



Co-Op Chronicle

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

News and Notes

Enjoy a Smoothie - Support the Co-op!

During November, Tropical Smoothie Cafe at Legacy Village will donate 15% of every purchase to the Co-op. Look for the flyer in your child's cubby, and present the flyer each time you visit the Cafe for smoothies and other healthy treats. The Co-op gets a donation for each purchase - easy and delicious! Be sure to pick up extra flyers and pass them out to friends and family.

From the Registrar...

Don't forget Priority Registration will take place Wednesday, January 11 - the same night as the January Workshop!

From the Newsletter editor...

Please forward newsletter submissions, comments & ideas to christina.hidek@gmail.com by December 8th for the next newsletter.

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From the President

According to the Food Allergy and Anaphylactic Network (FAAN), as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies, including approximately 6 million children. The only way to avoid a reaction, which can be potentially fatal, is to avoid the offending food. Like most other schools, the Co-Op became "nut free" in an effort to protect our students with allergies. We recently learned, however, that since we cannot *guarantee* that the snacks and lunches parents provide are completely nut free or that students do not have residual food containing nuts on their hands, faces or clothing, we must change our policy to "nut aware." We ask that you still continue to take nut allergies into consideration when sending in snacks, special treats, or lunches to school.

It's that time of year again where you can't help but give thanks for all of the good things in life. I want to say thank you to Jill Barr for chairing the Charge Conference Fundraiser that took place on October 30 and to everyone that prepared an egg dish or worked that day. Not only did we earn over \$500 for the Co-Op; we also provided a community service for the Church who has always been a wonderful advocate. Mark your calendars for our next fundraiser on December 3. You will find more information on the Advent Festival in this newsletter. Please consider donating your time and talents to this effort. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Calendar

November 1- 30	Tropical Smoothie Fundraiser
November 17	No School- Conferences
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 3	Advent Festival
December 5	Board meeting (7:30 p.m.), Room 228

Advent Festival

Church of the Saviour will host its fifth annual Advent Festival on Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 1 pm. Breakfast will be served by Co-Op volunteers from 8:30 to 11:30 and will include pancakes, sausages and homemade quiches. Cost for adults will be \$6 per person, \$3 for children ages 2-10, with a \$20 family maximum.

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Three Day 3's (Mrs. Collyer)

It is hard to believe that we are half way through November and the weather is still beautiful. We started the month by making gorgeous vegetable art. Bouncing vegetable art is really exciting to create, and we had fun making all sorts of veggie prints too! We finished our vegetable week by mixing up a batch of delicious pumpkin dip which we enjoyed with graham crackers. Now, we are all looking forward to Thanksgiving. We have been talking about Native Americans, Pilgrims and the Mayflower, and we got to use a lot of glue to create fancy, feathery turkeys. We will be making Thanksgiving cards this week and talking about the many things that we are thankful for. Since this is the season for being thankful, I would like to add my sincerest thanks to the parents of the Threes for sharing their children with me and for all of their efforts in the classroom. We have a great group of children, and their parents really work hard to make certain that our students are getting the most out of our time at school, and especially our daily projects. Thanks for everything!

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

The month of October was really fun. The children spent the month learning a few new songs & poems....I hear that many of you have been singing them at home....a lot!!! I have been very impressed with how quickly the children are able to recite a song or poem. They have really been doing a great job.

We had some Halloween fun while making our, always favorite, Spider headbands and chocolate chip ghosts. We had a little excitement when the wind "magically" blew out our lights while we were reciting "The Five Little Pumpkins". Although I think that quite a few of them were curious as to why the parent helper was always somewhere else when the lights went out.

November is upon us and that brings, of course, talk of Thanksgiving. We began by making one of our favorite projects, turkey footprint sun catchers. A great big thank you to Jodi Rainey, Ellen Bartz's mom for coming in to help paint feet for the sun catchers even though Ellen no longer works for the Co-op; she was a tremendous help! The sun catchers are currently decorating our room and will go home with you after the feast. We will begin to prepare for our Thanksgiving Feast next week. We will be making some delicious treats to share with you on Thursday, November 17th. The morning class will meet in our classroom at 11:00 am and the afternoon class will meet at 2:00 pm. We will have a short presentation and then enjoy the food the class has prepared.

Thank you, to all our wonderful parents for not only sharing your children with me but for all the time and effort you have put into making their preschool experience such a success so far. We look forward to a really spectacular year.

Pre-K (Ms. Day)

We are learning about American Sign Language through the song, "Thanks a Lot" and will perform it in the classroom on Wednesday, November 16th for parents at 11:15 am and 2:45 pm. Please check the new wish list outside the classroom. We will be making pizza when we return to school after Thanksgiving and need help with the ingredients. During this season of gratitude and thanks, I sincerely can say that I feel very lucky to be a part of your child's Pre-k experience. Every day, they amaze me....in more ways than one! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Advent Festival continued

This year's Advent Festival promises to be a fun filled way for the whole family to kick off the holidays! Come do this season's shopping in the Great Hall with Ten Thousand Villages, Alternative Gift Market, and other mission-centered retailers. Be sure to check out the Co-Op's booth featuring handmade gifts for children! New this year will be a silent auction featuring priceless items ranging from themed gift baskets to voice lessons. Even an in-home piano recital by Reverend Charles Yoost will be up for auction! Bring the whole family for a family picture at the photo booth. Your picture will be sent to your computer where you can create your 2011 Christmas cards. Kids are sure to enjoy creating their own gifts and advent crafts with the help of youth from the church. There will also be live holiday music featuring wind and string ensembles, the Herald Brass Ensemble, and carolers. Finally, be sure to browse the book sale, cookie walk and sample a donut from Tom Spoerl's donut machine and more!

Watch your email and the Co-op bulletin board for opportunities to volunteer. We will need breakfast cooks, servers, and a few people to let us borrow their electric pancake griddles! Please contact Beate van der Schalie with questions at smoky812@sbcglobal.net or 216-397-3177. Thank you!