

# Co-Op Chronicle

The Newsletter of the Church of the Saviour Cooperative Preschool  
April 2011

## From the President

I hope everyone had a relaxing spring break and that you returned to school eager to enjoy these last weeks of class. Although it seems like Spring will never arrive this year, the end of school will be here before we know it.

Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard and dedicated so much time to the on-line auction. The Auction was a success and it could not have happened without all of the time and energy given by so many of you. A special thank you to Shannon Titas and Cheryl Knight for their dedication and hard work. Thanks also to Laura Moore and her crew for planning a lovely evening out as we celebrated the end of the auction and to Ellen Bartz for opening her home for the occasion. Finally, we deeply appreciate the generosity of our many donors!

As the school year begins to wind down, please remember to update your job files and turn them in to me as soon as possible. The May Parents meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. **Attendance at the May meeting by at least one parent is Mandatory for every family enrolled for the 2011-2012 school year.** We will be reviewing important information, electing our officers for next year and approving the 2011-2012 budget.

Remember to enjoy these last few weeks of the school year. The opportunity to be so closely involved with the education and development of our children here at the Co-op is a fleeting one. There will never be another experience like this one. As our children grow, be reminded that we will miss these years. "They outgrow us so much faster than we outgrow them"--anonymous

Happy Spring, Jill Barr 2010-2011 President

## *News and Notes*

Thank you to the following families who recently donated Birthday Books:  
The Hren Family who donated Alphabeasties in honor of Sam's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
The Pangrace Family who donated Art in honor of Sophie's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Happy Birthday Sam and Sophie!

### **Reminders:**

\*Co-op families can complete the School Survey by going to the following web address:

<http://edu.surveygizmo.com/s3/511289/Church-of-the-Saviour-Preschool-Co-op-Evaluation>

The survey is simple, quick and anonymous. Thanks for taking the time to help the Co-Op make improvements.

\*Please do not place cash in the lunch gang mailbox. If you would like to pay for lunch gang with cash, please hand it directly to Kerri Dray.

\*If you have completed your job for this year, please return your folder to Jill Barr by placing it in or on top of Tommy's (Pre-K am) cubby. We need the folder in plenty of time for next year so we can revise them. If you have suggestions or comments please include them in the folder.

### **Importance Dates:**

#### **Tuesday, April 12: Job Selection Meeting**

-11:40am in Room 161 (board room outside great hall) to determine job assignments for the 2011-12 school year. This working session is open to anyone who want to pitch in. If you have any input or suggestions for job assignments for next year, please email Jill Barr at [j\\_m\\_barr@yahoo.com](mailto:j_m_barr@yahoo.com) in advance of the meeting. There will be a movie playing for the kids and pizza

will be served. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

### **Wednesday, April 20: Vision Screening**

-One volunteer is needed from each classroom to help escort kids back and forth from testing room. Please let Dallas Shubert know if you can help.

### **Friday and Saturday, April 29, 30: COTS Flea Market**

-The flea market to end all fleas markets! COTS will take any item you wish to donate. Donations can be dropped off at the church beginning April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## *Monday Threes and 3-Day Threes*

*Mrs. Collyer*

It is really Spring and it is wonderful to be back in school after our spring break and to hear how everyone spent their vacation time. The Young Threes are truly enjoying the season. It is so nice to go outside without worrying about snow pants, hats, mittens and boots. We have been riding bikes and playing with balls -- what a nice change from snow shovels!

The warm weather has also brought many beautiful flowers. There are daffodils about to open right outside our classroom door. Our spring tree is blooming and sparkling on our classroom wall. And, we have made beautiful, symmetrical butterflies to join all of the flowers already hanging in our room and in the hallway.

Later in April both classes will work on their letters and names, turn into happy, spring rabbits, and begin talking about how special and wonderful our mothers are! The three day class will also make bird feeders, lady bugs and on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will make noodles with Libby - thank you to the Linihans for this fun opportunity!

Thanks also to all of the parents who made our auction such a success. We really have an amazing group of talented and hardworking people at Church

of the Saviour Co-Operative Nursery School. You are the best!

## *Threes and Fours Mrs. Bartz and Mrs. Stefanak*

It seems like we may have Spring this year after all! It will be nice to get outside a little more as the weather improves. We hope everyone had a relaxing break despite the not so great weather. We heard about some nice sounding trips to southern locations.

We have been talking a lot about springtime and the changes it brings. We learned a song about Spring and can add as many verses as we want as we whenever we find more signs of Spring. Ask your children to share their Spring song with you . Maybe you'll be able to come up with a verse or two! We will be starting some planting projects in the next week. It's always fun to see the things we plant begin to grow! One of our projects will allow us to see not only the plants growing up, but also the roots growing down!

We also had our field trip to Zagara's. We got to go behind the scenes and even got to go into a refrigerator big enough for us all to fit in! A big thanks to all of our extra helpers!

Although the year seems to be flying by, we still have so many great activities left, including stories, acting and more! I have a feeling the next few weeks will fly by fast, with all the fun we have planned!

## *Pre-K Ms. Day*

Ms. Day's class has been eagerly anticipating the arrival of Spring with many art projects, planting projects and lots of Spring stories.

## *From the Church Liason*

COTS Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is Pandamania. VBS is for children ranging from age 3 up to students who have just completed fourth grade. Families interested can obtain registration materials from the Church office or they can register at the Church Website, [www.chsaviour.org](http://www.chsaviour.org) . If anyone has

questions about VBS, they can contact Jill Barr at 216-397-1250 or [j\\_m\\_barr@yahoo.com](mailto:j_m_barr@yahoo.com).

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