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Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op
Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the South County Co-Op!

By Christina Feindt
Whale Tales Editor

It really is a school like no other as it is run by the families that attend the school. Some of you entering this year have been here before with your older children, some are here for the first time. A huge and hearty welcome goes out to all of you.

South County Co-op Pre-K was begun 40 years ago by a group of parents who wanted to start their own school and run it by their own rules. They decided to work together and find a facility to use as the school house. Then they drafted bylaws and rules for everyone to work with.

The co-op aspect of the school can be different for every individual. However, everyone gets a job title and a task to do and/or committee to join. Everyone must attend the 3 required meetings and the mandatory clean-ups. Everyone must also purchase tickets for the annual auction. Finally, everyone must help in the classroom. And everyone's job role helps the school to run smoothly.

The positions that make up the Board of Directors often require individuals to take on extra responsibility in the running of the non-profit organization itself. After all, it is a business. BOD members must attend monthly meetings and, at all times, BOD members must be aware that decisions can affect the school for years to come.

You may be surprised to find out more about all of the "behind the scenes" responsibilities that this year's BOD has already taken care of. Some examples: The Board President has had to tackle many organizational topics such as helping to plan the year's calendar, contacting and coordinating all work roles for membership, and aiding all of the new board members with their job roles. The 1st Vice President has had to coordinate insurance payments, fire extinguisher certification, water testing, boiler inspections, and many more items concerning both business and facility usage. The Treasurer has had to issue payments, prepare for payroll, and track all incoming and outgoing payments. The Class Reps have had to organize enrollment lists, start making helper schedules, and begun to contact their families in preparation for the start of school.

It truly is amazing to have so many folks, from so many different walks of life, coming together for the sake of a

- SCPC will be celebrating 40 years as a school this year.
- The school mascot is a whale.
- The annual auction event is the primary fundraiser outside of tuition and registration payment.

tiny little school that teaches our tiny, little children. It speaks of the importance of it that we give so much of our time and dedicate ourselves to its success.

These first couple of years in a school environment can set the tone for the rest of your child's school experience. If they learn to love learning, the rest will be easier. It seems this might be a primary goal here at SCPC: To teach each child to love learning. It cannot be underestimated and our teaching staff does a phenomenal job.

Perhaps the best known benefit for the parents of co-op's is the fellowship and friendships that develop among the parents. When you continue on to elementary school, you may notice that former co-op parents are often the first to volunteer and join committees to help.

So welcome to our special school. Enjoy the time you get to spend with your children in the classroom, and delight in the contribution to the school that you make while watching them learn and grow. It is magical.

New Family Workshop

All new families to the school are required to attend our new family workshop. This is an opportunity to hear from Miss Barbara about what to expect during class times and your roll as parent helper. In addition, you'll be given a tour of the school to familiarize you with where to find important and helpful items.

Our workshop is on **August 26th from 7-8 p.m.** (no kids please). If you are unable to attend, please e-mail Anne Canaday at president@davidsonvilleprek.com to schedule a time to take the tour.

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Welcome to all the new and returning families. As we officially kick off our 2014-15 school year with this first edition of **Whale Tales**, I want to let you know how excited I am to be serving as your President this year and look forward to meeting all of you and working with you this year.

This is my third year at the Co-Op, Isabela will be in the 3AM class, with my daughter Madelyn beginning kindergarten (eek). I'm excited this year to welcome back a number of alumni families and to meet many new faces. The Co-op is really so much more than just a preschool, it's a community and this year we've got an amazing group of families!

The Board of Directors transitioned into their roles at our June board meeting. A heartfelt thank you to last year's Board for their tremendous leadership and hard work as well as a thank you to all the parents and Miss Barbara and Miss Ann who make the school what it is. Also a huge thank you to our Events and Fundraising team, led by Carrie Hayes, for their above and beyond job fundraising last year! I'm excited by what's in store for our school as I get to know our new membership and their collective experience and creative ideas.

During the summer, the Board will meet monthly to prepare for the upcoming school year. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings. Board meetings are a great way to get to know the families of the Co-op as well as share your ideas and thoughts. Consider joining us – we value you and your input and look forward to getting to know you! Our next board meeting will be **August 20th at 7:30 p.m.** – look



for the reminder in your inbox!

Each month you will receive the SCPC Whale Tales newsletter via e-mail. This resource contains a lot of pertinent and timely information including activities planned for your child's class, key dates for general membership and board meetings, updates on committee assignments and much more. Please read your newsletters as this is a major source of information!

If you find you have questions over the next few weeks make sure you check out the website for up-to-date information, forms and helpful hints. www.southcountyprek.com, myscpc.org, or at www.davidsonvilleprek.com (same page!). Also follow us on Facebook so you don't miss anything!

The South County Co-op is a school like no other! Our school provides the unique opportunity to play an active role in your child's educational beginning, fostering of social skills and creative play. We are a cooperative school, so we all have a vested interest in our school and our children's success.

Again, I'm excited to work with each of you and get to know you and your families. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns – I'm here to serve you and your family!

Cheers~

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Getting to know your teachers

Happy summer and welcome to SCPC! I hope you are enjoying this special time of year to relax and have some fun with your children. We will be back into fall routines before you know it.

At the July board meeting everyone talked about how long they have been involved with the Co-op. I realized if I counted the three years my children were here, SCPC has been a huge part of my life for twenty-seven years. I also realized that I haven't made too many changes in my life. My husband Tom and I moved into our "starter" house in Riverwood in 1976. Despite the lack of closet space and the excess quantity of leaves, we are still there. Most of our appliances are over twenty years old and my car has over 170,000 miles on it. We have been members of the same church (St. Martin's Lutheran) for over twenty-five years. Best of all, Tom and I will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in August!

My family is very important to me and it is always a highlight when we can manage to get them all together at the same time.

Tom retired from the Secret Service several years ago and has not missed the commute into D.C. He has been trying to improve his golf game ever since with mixed results.

Our son, Matthew, lives in Annapolis with his wife Katie. They have one of the World's Cutest Grandsons, Jake, who will be 5 in November. Jake spent the summer catching frogs in our backyard pond and spends the night about once a week. The World's Cutest Granddaughter, Lucy, turned one in May. He also has two stepdaughters, Sophia and Abby who will be in 5th and 4th grade. He works for Brown Construction

Our daughter, Jessica, lives in Hollywood, FL (alas) with her husband, Kirk. They have the other World's Cutest



Miss Barbara

Barbara Freeman



Grandson, Miles, who also turned one in May. She has been teaching for Florida Virtual School since Miles was born. I made a lot of trips to Florida last year in an attempt to see that cute little guy once a month. Her husband is finishing up (soon we hope) his PhD in marine biology. Maybe they will be able to move closer, although there are not many coral reefs in the Chesapeake Bay. She has two step children as well that live in Oklahoma.



We all enjoyed some family time together at Hilton Head this summer for a week at the beach. It is not always the most restful vacation with 14 people in the house, including two babies, one which wouldn't sleep and one that wouldn't eat. But it was fun and I think we are all smiling in the pictures. Jake thought we should live in Hilton Head forever.

The other thing that hasn't changed over the years is my love of preschoolers and the enjoyment I get from working at SCPC. I have always enjoyed the unique atmosphere of working in a co-op. Having parents work in the classroom on a regular basis gives you an opportunity to provide more activities for the children and to create a stronger program. It's also fun to watch parents bring their own style and enthusiasm into the classroom. Most importantly, we really get to know not just the children but their extended families as well. I've always loved the sense of community and commitment you feel within the school.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. Ann & I look forward to seeing everyone soon and hearing about your summer adventures. See you soon!



South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op

The Davidsonville Pre-school

Have a
Whale
of a
Time!

50% off Enrollment!

We are pleased to offer 50% off enrollment to new families. Bonus if they mention you referred them—you'll get an extra ticket to the auction!

Current Openings

Fall 2014:

3 year-old Classes
4 year-old Classes

Help spread the word to friends and neighbors this summer. Have your kids wear their SCPC shirts to events. Interested families should contact Kelly LaBrutte at: enrollment@davidsonvilleprek.com or call 410-257-1081

Getting to know your teachers

I spend a lot of time singing the songs we do at school – they are always in my head!
I tend to drive my family and friends crazy – so here goes!

Hello, how are you? Hello, how are you? Hello, how are you? How are you today?
Its good to see new families here!
Its good to see old families here!
Its good to see Miss Barbara here! How are you today?
Hello, how are you? Hello, how are you? Hello, how are you? How are you today?

Open shut them, open shut them, give a little clap!
Welcomed new grandbaby Ryan to snuggle in my lap!
Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them, right up to your chin!
Opened up my arms and heart for a third grandson to come in!

There was a little turtle, he lived in a box...
I live near the river, in Riva with geese and fox.
I was an art major in college.
A commercial artist in Montgomery County.
I've worked with Miss Barbara since 1990.
And 21 years at SCPC!

We're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to Miss Ann's house!
We're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to Miss Ann's house!
Down at Miss Ann's house there is a husband Ty!
Down at Miss Ann's house two cats named Mootsie and Boo!
That Ty, he drives a mixer truck! VROOM! VROOM!
Those kitties, they are so very fat! MEOW! MEOW!
Oh, we're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to Miss Ann's house!
We're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to Miss Ann's house!
Down at Miss Ann's house there is a son named Drew!
Down at Miss Ann's house, a wife named Kati too!
That Drew, he works at West Marine! BLUB! BLUB!
That Kati, she is a NP and new mommy! COO! COO!
Oh, we're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to Miss Ann's house!
We're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to Miss Ann's house!
Down at Miss Ann's house there is a son named Justin!
Down at Miss Ann's house a a wife named Mandy with him!
That Justin, he runs Happy Tails Pet Resort! WOOF! WOOF!
That Mandy, she takes care of James and Luke! WHEW! WHEW!
Oh, we're on our way, we're on our way, on our way to SCPC!
We're on our way we're on our way to have fun with Barbara and me!



Miss Ann
Ann Collins



3's Class Picnics

Both the 3 AM and the 3 PM class will have a combined Class Picnic on Wednesday, August 13th at 11:30 a.m. Meet on the SCPC playground, which is behind the school building. Bring a bag lunch.



Say "Cheese!"

All families will need to bring a family photo in for the beginning of the year. Make sure you take a moment to snap a family shot this summer!

SCPC Calendar

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tuition Due Health Forms Due	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 3AM & 3PM Class Picnic at SCPC	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 SCPC Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	21	22	23 Fall Clean-Up, 9 am <i>MANDATORY</i>
24/31	25	26 New Parent Workshop, 7pm <i>Mandatory for new families</i>	27 4PM Class Picnic, 10 am	28	29	30

AUGUST

- 1 Sept. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 1 Health Forms Due
- 13 3 AM & 3 PM Class Picnic held at 11:30 on the school playground. Bring a bag lunch.
- 20 SCPC Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Stacey McCoy's home ***Note New Date**
- 23 Mandatory Fall Clean-Up, 9 a.m. at SCPC 3's outside, 4's inside
- 26 New Parent Workshop 7-8 p.m. (*No children, new families must attend*)
- 27 4 PM Class Picnic at SCPC Playground, 10 a.m.-noon

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Oct. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 2 Split Class/First day for 3's. Parents stay
- 3 Split Class/First day for 4's. Parents stay
- 4 3's First Full Day
- 5 4's First Full Day
- 8 General Membership Meeting-Ford Hall at 7 p.m. Mandatory for all members (*No children please*)
- 11-14 Wee-Sale Consignment event
- TBD SCPC Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Nov. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 17 **School Closed**
- 18 Family Fun Day, tentative date
- 21 10 a.m., Open House held at school

Reminders & Notes

Paying the Bills

Tuition is due 1st of every month

September tuition due August 1st: \$95 for 3's and \$125 for 4's

Make checks to: SCPC W/ Child's name/class in memo line.

Payments received after the 10th will incur a late fee.

Please mail to:

SCPC attn: Anne Canaday

P.O. Box 160

Davidsonville, MD 31035

After Sept tuition may be placed in the tuition box inside the front door of school.

Taking care of business

Health Forms for NEW families are due August 1st. This includes the child health form, the emergency card and the parent health form (for the parent who will be parent helping). Completed health forms are a county requirement and must be submitted before your child can attend school.

If you have questions, or need additional copies of any of the forms, please e-mail Kelly LaBrutte at: enrollment@davidsonvilleprek.com

Please mail all forms to:

SCPC

P.O. Box 160

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First Day

The first day of school, classes are split to allow for a more gradual entrance. Children will attend with their parents for half of the regular class time. No siblings please. More information on your time slot will be coming from your class representative.

4 PM Class Update

4 P.M. Class Picnic:

Will be held on Wednesday, August 27th,

10 a.m. to noon, at the school on the playground (rain date of Friday, August 29th).

September 3rd

4 PM Split Day Schedule:

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Lilliana Pirozzi

Luke Pavon

Isaiah Bransom

Jane Hayes

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Owen Gunhus

Abby Puglia

Alison LaBrutte

Mary Flores

**Schedules for all classes were not available prior to distribution..*

Put the Clean-up on your Calendar

Fall Clean Up for Interior and Exterior: The annual Fall Clean-Up event for the interior and exterior of the South County Co-op will be held on **August 23rd at 9 a.m.** This mandatory clean up is for ALL families.

The 3's parents will be primarily focused on the outside of the school (weed pulling/mulching playground etc). Our 4's parents will be inside unpacking, cleaning, setting up toys, equipment, and supplies for the new school year. Each family is required to send one parent to help (though we love to have two!). If you have more than one child enrolled, you need send only one parent.

We recommend if you will be working inside to NOT bring your children (there is a lot of heavy furniture stacked and moved, it's not safe!). We prefer the outside team not to bring children, however, if they come, they will need to be outside playing and supervised.

If there is a valid reason you cannot make the clean up, please e-mail or call Debbie Ailiff, 410-721-3002 or dailiff@msn.com by August 10th to schedule an alternate job to fulfill your membership requirement.

Please note, SCPC by-laws state that families who do not participate in mandatory clean-ups will be fined \$75. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a great place.

Wee-Sale Resale

If you are a local parent, you may already know about these huge sales. There are several held annually in different locations.

From strollers to high chairs, from toy boxes to puzzles – it's hard to believe how much you will buy for a child! And we all know about the constantly changing clothing sizes.

Wee-Sale offers large-scale consignment sales so buyers can get substantial discounts on gently-used clothing and goods for children. The sales are known to be well attended and competition for purchases can be intense!

Attend the next sale held in Annapolis on **Sept. 11-14th** at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center (273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis). Visit www.wee-sale.com for further details. **Most importantly, bring along the flier on the next page of this newsletter so that SCPC can earn money from every purchase.**



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Anne Arundel County Sale:
Pip Moyer Recreation Center at Truxton Park
273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis
Annapolis – Sept. 11-14th
(NO CHILDREN on Sept. 11th)

Charles County: Waldorf – Sept. 25-27th

Prince George's County Sale: Greenbelt – Oct. 24-26th

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)

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I spent this much money \$_____