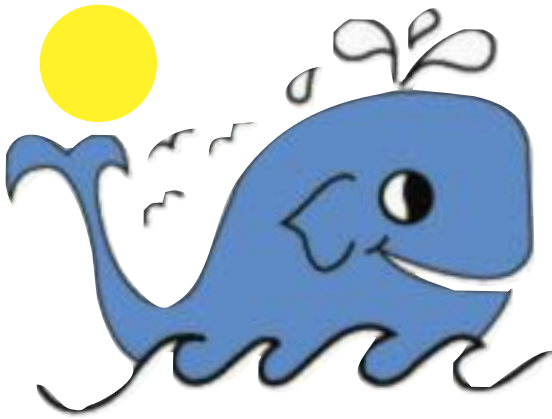


October 2014



Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op
Monthly Newsletter

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It's time for Family Fun Day!

Come on out for the Family Fun Day, **Saturday, October 4th from 10 -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 planned. Halloween costumes are welcome for the Costume Parade around the playground. Bring your blanket if you plan to picnic.

There will be tons of fun to be had this year. Activities include: The class activity centers feature Halloween Tattoos, Mini Pumpkin Chunkin, a Car Roller Coaster, and Corn Hole. There will also be Face Painting, a Moon Bounce, Pumpkin Painting, a Bowling



Lane, Mystery Bowls, and a Photo Booth. The playground will be open for playtime and lots of running around.

Kids will love the visit from the Big Rig truck from Safeway! The 18-wheeler will come and stay for the kids to look at and get a treat from.

There will be food provided by each class with a grill available for all of the "grill masters" that are sure to attend. Each class has been asked to bring a specific type of food or tableware (see the chart below). If you haven't signed up for an item yet, PLEASE do, so that we can plan better.

For dessert, there will be many goodies available for purchase at the Bake Sale or you can enjoy S'mores in the fire pit!

It's the perfect fall event to bring the whole family to! It is free of charge, but we would love a donation if you can make one. Stay tuned for rain date info. as needed.

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

Classes are responsible for:

- 4 a.m.** – Main dish
- 4 p.m.** – Paper/plastic products (*no forks needed*)
- 3 a.m.** – Sides / **3 p.m.** – Drinks

You really (no, really) gotta LOVE these Co-op Fundraisers

I HATE selling stuff! Anything – Scout cookies or popcorn, magazines, you name it, I've had to do it and I've HATEed it! I also strongly dislike the 'H' word, but in reference to selling I feel it is most appropriate.

So, it's ironic that I was elected the fundraising chair last year and now oversee the school's fundraising efforts. In these rolls I've discovered a couple things about myself...

1) I LOVE buying, especially when it's something I need anyway and the profit is shared with a good cause,

2) My LOVE for the Co-op is far stronger than my HATE for selling.

Enter fall fundraising CoOp style. You may feel there is an onslaught of fundraising opportunities in your child's tote bag these next few weeks. There will be several. I promise this will not be the case all year long. We fundraise aggressively early, in hopes that we can relax during the holidays and then focus on our big spring auction.

We also try to choose fundraisers that embody the spirit of the Co-op

by choosing things that are simple, useful, and affordable. Yes, some items seem nutty, or trashy, but they have netted big bucks in the past.

So muster up your CoOp love, take your darling little one door to door, over to grandma's, to church, wherever... with their blue tote bag of fundraising materials slung over their tiny shoulder and ask.... yes, I mean sell. I think you will find, as I did, that when you sell for a cause you love, it's really quite a joy.

~Carrie Hayes, 2nd VP

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Hello all,

Yay... fall is in the air! For this Michigan native, fall means all things wonderful, cool mornings, sweaters, apples and football Saturdays (nope, not Sundays!). I also love October and all the fun things happening around the Co-Op!



Family Fun Day is the perfect way to kick off the beginning of the season. This is a great day to come together and have fun as a co-op family, meet some new friends and see old ones. Plus the older kids love to come back to preschool for a day! If your kids have a their Halloween costume or a favorite dress up wear them! Don't forget to sign-up for your pot luck dish and bring some spare change for the Co-Op bake sale.

Thanks to everyone or their participation in the GMM and at the Town Hall meetings as we process through how to continue to position the Co-Op for years of future success. These are never easy discussions and I'm grateful for the group we have working together this year!

Don't forget to be inviting friends to the Open House on **October 21st** at 10:00am. There are

postcards at the school- grab a handful to have with you!

Lastly we wanted to remind everyone that you are always welcome in the classroom, parent help day or not! Some classes, due to small size, are using modified parent help schedules this year. We've done this because we want to honor parent's time while making sure you feel valued and use-

ful when you do parent help. The essence of the Co-op is parent's involvement from committees, to the board of directors to the classroom. Don't hesitate to jump in anytime!

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 Wednesday Oct. 15th at 7:30 pm.

Happy fall and see you at Family Fun Day!

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Teacher's Corner By Barbara Freeman

October

The first month of school 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.

NOTES:

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 used 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.

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.



Reminders & Notes

Parent-helping tips:

Solo parent-helping can be a bit of a challenge. Here are a few tips to make your day a little easier and preparing snack go more quickly: Stuff tote bags during arrival time. During arrival time, cut up any snack items (apples, oranges, etc.) and place in baskets and/or refrigerator.

Sanitize tables at the end of clean-up, before you return to circle time.

Hold off on any other cleaning until after snack.

Relax and have fun! It will keep getting easier after a few parent-helping days!

Scales & Tails

The very entertaining **Scales & Tails** animal program for the 3's class will be held on Thursday, November 6th.

We will have special class times that day for both the morning and afternoon class so that the children from both classes can enjoy the program together.

The a.m. class will meet from 9:15-11:45 a.m. The p.m. class will meet from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tea Clothing Fundraiser

The Tea Clothing School Days Promotion has been made available to us again this year. Online shopping days are October 13-19th.

More information on this and instructions on how to order will be coming home in your tote bags soon.

The shopping site will be at www.teaschooldays.com (unless this changes).

The school code you will need for shopping is:
SDF14SCPK

Keep watching for more details.

ALL Safeway shopping earns money for SCPC

I've been reviewing the SCPC escrip reward accounts, and the one thing that keeps jumping to my attention is that we need WAY MORE people to sign up!

This is FREE money people! All you need to do is register your Safeway Rewards card online. I can even do it for you if you just can't get around to it. And you can get everyone you know to sign up as well. E-mail me at: cfeindt@gmail.com.

eScrip works with merchant partners to contribute to groups like ours each time you shop, at no cost to you! If you shop at Safeway, or dine at one of several restaurants, you could be earning money for SCPC. 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/or your existing credit/debit cards.

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eScrip Group ID - 6565463**

Don't forget the number!

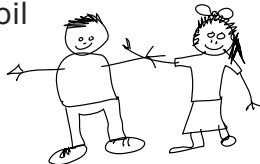
As the school year gets into full swing, don't forget to program the SCPC's phone number into your cell so that you can contact the school in case of emergency: **410-798-5650**.

FUN TIME

Playdoh Recipe

1/2 cup salt	2 tbsp. cream of tartar
1 cup water	2 tbsp. oil
1 cup flour	

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.



Green Turtle Edgewater Fundraiser

**Tuesday, October 21st
ALL DAY**

*Take the whole family! Mention SCPC.
It's also a Kids Eat Free* Day!*

*One free kids meal with purchase of regular priced adult meal

SCPC Calendar

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tuition Due	2 Green Day for 3's	3	4 FAMILY FUN DAY! 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
5	6	7 Orange Day for 3's	8 Picture Day for 4's	9 Picture Day for 3's	10 Orders due for Joe Corbi & Trashbags	11
12	13 Tea Clothing Fundraiser Runs thru 19th	14	15 Board meets at 7:30 p.m	16 Purple Day for 3's	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 Combined 4's Greenstreet Gardens Trip 11:30 a.m.	21 Open House at 10 a.m. Green Turtle Fundraiser	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Pumpkin Hunt for 3's	29	30 Halloween Parade for 3's	31 Halloween Parade for 4's	

OCTOBER

- 1 Nov. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 2 Green Day for 3's
- 4 Family Fun Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. ***New date**
- 7 Orange Day for 3's
- 8-9 School Photos
- 10 Fundraising Orders Due (Pizza/Trashbags)
- 13-19 Tea Clothing Online Shopping Fundraiser
- 15 SCPC Board meets at 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Purple Day for 3's
- 17 **School Closed**
- 20 11:30-2, 4's Combined Field Trip to Greenstreet Gardens.
Siblings are invited
- 21 10 a.m., Open House held at school
- 21 **Green Turtle** Edgewater Fundraiser All Day
- 28 Pumpkin Hunt for 3's
- 30 Halloween Parade for 3's
- 31 Halloween Parade for 4's

NOVEMBER

- 1 Dec. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 4 **School Closed**
- 6 Scales & Tales program for 3's
9:15-11:45 is 3 a.m. classtime
11 a.m.-1:30 is 3 p.m. classtime
- 11 **The Original Steakhouse** in Edgewater, Fundraiser, 4-9 p.m. Eat-in or carry-out.
Mention the Co-op at checkout.
- 17-26 Franklin Toys Fundraiser
- 18-19 Conferences for 3's
- 24-28 **School Closed** Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER

- 1 Jan. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 1 Native American Program set, times TBD
- 22 **School Closed** for holiday break
thru January 2

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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 28th**. Our costume parade will be held on **October 30th**. 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 13th**. Please check the Touch and Tell schedule to find your child's day.

We will continue with Color Days on Tuesday or Thursday during the month of October as follows:

October 2nd (Thursday): Green Day

October 7th (Tuesday): Orange Day

October 16th(Thursday): Purple Day

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

Touch and Tell Schedule

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Isabela	Holly
Sydney	Matty
Abbie	Hudson
Thomas	Weston
Lola	Gracelyn

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Anna	Lily
Sammy	Sawyer
Nikolas	

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The Fours

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October

Exuberant" 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!

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 Friday, **October 31st**. 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 take a joint trip to Greenstreet Gardens on **October 20th** from 11:30-2:00. Siblings are invited. We will take a ride on the hay wagon and try to find our way out of the corn maze. They are asking us to prepay this year. The cost of the trip is \$10.50 for parents and children.

Monies should be given to your class rep **by October 6th**. 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 you may e-mail me at: tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

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	

Make A Plate will last forever!

Keeping with tradition, the CoOp will offer MAKit plate kits this October. Your child's drawing is rendered on a durable, dishwasher safe, BPA Free, plate. They last forever – my mother-in-law just gave me a set my husband made 35 years ago!

Materials will go home in your child's tote in mid-October. All orders will be sent by Oct. 28th to meet MAKit company deadlines for holiday orders.

If you have friends or family that would like to participate, additional templates will be available at the school. There is no limit to the number of plates you can order. One or multiple plates can be ordered for each design. These make great holiday gifts – Christmas, Chanukah, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Birthday's... or just your child's awesome picture du jour.

Plates are \$12 (less than 1/2 the price of buying a kit yourself), and SCPC receives a portion of the sale. ~Carrie Hayes

Parent Helper Guide review

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.

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.

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op

The Davidsonville Pre-school



Love the South County Co-op?

**Help spread the word
about our Open House!**

**Tuesday, October 21st, 2014
10-11 a.m.**

Say "Cheese!"

Yearbook Photos Always Wanted

If you help to provide photos for the annual yearbook, your chances of seeing your child's photo increase a lot!

Please remember to periodically e-mail your pictures to Historian Christina Feindt at: scpcyearbook@gmail.com or cfeindt@gmail.com.

As the Historian is in the 4 AM class this year, the other classes need to really help to contribute photos from their events and class days.

If you have not yet received an e-mail invitation from the SCPC Butterfly Share site, please e-mail the Historian and let her know.

This site makes it tremendously easy to upload photos either from your computer or any mobile device. Visit:

scpcphotos2014.shutterfly.com. (You'll need an invite to be able to join). Also, check the app store for the Share Sites mobile app.

We are suggesting that you consider keeping a thumbdrive handy to load school photos on throughout the year. Then, you can just give the drive to the editor to work with (to be returned or not). This is a great option to just drag copies of photos over and keep things organized throughout the year.

Stay tuned to future newsletters for more details and reminders.

Keep sending in those photos! Don't wait!



