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Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op
Monthly Newsletter

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Almost all the news that's left to share...

Keep on reading

The final Scholastic Book order deadline for this school year will be on **May 5th**.

Remember, there are two ways to order: Complete the back of the flier, make a check out to Scholastic, and place both items in a box at the school. Or you can go online at www.scholastic.com, use the code GYG2P, and pay via credit cards. It's so easy.

After the entire class order is submitted to Scholastic, your order will be delivered to our class for your child to take home.



Making Memories

The SCPC yearbook is set to be distributed after the end of school this year. The Board decided that most families would like to have graduation photos included in the book, and so have extended the distribution date.

Cost is yet to be determined. The tentative date of distribution will be sometime in late June or following. This date is still uncertain as we confirm printing plans. You will receive further information about this either by e-mails or by fliers in your totes.

If you have been meaning to send in your photos, this is your final notice! E-mail them to: scpcyearbook@gmail.com or you can put a disc in the historian's box at school. If you have any questions, just e-mail them. I can't guarantee all photos will get in at this point, but chances are still good!

Feeling Artsy?

Everyone is reminded that Miss Ann will once again be hosting her Summertime Art Program for interested Co-op students and recent alumni only. There is a sign-up and info sheet posted in the hallway at the school. This year, she is offering four different sessions to

choose from beginning in early June.

The art programs will be held at Miss Ann's home, 3087 Riverview Rd. in Riva (2 blocks from Mike's Crab House). Interested families are reminded that this is an art program only, not a pre-school.

The cost will be \$100 for a one-week long, two-hour daily session with all art supplies and a small snack included.

Miss Ann wishes to let everyone know that there are cats in the house, so if your child has an allergy, you will not want to send them to this program.

You can sign up on the sheet at school or call her at 410-956-2273 or feel free to contact her via e-mail at Thenessimonster@gmail.com.

Act now, last year's sessions filled up quickly.



Spread the Word this Summer!

The latest enrollment numbers were shared at the April Board meeting. The current status shows that we still have several openings in most class sessions for the next school year. An interesting note is that the future incoming 3's class will feature quite an array of alumni returning once again with a new batch of kids.

Since we are now on the verge of closing out this year, the board asks that each of you continue recruiting families that might be interested in enrolling at SCPC. Use your summer plans and hangouts to let people know all about the Co-op and how it works. Whether it's poolside, or at a gymnastics camp session, you are bound to be surrounded by other families with young children still seeking information on available pre-kindergartens in the area.

You can always let them know to visit the website at www.myscpc.org or to e-mail enrollment@davidsonvilleprek.com. Thanks in advance for your help!



From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Hi everyone and welcome to the last month of school... wow it feels like it came fast this year! And although I am here for two more years with Isabela, I have found myself getting a little sad to be saying goodbye to my Co-op time with Madelyn.



As a reminder the mandatory GMM is Monday, May 19th at Ford Hall. Followed by the clean-up for 3's families on the 31st and the transitional board meeting on June 5th (when the current board hands off to our new board). We are looking into one more restaurant fundraiser also—so stay tuned!

As we conclude our year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you. We have had a small membership this year and continually we have seen our membership go above and beyond to continue the success of the school. We had a near record auction, a record non-auction fundraising year, and all the work of the school has been done joyfully.

Special thanks to our board of directors, who regularly meet until well past 10 p.m. I am grateful to serve with such a remarkable group of women. Want to be on the board next year? Come Monday May 5th to the nominating committee at the school!

School evaluations are coming out via e-mail very soon. 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.

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. Be positive and upbeat about our school – we've been here for almost 40 years, and I would love to see it prosper for another 30! We are also the only Co-op in the county with two teachers, not just one! We have space in all classes and some families willing to adjust classes to make room for new families.

Looking forward to some Coconut Joe's and seeing you all at the GMM.

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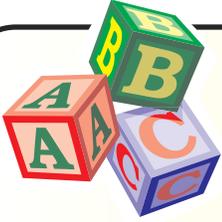
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(Debbie & Tanya will be working together on the 3's schedules and tasks this year.)



Teacher's Corner

By Barbara Freeman

It can't possibly be May already! When we look at the children and see how much they've grown, we know it must be so! The fours are looking particular tall and grownup! As always, it has been delightful watching your children grow and develop throughout the year. We appreciate you sharing them with us. Just as the children have developed bonds throughout the year, it's also nice watching parents get to know each other and develop friendships as well. It may seem overwhelming in September, but now everyone is a pro at parent-helping.

We enjoyed all the grandparents and special friends at Grandparents' Day last week. We had a nice crowd with over 40 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.

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!! Make sure you come back and visit!

Ann and I would like to thank everyone for 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.

We would especially like to thank Anne and the Board for all their tireless efforts this year (although I do think some of you are tired). This year was especially challenging and Ann and I appreciate all the extra effort that was made to keep the school running smoothly. Everyone really stepped up this year with extra committee work and fundraising, and it is much appreciated. 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!

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Ann for all that she does during the school year. I appreciate her input with projects and activities and her willingness to try new ideas. We both enjoyed coming up with some new projects this year for Fantastic Friday. The children and I are very lucky to have her here to play with us!

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

Classroom Notes

From Ms. Barbara

TOUCH AND TELL

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.

EVALUATIONS

Your child's second written evaluation will be sent home the week of the 12th.

LAST DAYS

The last day for the 3's is May 20th and the 4's May 21st. We will have a short presentation at the beginning of the day for each class. 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). We will have a picnic at the end of the day. 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.

**The SCPC
General Membership
meeting will be
Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Attendance is mandatory.
Come early to shop the vendor tables!
They will be there starting at 7 p.m.**

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The Threes

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The month of May will go by very quickly.

On **Thursday, May 1st**, 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 day; 10:45 for the a.m. class, and 1:45 for the p.m. class. 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.

April was such a short month with the late Easter break that we postponed our trip to Old Maryland Farm until **May 6th**. The farm is located within Watkins Park, siblings are invited. You received information about this in your totes. Please turn in the permission slip.

On **Tuesday, May 20th**, we will "Cross over the Bridge".

Spring Clean-up event May 31st

The end of the year Clean-Up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014, from 9-11 a.m. This clean-up must be attended by all members of the current 3 year-old classes. **NO CHILDREN are allowed** as cleaning products will be used and furniture will be moved around.

Please contact Heather Oster at oster.heather@yahoo.com if there are any questions.

At least one adult member of each family is required to attend:

Bonnie or Joe Gardner
Kelly or Mario LaBrutte
Loren or Matthew Dlugos
Carrie or Stephen Hayes

Camille or Faris Hawit
Laurie Daddino or Dan Sutermeister
Amanda or Michael Schneider
Rae or Louis Portillo
Jill Thompson-Abukassis or Shlami Abukassis
Stacy or Josh Taylor
Tanya Camarra
Caitlin or Reuben Pavon
Heather Cibor
Desirae or Saul Flores
Leanne or Michael Puglia
Christina Feindt or Kevin Miller
Debbie or Cameron Ailiff
Carrie or John Groff
Tanya O'Rourke or Gad Epstein
Nicole or Jeff Gunhus

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The Fours

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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 2nd 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 at 11:00. 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 are hoping to have a fieldtrip day on **Monday May 5th**. We have been invited to Baywood Farms in Harwood to visit their horses and for lunch. We are hoping to combine this with a trip to the Harwood Fire Station as well. More details to come. Siblings will be invited.

On **May 20th** we will have a short presentation at the beginning of day. This will be a very informal graduation. Parents are encouraged to stay for the graduation. Siblings are welcome. We will combine our class picnic with the last day of school. Parents that wish to stay for the whole day are welcome to do so (siblings invited) and we will have a picnic at the end of the day. Parents that don't won't 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.



SCPC Calendar

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mother's Day Tea for 3's	2 Mother's Day Tea for 4's	3
4	5 4's Field Trip Nominating Comm. 7 p.m.	6 3's Field Trip <i>It's Teacher Appreciation Week... We don't just appreciate them, we love 'em!!!</i>	7	8 Teachers' Luncheon Out	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 7:30 p.m. GMM Meeting Mandatory Vendors 7 p.m.	20 Last Day of School for 3's	21 Last Day of School for 4's	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 SCPC Board Meets, TBD	31 School Clean-Up Mandatory

MAY

- 1 Mothers' Day Tea 3's (10:45 or 1:45)
- 1 2014/2015 First tuition payment due
- 2 Mothers' Day Tea 4's at 11 a.m.
- 5 Nominating Committee meets, 7 p.m. at SCPC.
- 5 Field Trip for 4's to fire station and farm
- 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6 3's Trip to Old Maryland Farm
- 8 Teachers' Luncheon out
- 19 General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Vendor Tables open at 7 p.m.
Attendance is mandatory
- 20 Last Day 3's
- 21 Last Day 4's, Graduation
- 30 SCPC Board Meets, location and time TBD
- 31 Spring Clean-Up,
Mandatory for all outgoing 3's families

JUNE

- 5 Transitional Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Nicole Gunhus' home (*tentative*)

Over the Summer

- TBD Yearbook distribution
- TBD Back to school class picnics



Calling all Vendors and Local Businesses!

**Please join us for our annual
Vendor Night as part of the next GMM
Monday, May 19th beginning at 7 p.m.**

*(The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m..
tables have the option to stay open for an additional 1/2 hour after the meeting.)*

All businesses are welcome to join
(Pampered Chef, Stella & Dot, local repairmen, plumbers, photographers, etc.)

This is a GREAT way to advertise yourself or your company to the Co-op
and
Co-op members this is a GREAT way to support other members of
the school & local community

Tables will cost \$10 and we do ask each vendor to have an item/gift certificate to raffle off
with at least a \$15 value.

All members attending can purchase \$1 raffle tickets when they enter the door
and the drawing(s) will take place at the end of the meeting.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this fun night!

RSVP by May 15th to Katie Moore (yogawithkatie@gmail.com/443.623.7887)

Please make checks out to SCPC and include this form with your payment to the Events &
Fundraising box at school, or to Katie's home address:
301 Owensville Rd. West River, MD 20778

Business Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____