

Saline Cooperative Preschool

Newsletter

October/November, 2010

A Note from Ms. Bonnie

The children in each class are settling in. Each day brings adventures and laughs as the children begin to show me who they are. We have had our first field trips (to Albers Orchard & Cider Mill and Lutz's Apple Orchard). We have done our first fire drills, and the fire department has made a visit to the 3 AM session.

Parents are often curious about their child's day. Some children are eager to tell, while others enjoy a new sense of independence. Lesson plans are posted beside the door to help you engage your child in conversation. To get the most information, ask open-ended questions. Below are some other Language Building tips:

- *Mealtimes can be good times to talk with children.
- *Ask questions that encourage your child to think.
- *Make eye contact with your child during a conversation.
- *Tell stories to your child, and ask them to tell you stories.
- *Expand your child's language by repeating it with extensions (adding descriptive words, using correctly any word that was used incorrectly), adding to or building on your child's ideas.
- *Two-way conversations are best. Your child should be doing at least half the talking.
- *Language should include the rich, varied words that you want your child to learn and understand.
- *Keep the conversation going by using questions and comments.

I want to thank all of you for your support as we work together to help all children reach their potential.

~Ms. Bonnie

A Note from the President

Congratulations on a great start to the year! Despite a few initial challenges, we are off to a great beginning. I appreciate how hard everyone is working and how well we are all working together to give our children a great preschool experience.

A few updates: Congratulations on a great pizza fundraiser! We earned over \$1000 for our school. We are excited to be starting a new discounted 3 and 4 year old class; see below for details. The Board is also continuing to work on updating preschool documents and policies to ease future transitions from year to year.

I look forward to seeing everyone through a great fall and holiday season. As always, please contact me at scoopresident@yahoo.com with any questions.

~Victoria Patrick

A Note from the Vice President

I wanted to take a moment and personally thank all the families who helped with the annual Fall Clean-Up— we had a fantastic turnout! Thank you to Jennifer Baiza, Leonard Blach, Sarah & Damon Gillless, Deb Hamann, Jennifer Howard, Lynne Lemley, Sarah Miklosovic, Victoria Patrick, Laura Roughton, Jennifer & Stephan Skidmore,

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Jenny Stanfield, and Ms. Bonnie! (I apologize if I left anyone out.) The generous contribution of your time and effort makes our school spectacular. I look forward to having an equally large turnout at our Winter Break cleaning!

A special thank you, also, to Sarah Gillless and her Environmental Committee, especially those families who have cleaned so far, and to Erika Jacobs, for taking care of the broken vacuum cleaner.

~Becky Meyers

New Class!!!

We are excited to offer a new class at the Co-op for both 3 and 4 year olds. Tuition is discounted by 20%—only \$68 per month! This class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM, starting on November 2. Currently, we have six students enrolled in the class. If your child (*or a child you know*) would benefit from a smaller class size and more one-on-one attention from Ms. Bonnie, flyers and business cards are available in the Publicity Committee's mailbox. Please contact Deb Hamann at scoopmembership@yahoo.com to sign up!

~Deb Hamann
Membership Chair

Community Service Opportunity

The Co-Op is adopting two families this holiday season. A list of needed items will be in the classroom. We will need donations by the 1st week of December. Contact Kelly

Bonar (gkbonar@comcast.net) with any questions. Please be generous!

~Kelly Bonar
Community Service Coordinator

Publicity Update

The Publicity Committee, with the help of the 4 PM Session Chair and the Fundraising Committee, are presenting the annual holiday celebration, Christmas at the Co-Op. The event will take place at the church/preschool on Friday, December 10th; time is TBA.

Although plans have not yet been finalized, we are planning to have a story teller and to make gingerbread houses. We have many volunteer positions to fill, such as donating to the bake sale, decorating, taking admission, cleaning, etc. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the preschool during the month of November. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

We are including a silent auction as part of the event. If you know anyone locally who may be willing to donate a basket or a service, please contact Sydney Hardy at sydneyhardy@gmail.com. This is a great advertising opportunity for local vendors and businesses!

I sincerely thank all of you for your help with publicity over the summer and in future events. We are looking forward to a successful and festive Christmas at the Co-Op and a great time working together.

~Tangy Gordon
Publicity Chair

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Fundraising Update

Sales for Entertainment Books will be ending soon. Remember to return your \$25 dollars (per book), or your unsold Entertainment Books, to your Fundraising Committee Member. Our next fundraiser will be Poinsettias. Prices and due dates for both fundraisers will be posted soon.

~Jenny Howard
Fundraising Chair

SCRIP News

Thank you to the members that placed Scrip orders for October—we were able to raise \$113 for the school! For anyone who isn't familiar with our Scrip program, please take a minute to visit the website and review the large list of retailers (www.glscrip.com). The program allows us to raise money by shopping with gift cards for everyday expenses like food, gas, clothing, and entertainment. Each Scrip purchase earns a rebate for the school—it's a powerful "no-selling" fundraiser.

It's not too early to start thinking about holiday gift giving. Your favorite scrip retailers are stocking up their shelves with "sure to please" holiday gifts for everyone on your list. If you're shopping for electronics, consider a card for Best Buy. If you're looking for something romantic, try Bath & Body Works. iTunes would make a perfect stocking stuffer. If you have that hard-to-buy-for someone on your list, Amazon.com gift cards are great!

We have two local vendors that we are removing from the list: Drowsy Parrot and Mickey's Dairy Twist. When spring returns (ice cream weather!), we'll add Mickey's back on the list.

Several members have asked if we'll place a November order, and the answer is yes! The next deadline will be Tuesday, November 9th. For anyone planning to order for the holidays, our December deadline will be Tuesday, December 7th. Joanna Day, our Assistant Treasurer, has indicated that she would like to limit the amount of cash received, so please try to pay by check (made out to Saline Coop Preschool). If you have questions about ordering, please contact me at anita.carlton@thomsonreuters.com. Thanks for your support!

~Anita Carlton
SCRIP Coordinator

Important Dates

11/1: Tuition Due

11/9: November SCRIP Orders Due

11/23: Stone Soup—3's

11/24: Stone Soup—4's

11/25 & 11/26: No School (Thanksgiving Break)

12/3: No School

12/7: December SCRIP Orders Due

12/10: Christmas at the Co-Op—Time TBA

12/13: Christmas Sing—4's

12/14: Christmas Sing—3's

12/16: Pajama Day—3's

12/17: Pajama Day—4's

12/20-12/31: No School (Holiday Break)

1/3: Tuition Due