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# Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op  
Monthly Newsletter

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## Family Fun Day: Saturday, October 19th

Come on out for Family Fun Day, **Saturday, October 19th from 10:30-1 pm.** behind the South County school building. We hope for a beautiful day so all of our children and families can enjoy the fall activities that are planned. Halloween costumes are welcome for the Costume Parade around the playground. Bring your blanket if you plan to picnic.

Family Fun day is a chance for the entire school to get together. Parents can meet other parents in a social setting, and kids from all classes get a chance to play together for a change. SCPC alumni are also encouraged to attend. You never know who you might run into!

There will be Live Music, Fishers Famous Hot Dogs, Kona Ice, The Little White Fashion Truck, Co-op Kids Lemonade Stand, Face Painting, Vendors, tractors,

crafts, raffles, the parade and so much more!

There will be food available for purchase, so plan on lunch with the family. There will also be the vendor tables for local independent businesses with items for sale and information available. You can buy raffle tickets for a chance to win fabulous prizes.

If you have a business and are interested in taking part, check your e-mail for the form sent by Katie Moore. You can contact Katie by phone at: 443-623-7887 or by e-mail at: [yogawithkatie@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithkatie@gmail.com) to find out more.

It's the perfect fall event to bring the whole family to! It is a free event, but we would love a donation of \$5 a family. Cash is accepted at vendor tables, food stands and for raffle tickets.

Can't wait to see you and your costumed crew...



## Small events offer big results for fundraising

In case you haven't been following all of the e-mails, the SCPC fundraising crew has been busy, busy lately!

The Chipotle dining night was a huge success! The very generous 50% donation made by the company resulted in over \$750 raised for SCPC. Wow!

And the recent event at Twisted Sisters last week featured several different fundraisers wrapped into one day. All of them together netted SCPC almost \$400! Thanks to Katie Moore for all of her organizing for this one.

The Joe Corbi and Trash Bag fundraising efforts are

just concluding and the school is hoping for even more great numbers. As we all know, our decreased enrollment this year has increased our need to raise money. Thanks to all of our co-op members for working to help keep the school budget balanced.

Carrie Hayes, our fundraising chairperson, wants to let everyone know that an information package about the March auction event will be coming soon. This will give everyone a chance to review the obligations of membership concerning the auction and help to get the ball rolling for another great auction this year.



# From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Hello all,

Ahhhh...fall is in the air! I love waking up to cooler mornings and watching the leaves start to turn. I also love October and all the fun things happening around the Co-Op!



I know we're excited in our house for the 4's trip to the pumpkin patch (3's the pumpkins come to you!) and we're also excited for Family Fun Day. This is a great day to come together and have fun as a co-op family. The kids wear their costumes (which they love) and there will be games and food for purchase, etc. Last year, we had a family business sponsor Family Fun Day—let us know if this is something you'd be interested in doing – we'll be happy to promote our sponsor on the webpage/Facebook/newsletter, etc.

A big thank you to our amazing co-op parents – you! Ms. Barbara said she thinks that this was the first general membership meeting she can remember with 100% attendance. You guys rock!

Since we are small and mighty this year we don't have a separate outside maintenance team yet the weeds keep growing! If we all pitch in, we can keep

our school looking as great as it did at the start. If you arrive early for pick up, take a minute to pull a few weeds or ask the parent helpers if there is anything you can do to help.

Again, please read your newsletter 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! Also, Ms. Barbara sneaks little reminders in the newsletter each month to see who's doing their homework...

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 on Monday, October 21st!

Happy Fall and see you at Family Fun Day! PS- Don't forget our upcoming open house! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Cheers,  
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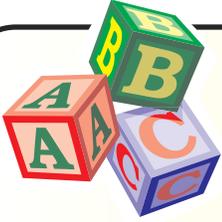
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# Teacher's Corner

*By Barbara Freeman*

**T**he first month of school has passed quickly without too many tears for all involved!

We are appreciating the cooler weather. It was pretty toasty the first two weeks of school!

Ann and I have enjoyed meeting all the new families and getting reacquainted with returning members. We hope everyone has enjoyed their first parent helping days. After a time or two in the classroom, everyone will feel like a parent-helping pro!

October is a busy month for the threes and the fours. The art projects and finger-plays for the month are always favorites.

## **A note about Touch and Tell**

While we know some children would like to bring something in every day, it is important to encourage your child to bring in touch and tell only on their day. It helps them get use to the routine and also keeps touch and tell from

taking too long. Of course if they are absent for any reason on their day, they are always welcome to bring something in on another day.

## **Snacks & Food Allergies**

Please continue to be aware of food allergies in each class. Children with food allergies always have an alternative snack in the refrigerator marked with their name. If you are looking for suggestions for appropriate snacks, the parents have provided us with a list of "safe" foods posted on the refrigerator. The parents are monitoring the snacks brought in each day so if you bring a snack that is not on the list they can determine if it is "safe" or if their child should eat the alternative snack.

When celebrating birthdays, please remember there are alternatives to cupcakes. Ice cream cups or sandwiches, cookies, rice krispy treats, etc. are also "festive". You may wish to include a piece of fruit as well to create a more balanced snack.

## FINGERPLAYS

We do some of our favorite finger-plays in October.

Listen and see if you hear your child singing them at home!

### **GRAY SQUIRREL**

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel  
Swish your bushy tail.  
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel  
swish your bushy tail.

Wrinkle up your little nose,  
Hold the nuts between your toes.  
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel  
Swish your bushy tail.



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# The Threes

## October

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Amazingly there were few sad faces and teary eyes the first couple of school days. A word of caution – some children will have a delayed reaction, so don't be surprised if we still see some tears now and again. To continue a smooth transition we will slowly add new routines to the program and expand our together times over the next several weeks. The threes are also very busy playing the first month or so of school. Don't be discouraged if they don't always want to participate in all the activities. It takes a bit before they realize they have time to play and do art projects, games, etc. Feel free to change your activity if you are parent-helping and the children have finished with your activity early. They always enjoy being read to or having someone play with the manipulatives with them.

October is a month of various themes for the threes. We will talk about fall and take a walk around the school to look for changes in the world around us. If you have any interesting nature items - seed pods, cocoons, leaves, etc., please bring them in to share with the classroom.

Since Halloween can be a scary time for some

threes, we will celebrate in a low key manner. We will have our "Great Pumpkin Hunt" up on the hill **October 29th**. Our costume parade will be held on **October 31st**. Children should arrive in costume if they wish to wear one. Parents and siblings are invited to stay the first half hour and watch the children parade in their costumes and do some finger-plays and songs. At the end of the parade they will remove their costumes so please bring a change of clothes.

We will begin Touch and Tell with the 3's week of October 14th. Please check the Touch and Tell schedule to find your child's day.

We will continue with Color Days on Tuesdays during the month of October as follows:

**October 1st : Yellow Day**

**October 8th : Orange Day**

**October 15th: Purple Day**

With all the girls in the a.m. class, we may have to consider a pink day later this year!

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school or at home (798-6612), or e-mail me at [tombarb.freeman@verizon.net](mailto:tombarb.freeman@verizon.net).

### Touch and Tell Schedule

#### 3 A.M.

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

#### 3 P.M.

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Owen	Luke
Trevor	Juliet
Mary	

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# The Fours

## October

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**E**xuberant" is a word often used to describe four year olds. Most parents that have been into parent help would probably agree there is a big change from last year. Everyone came back to school excited to be here and to see old friends. They are a talkative, imaginative group and will certainly keep us on our toes! The renovated house has been very busy this year.

October will be a very busy month for the fours. Fall, Halloween and shapes will be our focus. If anyone has any interesting items for the science center, please bring them in.

Halloween is a fun time for most fours (and Miss Ann!). A lesson on shapes and shadows will be incorporated into the Halloween unit along with several language activities. We will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, **October 30th**. Children should arrive in costume if they wish to wear one. Parents and siblings are invited to stay the first half hour to view the parade. After the parade we will remove our costumes. Children should bring a change of clothes if needed.

We will travel down to south county to Greenstreet Gardens on **October 25th**. Siblings are invited. We will take a ride on the hay wagon, jump on the cloud and try to find our way out of the corn maze. More information will be sent home next week.

Touch and Tell has begun for the fours. Please help your child remember their day. The schedule is repeated below.

We have also begun our "Star of the Day" activity. This is a favorite activity yet it takes a long time for everyone to have a turn. Please help to reassure your child that their turn will come!

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk with me. Please feel free to call me at home, 798-6612, or e-mail me at [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

## OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tuition Due	2 Picture Day for 4's	3 Picture Day for 3's	4 Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	5 Visit Sweet Frog anytime today!
6	7	8 Orange Day for 3's	9	10	11 Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	12
13	14	15 Purple Day for 3's	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 SCPC Board Meeting	22 Open House	23	24	25 4's Trip to Greenstreet Gardens	26
27	28	29 Pumpkin Hunt for 3's	30 Halloween Parade for 4's	31 Halloween Parade for 3's		

## OCTOBER

- 1 Nov. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 2-3 Class Picture Days
- 4 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5 Sweet Frog Fundraiser – All Day
- 8 Orange Day for 3's
- 11 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 15 Purple Day for 3's
- 18 **School Closed**
- 19 Family Fun Day, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 21 SCPC Board Meeting, 7:30 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.
- 29 Pumpkin Hunt for 3's
- 30 Halloween Parade for 4's
- 31 Halloween Parade for 3's

## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

- 1 Jan. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 23 Thru Jan. 1 – Winter break/NO SCHOOL

## JANUARY

- 1 Feb. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 20 School Closed - MLK Holiday
- 27-28 School Closed

# Reminders & Notes

## Fantastic Fridays

SCPC's new option for fun is here! On select Fridays, Fantastic Fridays will offer two whole hours of playtime, crafts, snack, and more for kids, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. This is open to ALL 3 and 4 year old Co-op students, but space is limited to 15 students per session.

There was an e-mail offering online sign-ups sent out in recent weeks. The online sign-up seemed the fairest way to offer a spot to everyone at the same time. The sessions cost only \$20 each, which is a bargain if you've priced childcare lately! Payment can be made by check in the tuition box at school. Please attach a coupon from the school bulletin board along with your payment.

The online sign-up can be found at:  
<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050445A5AF2BA57-fantastic/11977772>

Please note that signing up online only reserves your

spot. It is not guaranteed until payment is received.

The first session will be held this Friday, October 4th. Remaining dates include: Oct. 11, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13. There are some spots still open, so if you are interested, you should grab one soon! Plan on future sessions being offered at a later time.

If you have any questions about Fantastic Fridays, contact Anne Canaday or Ms. Barbara.

## Class Times

Once again, a reminder 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.

Love the  
 South County Co-op?  
 Help spread the word about  
 our Open House!

**Tuesday, October 22, 2013**  
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**

## Photos for Yearbook

It's never too early to begin submitting photos for the yearbook. You are encouraged to take lots of photos throughout the year of regular classroom days, special events, field trips, and more. The yearbook editor is a mom from the 3 a.m. class, so if you're not in that class and want to see your child represented in the yearbook, you should definitely send in photos!

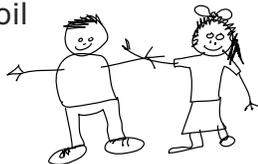
Please remember to periodically e-mail your class and individual pictures to Historian Christina Feindt at: [scpcyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:scpcyearbook@gmail.com) or [cfeindt@gmail.com](mailto:cfeindt@gmail.com). We will also be offering an online method of contributing photos. Stay tuned to future newsletters for details.

## FUN TIME

### Playdoh Recipe

1/2 cup salt  
 1 cup water  
 1 cup flour

2 tbsp. cream of tartar  
 2 tbsp. oil



Combine ingredients in pan.  
 Add food coloring if desired.  
 Stir over low heat until dough leaves sides of pan.  
 Work dough until cooled.  
 Store in air-tight container.  
*We double this recipe for school.*



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# Parent Helper Guide: Items worth reviewing

## Emergency Evacuation Procedure

In case of emergency, gather children closest to you and guide them in a calm, orderly manner out the nearest exit (*see building floor plan in the Parent Helper Guide*). Once outside, proceed to the assembly point that is the telephone pole that can be seen through the window of the play housekeeping area in the school. Help line up all children on the sidewalk beside the telephone pole so the director (teacher) can insure everyone is accounted for. The director is responsible for taking the role book outside and making sure everyone present has exited the building.

## Weather situations

All classes will be canceled due to snow if Anne Arundel County schools are closed. If morning or afternoon kindergarten sessions are canceled, our respective classes will be canceled. If the public schools start one hour late, our morning class will start on time. If the public schools start two hours late, our morning class will not meet. Please tune in to media sources during such weather events to see what the county schools are doing that day.

## Field Trips

Permission slips will be sent home prior to field

trips and must be properly filled out, signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the class representative before the child will be allowed to attend. Transportation for such trips will come from parents and/or legal guardians. One seat belt must be used for each child in the car. Car seats are required for all three year-olds and all four year-olds under 40 pounds. In addition, no child shall be seated in the front seat of any motor vehicle. Siblings will not be permitted to attend.

## Health Policy

Because we would like to keep absenteeism to a minimum, you are asked to keep your child home if you think he/she might have a contagious illness.

## Here's a Helpful Tip:

### Brrrr... It's cold out there!

October can get chilly at times. Don't forget to send in sweaters or jackets with your children for our time outside on the windy hill.

Remember, as colder weather sets in please send 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!



All Day **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Be sure to mention the Co-Op at check-out!

3059 Solomons Island Road  
Edgewater, MD 21037  
sweetfrog yogurt.com

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op  
The Davidsonville Pre-school

Look for a restaurant fundraiser every month!

## Five Pumpkins

Color the pumpkins. Then cut them out. Work with your child to put the pumpkins in order with the biggest one on the left and the smallest one on the right (or you can just decorate the house with them). *Happy Halloween!*

