

Co-op Chronicle February 2011

Newsletter of the Church of the Savior Cooperative Nursery School

From the President

January was a whirlwind month and we all accomplished a lot. The workshop, registration and open house were all very successful. Thanks to everyone who shook off the holiday pace to jump in and contribute to each of these events. Now it is time to look forward to Spring. Our classrooms are trading snowflakes for Valentines, surely spring flowers can't be too far off.

We have two great events coming up in just a few short weeks. **Special Person Sunday** will take place on March 6th and the **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner** will be held in the Great Hall on March 8th. Be sure to watch for more information about both events in the coming days. Of course, Spring also means Spring Fundraiser and the **Silent Auction deadlines** are quickly approaching. The deadline for donation solicitations is March 4st and the On-Line Auction will be taking place from March 27th through April 9th. Don't forget to forward a link to the Auction Sight to all of your out of town family and friends who may want to support your children's school! Look for more information from Shannon Titas, who is charge of the event.

Jill Barr, Co-Op President 2010-2011

News and Notes

***The Silent Auction is coming!** Please help to make our school's most important fundraiser a roaring success! Every Co-Op family is expected to secure at least one donation. We still need donations of every kind: gift cards to stores and restaurants, handmade items, books, toys, unique experiences... be creative! Donations can be submitted anytime before the March 4th deadline.

Just log onto www.biddingforgood.com/COTS anytime before March 4th. It's quick and easy: enter a description, give your donor's name and add a photo. Computer challenged? Just submit your donation to Shannon Titas or your Team leader and we'll take care of it.

The Auction goes live online March 27th and closes April 9th. Bid early, bid often and pass on the link to your friends and family. Shipping will be available for out-of-town bidders. The Auction closing party will be held on April 9th. Save the date and come out to eat, drink and celebrate a good cause! Computers will be set up to place last minute bids and a few "surprise" items will be auctioned off. Get a babysitter and prepare to get festive with your fellow Co-Op parents! Questions? Email shannontitas@sbsglobal.net .

***Notice Regarding Kindergarten Information Night:**

Discover Kindergarten in Cleveland Heights – University Heights

Thursday February 24th
6:30 – 7:30p.m. Student Musical Program
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Information Program
Oxford Elementary School
939 Quilliams Road, Cleveland Heights

Learn more about kindergarten curriculum, hear Supt. Doug Heuer, begin the registration process, and meet kindergarten teachers and parents from each elementary school.

Child care will be provided by Family Connections by reservation only on a limited basis. For more information, call the Early Childhood Department at 216-371-7356

Monday Threes and Three-Day Threes

The Threes ended January and started February with a look at shadows. We had a lot of fun with the overhead projector and saw lots of shadows, but on Groundhog's Day, Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow at all! We think that's a good thing, because legend has it that if the groundhog does not see his shadow on February 2nd, Spring will come early. Anytime now would be okay with me! In the meantime, we have been happy to run and play in the Great Hall on the really cold days. And, while the snow falls outside, we have enjoyed the beautiful paperwhite flowers blooming in our classroom.

Love is blooming too as we gear up for Valentine's Day and talk about how much we love our friends and families. Right after Valentine's Day, the three day class will talk about where we live and how we get around the neighborhood. They will end the month with a fishing trip (at our very own classroom pond!) The Monday Class will end the month working on invitations for Special Person Sunday, while the Three Day Class will make their invitations in early March. I am looking forward to meeting all of the Three's Special Guests on March 6th!

Thanks goes out to all of our parents for making the January Workshop a great success – our room is sparkling!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Jennie Collyer

Threes and Fours

Pre-K

We have been talking about where we live and our addresses in the Pre-K classroom. We mailed our Valentine cards to our parents- you should have all received one by now! It's always a good idea to review addresses and phone numbers with your children at home.

We will take a couple of days to expand on where we live and look at various maps. We'll learn a song about the continents and think about traveling to far-away countries! Finally, we'll end the month of February with a printmaking project and use the artwork to make a framed piece for the Silent Auction.

Barbara Day

Special Dates

March 4: Silent Auction submission deadline

March 6: Special Person Sunday

March 7: Board Meeting

March 8: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March 27: Silent Auction begins

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