion. This is a more elaborate event than last year and should be lots of fun. The "tea" will be held the last hour of the day: 10:30 for the a.m. class, 1:45 for the p.m. class. If you are assigned to co-op on this day, we ask that you help us prepare the food. When we are ready to set the tables, etc., you may

leave until it is time to return for lunch. This is an event for just the moms, no siblings please. If you are unable to attend the tea, it would be best to keep your child home on this day. Your invitation will include a food item needed for the tea. Please bring it to class at the beginning of the day unless otherwise noted on the invitation.

We have been invited to Baywood Farms for a fieldtrip on Wednesday, May 13th. We will get a chance to groom the horses and run around the big arena. They will also serve us lunch. We will go as a combined group from 10:30-1:00.

Our graduation will be held on May 20th.

Dates to Remember:

May 1:	Pet Day
May 8:	Mother's Day Tea
May 13th:	Baywood Farms trip
May 20:	Graduation Day

The question is not whether I am ready for Kindergarten, but, rather, is Kindergarten ready for ME??!!

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		