

September 2013

# Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op  
Monthly Newsletter

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## General Membership Meeting Set for Sept. 9

### Welcome to the 2013-2014 School Year

The General Membership Meeting (“GMM”) is scheduled for Monday, September 9. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Ford Hall, located next to the school. This meeting is mandatory for all members, new and returning. It is the first of three mandatory meetings scheduled throughout the school year.

### Here is a brief overview of what to expect:

Upon arrival, stop by the check-in table to sign in and get a quick review of any missing paperwork or signatures needed. Your class representative will greet you and you should try to meet your committee chair. We will then conduct our General Membership meeting. Each member of the Board will provide an overview of their committees and their respective responsibilities. Members will also be receiving information and materials for fall fundraisers. In addition, the board will introduce any new co-op matters requiring a vote of the membership.

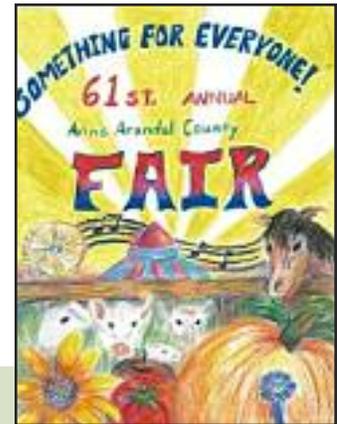
The evening should conclude by 8:30 p.m. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## Here's a Helpful Tip:

### Program Your Cell Phones!

As the school year gets into full swing, don't forget to program the SCPC's phone number into your cell so that you can contact the school in case of emergency: **410-798-5650**.

It's also helpful for the teachers to give them a quick call if your child is going to be out sick. Also grab a cell phone number or two from classmates. Those days you're running late that can be very handy!



## Enjoy a Day at the County Fair

Get ready for Kids Day at the Anne Arundel County Fair! Bring your littlest ones to the Fairgrounds in Crownsville on **Friday, Sept. 13** from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

There are many special events planned for the day. There will be special exhibits from the health department, dog demonstrations, pig and duck races, live entertainment, exhibits and FREE rides. You can also learn how to milk a cow and visit with all the animals.

SCPC Board President, Anne Canaday, attended last year and says, “My kids loved it!”

Just mention at the gate that you are part of the South County Pre-K Co-op group. Kids under 6 are free; adults and kids 6 and older are \$3.

For more details, contact Anne at [president@davidsonvilleprek.com](mailto:president@davidsonvilleprek.com) or 734-717-0480.

# From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Hello all,

Back to school time is upon us! I know that my house is full of excitement for the first day back. And while the veterans can't wait to see Ms. Barbara and Ms. Ann some of our new friends may be a little apprehensive about the start of school, but give them time; they will settle in and have fun before you (or they) know it!



MANDATORY for all Co-op members.

The first day of school is a split class - please see your class schedule in the newsletter for your child's day and time. No siblings please, since this is a special day for you and your pre-schooler.

Please read the newsletters each month.

There are important dates, reminders and other information in each issue. A current newsletter is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen; feel free to read this copy while at school!

Thank you to Debbie Ailiff and Heather Oster, for a very efficient and productive Fall Clean-up – thanks to the many hands that came and helped to prepare by weeding on Friday. The school looks outstanding.

A special thank you to the boy scouts! They came the weekend prior to the clean up and with their dads make a HUGE dent in the playground prep for the all-school work day. Also thanks to Grass Busters for their generous donation of ground cloth so next year we won't have so many weeds to fight!

If you have any questions, 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 Nicole Gunhus' on September 19th at 7:30 p.m. Also if you run in to any of our board members- take a moment to thank them. They are going above and beyond to help lead our school.

Our First General Membership Meeting (GMM) is scheduled for **Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** Please remember this meeting is

Best wishes for the start of school!

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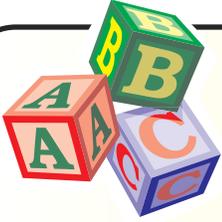
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*(Debbie & Tanya will be working together on the 3's schedules and tasks this year.)*



# Teacher's Corner

*By Barbara Freeman*

**W**elcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and returns to school sun-tanned and well rested! The summer seemed to fly by this year. It's always a challenge readjusting to busy fall routines. I for one will miss my nap!

There are a lot of new families coming into the school this year and we want to welcome you to our school! Working in the classroom is the best part of being in a co-op so just relax and enjoy yourself. While there are lots schedules and lists of co-oping duties, Ann and I don't want you to stress about the details. At the end of the day it all gets done and everyone has

had a good time! After a few parent-helping days it will begin to feel routine and you'll wonder why you ever worried about it in the first place.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the summer cleanup and to the board members who have been busy all summer. Your children will be excited to see the results of all your efforts!

Ann and I have been busy preparing the room and making plans for the coming school year. We look forward to meeting your children and making new friends. It promises to be a busy month!

## FINGERPLAYS

During the school year we incorporate many songs and finger-plays into our curriculum. Two of our most popular finger-plays for September are written below. The third poem is used each day before snack time.



### OPEN, SHUT THEM

Open, shut them,  
Open, shut them,  
Give a little clap!

Open, shut them,  
Open, shut them,  
Lay them in your lap.

Creep them, creep them,  
Creep them, creep them,  
Right up to your chin.

Open wide your little mouth,  
But do not let them in!

### HELLO

Hello, how are you?  
Hello, how are you?  
Hello, how are you?  
How are you today  
It's good to see (name) here.  
It's good to see (name) here.  
It's good to see (name) here.  
How are you today?

### SNACK POEM

Together we shall work and play,  
Together we shall eat.  
Together we shall quietly,  
Have a little treat.

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# The Threes

## September

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September is a month of adjustments for the threes. Making each child feel comfortable and secure in a school environment, getting to know each other, learning new routines and how to be more independent will be the main focus for the month. It is important to remember that each child will make these adjustments at their own pace. Some children will feel right at home from the moment they walk through the door, others may take a week or two - or even longer - before they feel comfortable at school. We will spend a lot of time outside this month as everyone adjusts to a more structured environment. Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather and not too much heat!

"Look at Me, I am Special" will be our theme for the month. Threes enjoy talking about all the things they can do now that they're "grown-up". Please send in a baby picture of your child so we can talk about how they've grown (and how cute they were!). Each child also needs to bring in a family picture to be displayed in the large muscle room.

To help reinforce color recognition, we will have

Color Days for the next several weeks. On each Color Day the children and co-op parents should wear something of that color. Also, the snack and drink parents could bring snack items of the color (when possible). For example, apples for Red Day, bananas for Yellow Day, orange juice for Orange Day, etc. The schedule will be as follows:

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 17th</b>	<b>Red Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 24th</b>	<b>Blue Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 1st</b>	<b>Yellow Day</b>

Touch and Tell for the 3's will not begin until October. We will notify you when this activity will start.

If you have any concerns about your child or the program, please feel free to talk to me. If there's not an opportunity to talk at school, you can call me at home, 410-798-6612, or send me an email at [tombarb.freeman@verizon.net](mailto:tombarb.freeman@verizon.net).

Reminders: Please send in a family photograph and your child's baby picture as soon as possible.



### **Ideas for Red Day parent helpers:**

Snacks: Strawberries, apples, red grapes, cherries  
Drinks: Cranberry juice, fruit juices, strawberry milk



### **Ideas for Blue Day parent helpers:**

Snacks: Blueberries, blue tortilla chips, blue yogurt  
Drinks: Blueberry juice,



### **Ideas for Yellow Day parent helpers:**

Snacks: Bananas, tortilla chips, pineapple, yellow peppers  
Drinks: Lemonade, pineapple juice



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# The Fours

## September

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**A**nn and I would like to welcome all the "new" fours to the program as well as welcoming back all the returning families! We look forward to seeing everyone.

September will begin with familiar routines and activities for everyone. As the month continues we will expand our group time and add to our routines. You may notice that the fours are not as quiet as they were last year! Fours are very social. They enjoy interacting with each other and are very conversational. It will not be a quiet classroom this year so prepare yourselves.

Parts of the program are immediately different for returning fours. There are several new jobs on the helper chart, calendar time has been added, and they will be expected to be more independent by pouring their own juice and serving their own snack at snack time. In another change from last year, Ann will often work with the children in small group activities out in the kitchen. It is a quieter area and the children are better able to focus on each activity. There is also an additional 15 minutes added to our school day for the fours. It takes a while for everyone (even Ann & I) to adjust to the new time schedule and we will spend a little extra time outside at the beginning of the year.

Colors and "My Family" will be our themes for the month. Each child needs to bring in a family photo by **Sept. 18th**. We will use the pictures to illustrate stories about our families. To review colors Ann will also be making color books with

each child this month.

The Letter Box is a favorite activity for the fours. Each month two or three letters will be introduced. Although we will begin with the letter "A", the letters will not be introduced in alphabetical order. The letters will be introduced around our themes for the month - p for pumpkin, t for tepee, etc. Throughout the school year you may notice some small symbol with a letter on it that comes home in their tote bags - an apple with "Aa" printed on it as an example. This tells you which letter came out of the letterbox along with the sentence strips that are displayed in the circle area. We will also be creating an alphabet book as the letters are introduced. More details on this will be sent home at the end of the month.

Touch and Tell will begin on **September 23rd**. Most children will be familiar with this routine from last year. We will again create a book about their favorite things. This is not a required activity. Some children enjoy bringing in items to share with us, others do not. Please help your child remember their own Touch and Tell day. The Touch and Tell schedule is listed below.

Our first field trip with the 4's is a nature walk to Camp Letts on **September 30th**. Each class will go during their regular class hours. Because of the nature of the trip, siblings are not invited.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 410-798-6612 or send an e-mail to [tombarb.freeman@verizon.net](mailto:tombarb.freeman@verizon.net).

**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

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tuition Due	2	3 Split Class 3's	4 Split Class 4's	5 NO SCHOOL	6 1st Full Day for 4's	7
8	9 <b>GMM Meeting</b> <i>MANDATORY</i> 1st Day 4ED Class	10 1st Full Day for 3's	11 Eat at Chipotle tonight 5-8 p.m.!	12	13 Kids Day at AA County Fair	14
15	16	17 Red Day for 3's	18	19 SCPC Board Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 Blue Day for 3's	25	26	27	28
29	30	27	28	29	30 Camp Lett's Field Trip 4's	31

## September

- 1 Oct. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 3 Split Class/First day for 3's. Parents stay
- 4 Split Class/First day for 4's. Parents stay
- 5 **School Closed**—Rosh Hashanah
- 6 4's First Full Day
- 9 First Day 4's Extended Day (ED)
- 9 **GMM Meeting**—Ford Hall at 7 p.m.  
Mandatory for all members (*No children*)
- 10 3's First Full Day
- 11 Chipotle Fundraiser Night, 5-8 p.m.
- 13 Kids Day at AA County Fair (see pg 1)
- 17 Red Day for 3's
- 19 SCPC Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Blue Day for 3's
- 30 Camp Lett's Field Trip for 4's  
(*No siblings please*)

## OCTOBER

- 1 Nov. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 1 Yellow Day for 3's
- 2-3 Class Picture Days
- 17 SCPC Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 **School Closed**
- 19 Family Fun Day, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 22 Open House at SCPC, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- 25 4's Field Trip to Greenstreet Gardens  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Dec. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 19-20 Conferences for 3's
- 21 SCPC Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25-29 **School Closed**, Thanksgiving Break

# SPLIT DAY SCHEDULE

*Some changes since the last newsletter. Please verify your child's time.*

## 3 AM

**Sept. 3 • 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

Alison  
Lucy  
Vincent  
Zoe  
Chaya  
Leo  
Shoshi

## 3 PM

**Sept. 3 • 12:15-1:15 p.m.**

Juliet  
Owen  
Mary  
Trevor

## 4 AM

**Sept. 4 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Sophia L.  
Madelyn C.  
Maddie  
Sophia M.  
Micah  
Jonathan  
Cameron

**Sept. 3 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Nolan  
Landon  
Izzie  
Madison  
Lillian  
Courtney  
Jane

**Sept. 4 • 10:45-11:45 a.m.**

Hope  
Ryan  
Anna  
Ally  
Jennifer  
Michael  
Madelyn L.

## Fundraising News

### FALL FUNDRAISING

What two items does every family need to survive the back to school season? Pizza and trash bags! This year's fall fundraiser will offer Joe Corbi's pizza and Rainbow Trash Bags. Our goal : 5 pizzas and 30 rolls of bags sold per family. Fundraising materials will be distributed at the GMM meeting.

### AUCTION NEWS

Ready to dust off those boots in the back of your closet? This year's SCPC spring auction is a "Denim Ball" -- think jeans, heels, jackets, and BBQ!

It's never too soon to gather items and invite friends. Throughout the year, ask the people you pay for services to donate to the auction — vacation rentals, lawn services, art work, salons, movers, painters, birthday parties, restaurants, clubs, concert tickets, special priceless opportunities. Remind them that all donations are tax write-offs for their business. Hit them up while you are writing them a check! Auction donation forms can be found on the SCPS website. Each family is

responsible for selling four tickets, but the more the merrier. Have your friends and family all join us for a fun night out! Tentative event date is March 1, 2014.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Welcome to all SCPC families, old and new! Please check your child's tote for Scholastic fliers throughout the school year. Each purchase earns points that are used for books in the classroom, manipulatives, and even some equipment!

Orders will be collected every month, and a deadline will be emailed to all. You can order one of two ways: Complete the back of the flyer, make a check out to Scholastic, and place both items in my box 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!

Please consider Scholastic when you are getting birthday gifts, or preparing for the holidays! If you ever have a question, e-mail the committee chairperson at: [carolcorkill@gmail.com](mailto:carolcorkill@gmail.com).

Happy Shopping!

# Reminders & Notes

## Class Times

Times have shifted a bit this year with changes, so make a note of exactly what time your class takes place:

**3AM** - 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**3PM** - 12:15-2:30 p.m.

**4AM** - 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**4ED** (Extended Day option) - 12-1:30 p.m.

## Family Fun Day coming soon

The annual Family Fun Day offers a chance for students, parents, and alumni to come enjoy an outdoor event at the school. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 19th** from 10:30 to 1 p.m. There will be food for sale from Fisher's Famous and the Kona Ice truck will also be on hand. Lots of plans are in the works, be sure to put this on your schedule now!

## Family photos needed

All families will need to bring a family photo in some time during September. Make sure you take a moment to snap a family shot!

## Photos for Yearbook

It's never too early to begin submitting photos for the yearbook. Capture those sweet smiles on the first day of school and beyond. Please remember to periodically e-mail your pictures to Historian Christina Feindt at: [cfeindt@gmail.com](mailto:cfeindt@gmail.com). We will also be offering an online method of contributing photos. Stay tuned to future newsletters for details.

## In case you missed the e-mail...

There were a few things Ms Barbara mentioned at the new parent workshop that are a good reminder for

everyone so here they are:

**1. Health Forms-** ALL health forms **MUST** be turned in (parent and child) for your child to start school. I know we've still got some missing. Please e-mail Heidi ASAP if you have forms or the status of your forms. We'd hate for your kiddo to have to miss their first day of school. Heidi is at: [heidisilvestri21@yahoo.com](mailto:heidisilvestri21@yahoo.com).

**2. Tote Bags!** Each child should bring a tote bag to school with them (this is preferable over backpacks-those can be hard to fill). They can be their SCPC bag or another tote. And feel free to "bling" up their bag.

**3. No Flip-Flops!** Ms. Barbara has specifically asked for no flip flops. They can be dangerous on the playground. Crocs have a green light.

**4. Coats and Sweatshirts!** The hill out back gets very windy so even when it may seem like you don't need a sweatshirt its needed for the playground. The kids will go out most of the time so as cooler weather sets in please sent coats, hats and **MITTENS** (not gloves, it takes a long time to get 150 fingers in the right spots!). Also make sure they are labeled!

**5. Extra clothes.** Even if your child doesn't normally have toileting issues its always nice to have an extra set of clothes handy. If you have a newly trained child please make sure to have extra clothes (including socks).

**6. Sign in and Sign-Out** (Alumni this is new!) Don't forget to sign your child in and out on the clip board in the front entry hall each day.

## \* Raise Money - Feed the Family! \*

→ at **CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL** ←

**Wednesday, Sept. 11th • 5-8 p.m.**



Chipotle has agreed to split proceeds for this evening with SCPC. Make sure to tell them you're with our group!

Look for a restaurant fundraiser every month!

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The Davidsonville Pre-school

Don't forget the Wee-Sale coming up next week!  
Take this flier with you so SCPC can benefit from this event.



## High Quality Children's Clothing and Gear!

Don't miss our **HUGE** consignment events!  
We will have tens of thousands of children's items!

**Anne Arundel County Sale:**  
**Annapolis – Sept. 5-8<sup>th</sup>**  
**(NO CHILDREN on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Charles County: Waldorf – Sept. 21-22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Eastern Shore: Cambridge – Oct. 4-6<sup>th</sup>**

**Prince George's County Sale: Greenbelt – Oct. 18-20<sup>th</sup>**  
**(NO CHILDREN before 12PM on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>)**

Please visit our website for specific hours and locations:

**Wee-Sale.com**

### Help raise money for your non-profit organization or school!

Bring this flyer with you and Wee-Sale will donate  
5% of your purchase per flyer (from each shopper) OR \$10 per new  
consignor who consigns a minimum of 30 items at the sale,  
to the following qualified organization:  
*(one flyer per family, per event)*

**South County PreK Co-Op**

**PO BOX 160, Davidsonville MD 21035**

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