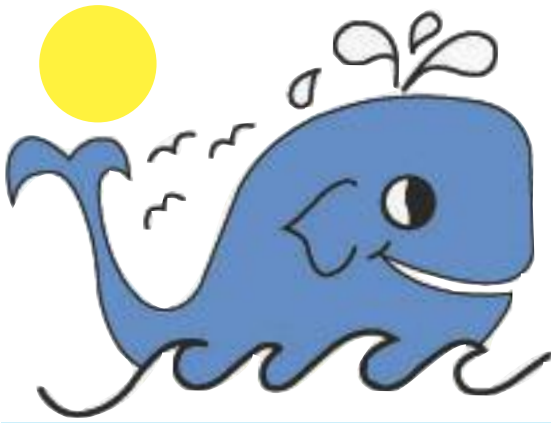


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# Whale Tales

South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op  
Monthly Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars

The Annual SCPC Auction  
will be March 21, 2015.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Upcoming Financial Obligations:

#### Mid-January:

Registration for 2015-2016 - \$100/first child, \$50/2nd

#### February 15th:

Auction Tickets \$40/each, 4 per family first child, 2 for additional second child

#### Auction Donation:

\$50/first child in donated goods or a cash donation (additional \$25 for second child)

### Save A Bag

There was a brief discussion at the October SCPC Board meeting about the twice daily trash removal at the school. If the AM class snack and/or craft wasn't too messy, we would like to ask everyone to save a trashbag, and leave the trash for the PM classes to remove. Or maybe just combine as many cans as possible into one bag to be removed. It's just an easy way to save resources. Use your judgement on this.

### Native American Program

The annual program will be held on Dec. 3rd, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Ford Hall next to the school. This is a combined program for the 4's, but all are welcome to attend. Siblings of current co-op members, and even non-member families are invited.

Cost will be \$10 per family for co-op members, and \$15 for non-members. You are encouraged to submit payment to your class reps prior to the Thanksgiving break (make checks to SCPC). Non-members can pay at the door at the event and are asked to RSVP ahead of time to Anne Canaday by e-mail at: [annecanaday@gmail.com](mailto:annecanaday@gmail.com).



## Fall Back November 2nd!

The end of Daylight Savings Time means we get an extra hour of sleep.... wait, we have preschoolers. Good luck explaining that idea to your child!

# From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Happy November to you all!

Ahhh. Warm drinks, cool but lately sunny weather, an extra hour of sleep. What's not to love about fall? As the weather cools down, I find it's a little harder to get moving out of the house in the mornings, but Isabela and I have a goal to be on time as often as we can. I know she enjoys those first few minutes to warm up in the large muscle room and not feel rushed to start her day.



Before we launch into what's happening in November, I wanted to take a moment and thank Loren Dlugos. She worked very hard to host an amazing Family Fun Day. She had all the details covered and I think everyone who made it had a blast. A thank you also to Heather Malcomson for putting together our Pumpkin Chunkin, helping to raise over \$900 for our sweet little school. Really amazing!

As we head quickly into the holidays Jen Novak has been working hard to nail down Auction details. We have a date! March 21st. Keep your eyes open for more details in the next few weeks. You'll notice we're in a season of fundraising and that can at moments feel overwhelming. As a co-op, we all

work together to provide for our school. All we ask is that you do what you can and help where needed. The fundraisers are not mandatory, so choose those you wish to participate. The only mandatory event is the Annual Auction. You can plan in advance, by purchasing tickets now or in installments over the next 3 months.

Lastly, there has been lots of chatter surrounding possible program changes for next school year. The board is very close to making a recommendation to the membership for the schedule for next year, however we are working hard and being creative to ensure we honor our current members and their expectations for programs when they enrolled. If you have any concerns or questions, join us for a board meeting or reach out. I am very happy to come grab coffee during your class time and answer any questions.

Enjoy the changing colors and your Thanksgiving break,

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# Teacher's Corner By Barbara Freeman

## November

**H**appy November! Now that most parents have had an opportunity to work in the classroom several times we hope you are feeling more comfortable with your parent-helping. The most important thing to remember is to relax, enjoy the children and have fun!



ties at school last month. There is nothing like a few spooky art projects and a little sugar to get everyone all excited!

If you haven't returned your "family page" yet, it's not too late! We will continue to share them with our friends and put them in each class book.

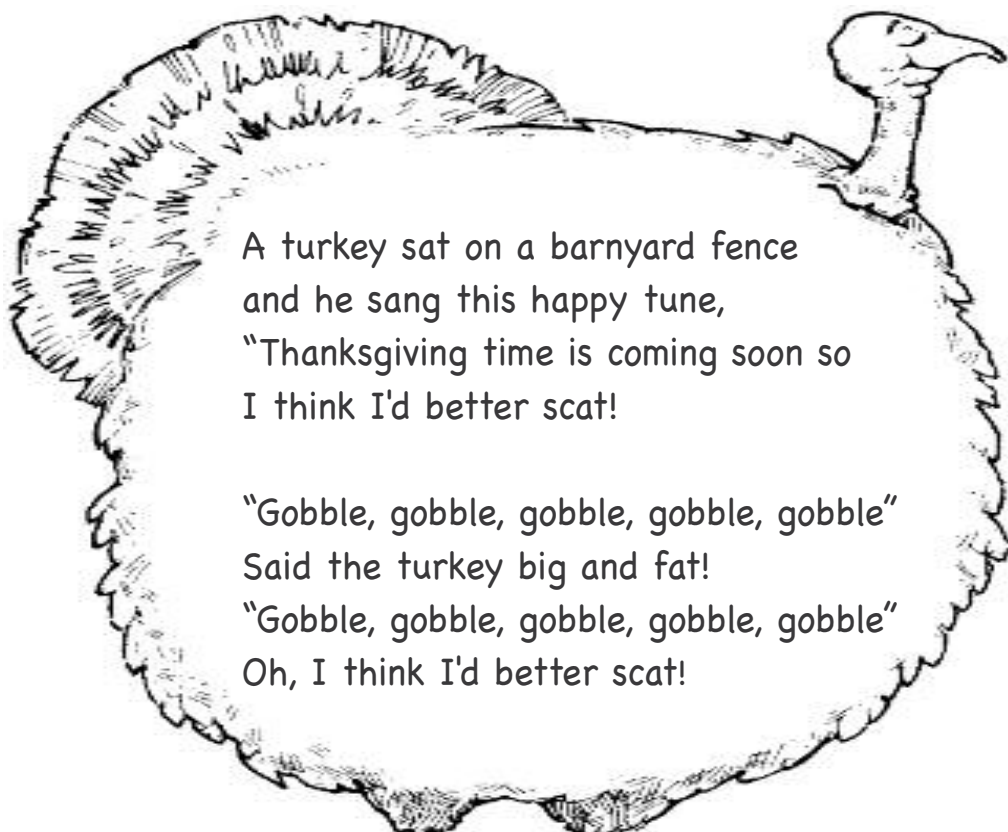
A big "thank you" to Loren and all the parents for putting together such a fun "Family Fun Day". It was a beautiful day and so much fun to see everyone enjoying all the activities and each other. I really enjoyed seeing the alumni as well.

Fall has finally arrived. Please remember to send a jacket to school on colder days - our hill can be very windy.

November is a short month for both the threes and fours, with a week off for Thanksgiving. We will be busy the days we are here!

Everyone enjoyed the many Halloween activi-

### FINGERPLAYS



A turkey sat on a barnyard fence  
and he sang this happy tune,  
"Thanksgiving time is coming soon so  
I think I'd better scat!

"Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble"  
Said the turkey big and fat!  
"Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble"  
Oh, I think I'd better scat!

# Reminders & Notes

## Dismissal and Arrival Time

Please remember it is important to arrive on time at the beginning of the day. If you arrive too late, they have missed the opportunity to play in the sand, greet their friends, do Touch and Tell, etc. It is very disruptive when they come in once we are seated at circle time.



**KEEP CALM AND DON'T BE LATE**

We know with little ones it can be hard to get them up and out of the house sometimes, but we appreciate your efforts!

At dismissal time, please remember to show your smiling face in the doorway. Sometimes it is difficult to see who has arrived to pick up their children. Once you have your child, please gather all of their tote bags, art

projects, etc. before leaving

By exiting quickly, we will be able to keep congestion in the hallway and door area to a minimum.

## Health Reminder:

As we head into cold and flu season please remember that while your child loves school (and you love grocery shopping without kids!) that for the health of the entire school sick children should be kept home. General policy is:

Should your child be exposed to communicable diseases such as chicken pox, hand-foot-mouth, or pink-eye, please advise your child's teacher as soon as possible so that other parents may be alert to watch for symptoms.

If your child is being treated with antibiotics, we ask that he/she be on that medication for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.

In the event your child is feel-

ing under the weather, we earnestly ask, in consideration of the other children, that he/she be allowed to recover at home.

Such symptoms would include:

- Yellow or greenish discharge from the eyes or nose during a cold
- Heavy coughing or excessive sneezing
- A temperature of 100.5 or greater (they need to be 24 hours fever free to return to school)
- An earache or stomachache
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Questionable rashes

## Reminder:

Please get a receipt for ANY CASH payments you make to the school. This includes tuition, events, and auction related fees. Receipt books are in the mailboxes and can be signed by any board member or teacher.



## FUNDRAISER

**The Original Steakhouse  
Edgewater**

**Tuesday, November 11th  
4-9 p.m.**

*Take the whole family!  
Eat-In -or- Carry Out  
Mention SCPC at Checkout.*

# SCPC Calendar

## NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Tuition Due
2 Turn your clocks back	3	4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	5	6 Scales & Tails for 3's	7	8
9	10	11 Steakhouse Fundraiser 4-9	12	13	14	15
16	17 Franklin Toys Fundraiser All Week!	18 Conferences for 3's	19 Conferences for 3's Board meets at 7:30 p.m	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>						

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Dec. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 2 Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour
- 4 **School Closed**
- 6 Scales & Tales program for 3's at 11 a.m.  
9:15-11:45 is 3 a.m. classtime  
11 a.m.-1:30 is 3 p.m. classtime
- 10 4's need to have bring in their t-shirt  
by this date (See 4's class page for info.)
- 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, mention the co-op
- 18-19 Parent Conferences for 3's
- 24-28 **School Closed** Thanksgiving holiday

## DECEMBER

- 1 Jan. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 3 Native American Program for 4's, 11-12  
(See more info. on 4's class page)
- 22 **School Closed** for holiday break  
thru January 2

## JANUARY

- 1 Feb. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 19 **School Closed** MLK Holiday
- 21-22 Parent Conferences for 4's
- 26-27 **School Closed** professional development

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Mar. Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 3 Open House, 7:30 p.m.

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# The Threes

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## November

**M**y past experiences have found that the threes are not ready to discuss any of the historical aspects of the Thanksgiving holiday. Instead we will focus on people who care for us and why we are thankful – an equally difficult concept! On the 20th we will make corn muffins and butter. Ann will contact the parent helpers to let them know what to bring for snack.

The Maryland Park Service is arriving on **November 6th** with their Scales and Tales program. . We will have one presentation at 11:00 a.m. for both classes. It is a forty-five minute program. Each class will have a time adjustment for the day. The morning class will meet from 9:15-11:45 a.m. The p.m. class will be held from 11:00-1:30 p.m. Parents and siblings of the three year old children are invited (but not required) to stay. We hope the time change will not be too inconvenient for the afternoon class.

Written evaluations for the threes will be sent home the second week of November. Conferences will be held during the afternoon and evening **Nov. 18th and 19th**. If you would like to have an oral conference, a sign-up sheet will be on the front bulletin board beginning the second week of November. Each conference is 15 minutes long, please come without your children. Although this may be inconvenient, it can be difficult to discuss your child if they are present.

Now that Touch and Tell has begun, your child may bring in an item to share on their assigned day. Check the list on the front bulletin board (or on this page below) if you are unsure of your child's day. It often takes the three's a while to become interested in this activity. Don't be concerned if they don't want to bring in anything to show on a regular basis.

Again, please let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

### 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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## November

The fours really enjoyed all the Halloween activities and songs last month. Ann & I enjoyed their imaginations and enthusiasm. We did a lot of story writing. We hope everyone enjoyed reading all their stories.

Our “Star of the Day” activity is completed for now. They have been very patient waiting their turns – and it is very hard to wait your turn to be star! We will return to this activity in January with a little bit of a twist.

Our units this month will center on Native Americans and Thanksgiving. During this unit we will set up our tepee and make Indian costumes. Each child needs to bring in a white t-shirt (large enough so they can wear it over their own clothes) **by November 10th**. These shirts are really quite nice when they are finished and you may want to splurge on a new pack of t-shirts. We will end the unit on November 21st with a special snack.

Our Native American Presentation will be held on **December 3rd**. The program will be held from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for both classes in Ford Hall.

Because of the extended time, the **morning class will begin at 9:30 a.m.** and the **afternoon class will end at 1:30 p.m.** Parents are encouraged to attend and siblings are welcome. Last year’s presentation featured several Native American dancers.

During the month, we will also be emphasizing numbers, counting skills, and one-to-one correspondence. Four year olds love working on their counting skills and we have a lot of fun games and readiness activities. The letter box will bring two new letters. We hope everyone is enjoying their “ABC book” to put their pages in each time the letter box arrives.



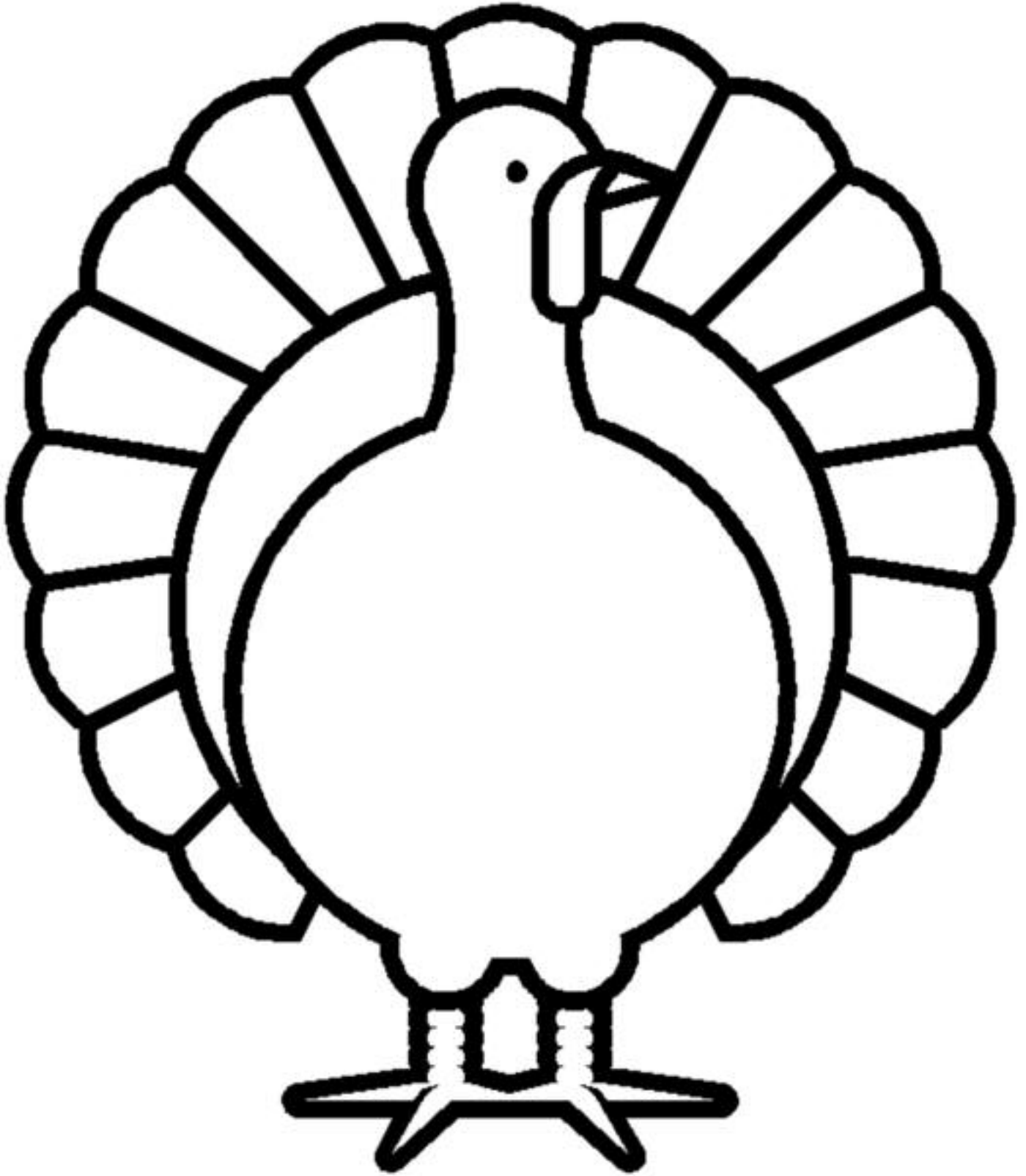
### Touch and Tell Schedule

#### 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	



Happy Thanksgiving!

Color this fun turkey