

# Saline Cooperative Preschool

## Newsletter

January, 2011

### **A Note from Ms. Bonnie**

Welcome back to everyone! The carpets and floors in the classroom were cleaned over the break. It would really help if children would not wear their wet boots during class time. A pair of inexpensive slippers can be carried in their backpacks, if you are concerned about leaving shoes behind.

Children grow at different rates. I'm sure all of you have heard that phrase many times, and parents can easily see that in the physical stages of a child's development. The first times they roll over, sit alone, crawl, or walk are all benchmarks for parents to track their child's development. Social and emotional development, like other learning, takes time and opportunity for practice. And children, being the excellent imitators they are, will follow the examples set by others—for better or for worse. Preschool offers children many opportunities to experiment and practice developing social and emotional maturity. Each child will do this according to their own timetable: some will do it quickly, while others need more practice. Remember, all children need guidance, patience, and role models while they are growing.

~Ms. Bonnie

### **A Note from the President**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a happy, fun-filled holiday.

Thank you to everyone who attended or in any way helped with Stories with Santa. It was a successful event for the preschool. Thank you, especially, to Sydney Hardy for coordinating a great event!

Winter weather is here, and we have already had one day of school cancelled. Just a reminder: when Saline Area Schools are closed, we are also closed. You can find this information on the Saline Area Schools' website (<http://www.salineschools.com/>) or on the website for Channel 4 news (<http://www.clickondetroit.com/>).

Now is also the time to start looking forward to next year. In March, we will elect the new board members. Their responsibilities begin in May. If you are interested in a Board Member position, or in any Board-appointed position, please contact me at [scoopresident@yahoo.com](mailto:scoopresident@yahoo.com).

~Victoria Patrick

### **A Note from the Vice President**

With January's arrival, I wanted to remind all helping parents to arrive a few minutes early to check and clear the stairs of snow or any other debris. A bucket of ice melt can be found next to the door. Please spread this generously over stairs and sidewalk as necessary.

It is also very important that helping parents and members of the Environmental Committee **lock all cleaning supplies in the cabinet** before you leave the preschool. We have had a few instances lately where cleaning supplies have been left out on the counters. For the safety of our children, we must all remember to be vigilant about this.

~Becky Meyers

### **An Important Scheduling Reminder**

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The preschool is scheduled to meet on some days that Saline Area Schools are not in session. The Board opted to schedule classes this way in order to provide a suitable amount of class days for your tuition. This mostly affects the 4's sessions due to Saline having a number of Monday's and Friday's off.

If you have older children, please remember it is your right and responsibility to request not to be scheduled in the classroom on the days in question. Please contact your scheduler with your request, following the established system in your session, and all efforts will be made on your behalf.

~Session Schedulers

### **Fundraising Update**

Poinsetta Sales went well. We were pleasantly surprised by all the orders. Thank you to everyone who participated. Together, we raised about \$250 for the preschool. We are also pleased to share that the preschool was able to raise about \$500, after expenses, through Stories with Santa.

Keep up the great fundraising efforts! Look for information about a Schwann's Sale, starting soon!

~Jennifer Howard  
Fundraising Chair

### **Thinking Ahead...**

It's hard to believe that it's already time to start thinking about fall enrollment! I will be putting applications for the 2011-2012 school year in

the display box on the cubbies in January. If you will not have a student attending preschool next year, feel free to take one to pass on to a friend! Current and past member have priority until February 15, when enrollment will be open to all on a first come, first served basis.

Our greatest publicity is YOU – so please remember to tell everyone you know about your wonderful experiences at the Co-op!

~Deb Hamann,  
Membership Chair

### **Community Service Opportunity**

The girls of Saline Junior Girl Scout Troop 613 are collecting new and used DVDs suitable for children and families, to be donated to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor. For the last 6 years, St Joseph Mercy has had VCRs in all of their pediatric department patient rooms and has collected many VHS tapes. However, the VCRs are now wearing out, so they have been replaced with DVD players. Due to this transition, the hospital is in great need of new or used children- and family-appropriate DVDs to keep their patients entertained while they receive treatment. Any DVDs would be great, especially Dora, Sponge Bob and G/PG Disney Movies.

If you have duplicate DVDs or movies your children don't watch anymore, please consider donating them to St. Joseph Mercy's Pediatric Department. Saline Troop 613 will have a box at the preschool door until January 14th for you to deposit DVDs. After that date, we can arrange to pick up the items from your home.

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Please call Jackie Mills at 734.429.9715 or email [salinetroop613@gmail.com](mailto:salinetroop613@gmail.com) with any questions or to make arrangements for pickup.

Thank you for your generosity!

~Saline Troop 613  
(Jackie Mills, 4 AM Parent)

#### **Important Dates**

1/17: No School (MLK Day)

1/20: Preschool Expo

1/27: Beach Party—3's

1/28: Beach Party—4's

2/8: Special Person Night—3 AM (No Class  
for 3 AM ONLY)

2/10: Special Person Night—3 PM (No Class  
for 3 PM ONLY)

2/14: Valentine's Party—4's

2/15: Valentine's Party—3's

**Spring Open House—6 pm**

2/18-2/22: No School (President's Weekend)

**3/1: Final Tuition Due**