



# Co-Op Chronicle

The Newsletter of the Church of the Saviour  
Co-Operative Nursery School

## News and Notes

The January Workshop is Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. This workshop is MANDATORY for families who did not participate in the September Workshop. Please make a note on your calendar now. Failure to attend will result in a \$50 fine. If you are not sure if you are scheduled for this workshop, contact Deby Auerbach-Brown at [cabdab4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cabdab4@sbcglobal.net).

## From the Registrar...

Believe it or not priority registration for 2012-2013 takes place on January 11, at 6:45pm! (That is the same night as the January workshop.) Look for information via email and in the cubbies soon! In the meantime, feel free to contact me with questions. Happy holidays!  
-Molly

P.S. Open registration is January 29-spread the word!

## From the Newsletter editor...

Please forward newsletter submissions, comments & ideas to [christina.hidek@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hidek@gmail.com) by January 9<sup>th</sup> for the next newsletter.

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## From the President

The Holiday Season is here and there is excitement in the air! Like many, this is one of my favorite times of the year. I don't even mind the cold weather and snow that December often brings. I love spending time with my kids; decorating the house, baking cookies, opening each door on the Advent calendar and answering the question "How many more days?" Speaking of Advent, the Advent Festival was a huge success! Many thanks to Beate van der Schalie and Kate Sidman for chairing this enormous effort. Their organization and hard work was instrumental in making the Co-Op's portion of the event run smoothly and raise money for our school. I am also grateful to everyone who "answered the call" to volunteer that day by making an egg dish or handmade item or helping out in the kitchen or Great Hall.

The month of January will be a busy one for the Co-Op, with registration and the January workshop taking place immediately upon our return and Co-Op Sunday on January 22nd! Be sure to make the most of our two-week break, free from obligations and hectic schedules, and try to find a few moments of joy and peace with your family! Happy Holidays!

*Elizabeth Smolin*

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## Calendar

December 22	Sing-A-Long
December 24- January 6	Winter Break
January 9	Board meeting (7:30 p.m.)
January 11	Priority registration & Winter Workshop

## Sing-a-Long

What is the Holiday Sing-a-Long, you ask? The Sing-a-Long (on Thursday, December 22 at 11:00 for AM classes and 2:30 for PM classes) is a festive gathering in the Great Hall where each class sings a holiday song (or two) that they practice in class and parents "sing along!" Don Chilcote, a former student and son of former teacher Tuni Chilcote, accompanies the children on piano. Don has been teaching children (ages 5-14) piano and guitar for over 15 years on the East side of Cleveland. If you are looking for a piano or guitar teacher for your child, his contact information will be available that day. Light refreshments will be served after the singing. All in all, it a great way to end school before the holidays.

## Food drive

For our service project this winter we will be collecting food for the Cleveland Food Bank. Please bring in any non-perishable food items and leave them in the boxes outside of your preschooler's classroom between now and December 22nd. This is a great opportunity for the co-op to give back to the community during this holiday season. Thanks in advance for your support and participation! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jamie Tancs, Enrichment Chair [jamie\\_tancs@usbaa.com](mailto:jamie_tancs@usbaa.com)

### *Three Day 3's (Mrs. Collyer)*

December is a very busy and exciting month at school. We have already created beautiful works of art with our "paintcicles" and decorated our classroom tree with sparkly snowflakes. We carefully made our hand-print wreaths and they turned out so well that I hope all of our parents will enjoy hanging them up for years to come. We have been talking about the short days and long nights that we have this time of year and all of the good things you can do when it is cold and dark outside and warm and cozy inside. Some of our students actually prefer to be out in the darkness and cold -- this is an adventurous group! Personally, I prefer a toasty fire, a good book and a comfy chair. However you spend them, I hope all of you have some wonderful and memorable evenings with your families this holiday season!

Next week we will make gifts for our parents and each student will carefully measure, pour and mix to create a delightful and relaxing ... oops! I don't want to give it away! The last week before break, we will talk about Hanukkah and make life saver menorahs -- yum! Finally, we end 2011 at school with our Holiday Sing-A-Long. We have been practicing hard, our jingle bells are ready, and we can't wait to see you there! Happy Holidays!

### *3's and 4's (Mrs. Stefanak)*

It is hard to believe that we are already into December and learning our songs for the Holiday Sing-a-long, the children were very excited when I explained it to them. Everyone is invited so please feel free to invite Grandma's, Grandpa's, aunts and uncles. Please look in the newsletter for details.

The children have had a wonderful month; from celebrating Thanksgiving with our Feast, to making menus and pizza in our own preschool restaurant, and creating a beautiful pinecone tree decoration. Next week we are having dinosaur week, one of the children's favorite weeks. We will be going on a "dino dig" and playing paleontologists!

Thanks to everyone for pitching in this year, whether it is helping in our classroom, picking up items for our wish list, or working one of our fundraisers. Your efforts are truly appreciated. It is all of your hard work that keeps our school so great after 50 plus years! Thanks, too, for sharing your children with us, they are all wonderful.

### *Pre-K (Ms. Day)*

As we all know, Miss Pat will be returning to her other job as Director of the ELC for the new year. She has been a wonderful friend to the children and has helped me tremendously! Please join us on Thursday, December 15th for a farewell lunch. I sent out information earlier, so please let me know if you have questions.

As the winter weather arrives, I am encouraging all parents to send indoor shoes to school and keep them in the basket that sits outside the pre-k door. Please make sure your child's name is written somewhere on the shoes. Also, please make sure snow pants and other winter gear are marked with your child's name. And finally, please keep in mind that gloves are very difficult to put on and take off independently.....mittens work out so much better! Please practice at home getting winter gear on and off as it will help them when they are in school exerting their independence.

In the classroom, we are exploring our own family traditions during the holiday season. Please make sure you double check your child's assigned day for show and tell! Wishing all the co-op families a season filled with love and peace!

### *Thank you...*

Thank you to Grace Strosnider and Katy Collyer (daughters of Ms. Day and Mrs. Collyer) for making the origami paper cranes sold at the Advent Festival and to the teachers for this great idea! Proceeds from the sale of these paper cranes benefit the Co-Op Scholarship Fund. To date, we have raised \$125. If you want to purchase a paper crane and support the Scholarship Fund, contact an Executive Board member. You will receive a paper crane to take home and one will be hung in the school hallway in recognition of your donation.

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## *Advent Festival Thanks!*

Thank you to all who helped make the Advent Festival breakfast a success! About 145 people enjoyed pancakes and syrup, sausage links and delicious homemade quiches and casseroles baked by Co-op families. Thanks to your support, we raised over \$760 for the Co-Op.

We are most grateful this year to **Zagara's Marketplace** for donating all of our breakfast food. We even have plenty of pancake mix and frozen orange juice left for our Fat Tuesday fundraiser. **Costco**, **Dave's Marketplace** and **Starbucks Coffee** also donated to the event this year.

Many thanks, as well, to all of the wonderful Co-Op volunteers who contributed their time and talent to make the breakfast great:

**Kitchen and cashier crew:** Carole Dooner, Molly Burke, Schen Griest, Elizabeth Smolin, Brian Jung, Kirsten Rosebrock-Hayes, Stacey Hren, Julie Schlemmer, James Schmidt, Matt Russo, and Alesia Shoulders.

**Egg dish bakers:** Elizabeth Smolin, Jenny Collier, Kathryn Brown, April Schlegelmilch, Stacey Hren, Jill Barr, Amy Jung, Julie Schlemmer, Laura Moore, Carole Dooner, Sin Young Park, Molly Burke, Emily Hubbard, Caroline Krizman, Amy Lloyd, and Jessica Venditti.

**Pancake Griddle Donors:** Pasqualeen Kessinger, Elizabeth Smolin, Jill Barr, Schen Griest and Petra Moran.

**Poster Maker:** Jamie Tanas

Happy Holidays to all!



*Advent Festival Sale This Week!*

For those of you who did not make it to the Advent Festival, we are extending the sale of the handmade items donated by Co-Op families. On Tuesday, December 13 and Wednesday, December 14, parents will be staffing a table with one-of-a-kind handmade items from 11:20a.m. to 12:40 p.m. and from 2:50-3:10 p.m. Think of it as a convenient place to pick up stocking stuffers or last-minute gift items! All proceeds support the Co-Op, so shop away. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Smolin at [esmolin@hotmail.com](mailto:esmolin@hotmail.com) or 371-2589.

**Christmas Quiche**

(Cranberry Sausage Quiche)

- 1 pre-made pie shell
- ½ lb. Bob Evans' Savory Sage sausage
- 1/3 cup diced yellow onion
- Small bag Craisins (at least 1 cup)
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack Cheese (shredded)
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 ½ cup half & half

Take out pie shell and let stand at room temperature (at least 10 minutes). Preheat oven to 400°. Unroll pie shell in deep pie dish, do not prick shell. Bake pie shell for 7 minutes. Remove shell from oven and set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 375°.

In a large skillet, crumble and cook sausage with onions over medium-high heat until sausage is browned. Remove sausage from heat and stir in Craisins. Place shredded cheese in the bottom of pie shell and top with sausage cranberry mixture.

In a medium bowl, combine eggs with half & half. Whisk until well combined but not frothy. Pour egg mixture over other ingredients in pie shell. Bake 45 minutes to an hour (until a knife inserted in the middle of the quiche comes out clean). Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Enjoy!

Note: Quiche reheats well and can be made a day ahead then warmed up.