

Co-Op Chronicle: March 2011

The Newsletter of the Church of the Savior Cooperative Nursery School

From the President

March has certainly swept in like a lion this year so let's keep our fingers crossed that it will truly leave like a lamb. I am looking forward to seeing the spring blooms both outside and in the classrooms in the weeks ahead.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Pancake Dinner. It was great fun and a big success bringing in \$870. Special thanks to Cheryl Knight and her team of pancake flippers who did a wonderful job serving approximately 160 people!

The Silent Auction is nearly here! Thanks to everyone who has contributed items to be auctioned off and a special thanks to Shannon Titas, Cheryl Knight and all of the fundraising committee members for the many hours they continue to put into this event. **The on-line auction will run from March 27th through April 9th.** Enjoy shopping on the easy to use Bidding for Good site and don't forget to email all of your friends and family with the link to our auction site so they can participate too. The success of this event depends on getting the word out that there is a fun and easy way to support our school while bidding on some excellent items from the comfort of home. Finally, mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the end of Auction Celebration on Saturday, April 9th. This is a fun evening out for the grown-ups. Ellen Bartz has graciously opened her home to us for the evening and Laura Moore has plans well under way to make the party a special event this year.

Jill Barr, Co-Op Board President 2010-2011

News and Notes

Birthday Books

Please consider making a \$10 donation and adding a book to our library in honor of your child's birthday. Forms are on the Bulletin Board, books are above the Pre-K cubbies.

Thanks to the following families who have recently donated books:
The Calkins Family who gave Ask Mr. Bear in honor of Peter's 4th Birthday

The Fishel Family who gave Trudy in honor of Ryann's 5th Birthday

The Hren Family who gave Where's My Teddy in honor of Isaac's 3rd Birthday

The Sellers Family who gave Mouse's First Fall in honor of Jame's 3rd Birthday

Happy Birthday Peter, Ryann, Isaac and James!

Monday Threes and Three Day Threes (Jennie Collyer)

February is over, and before we know it, the shovels will be put away and the bikes will be coming out!

That means no more snow pants- Hooray! In anticipation of warmer weather, we have already begun talking about spring flowers. Pussy Willows are blooming in the room and Forsythia will be coming soon. March is here and Spring is really on its way- even our classroom tree will be shedding its snowflakes and valentines to make way for colorful blossoms and spring leaves!

March also brings Special Person Sunday and I really enjoyed meeting the people our Threes brought to school. We had a wonderful time playing with water, making tinfoil boats, and counting how many marbles our boats could hold before sinking! Thanks to all of our guest who came out on a Sunday afternoon to spend time with us.

Thanks also to the hardworking families who helped to make our Pancake Dinner a success. The pancakes were fantastic and it is always fun to get together with our extended Co-Op families. Our Three Day Threes celebrated Mardi Gras in class as well. We made shakers and

masks and paraded through our neighbors' classrooms to the tune of some toe-tapping jazz.

As we move further into March, we will start looking for green; outside in our gardens and inside as well. Three days will mix blue and yellow to make shamrocks and both groups will paint beautiful rainbows to celebrate all of the colors of spring.

Happy Spring!

Threes and Fours (Mrs Bartz and Mrs Stefanek)

It seems impossible that we are halfway through March. As I sit here contemplating the thought of another foot of snow on the ground by tomorrow, it seems impossible that Spring is right around the corner. I hope! We have been having a lot of fun at school and that really makes time fly.

We have been working on our projects for the Silent Auction. They are coming along quite nicely. Thanks to all of the parents, grandparents and others who have taken time to work on the auction items. Please take a moment and place a bid or two.

We have been doing a variety of activities in our classes. Due to our work on the projects, we have mixed things up a bit. The AM class learned about quilting and made a paper quilt which is hanging in the hall. We also learned about our flag, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The PM class learned about rainbows and did color experiments. Now we have beautiful rainbows hanging in our room. We are looking forward to talking and learning about spring next month. We will be doing lots of spring activities including some fun planting projects. Hopefully Spring Break will bring better weather and we can say goodbye to all the snow!

Pre-K (Ms Day)

Thank you to those dads, grandmas, grandpas and neighbors who came to spend some special time with their special little one. It was a nice day.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday (he would have been 107 years old

on March 2) by reading some of his books. We will take some time to read some of the books of author/illustrator Eric Carle over the next few weeks. We'll look at the way he illustrated his books and try some special painting techniques and collaging ourselves.

I will be posting a new wish list (the last one for the year) soon. Please look and see how you can help. I am looking forward to spending more time outdoors as the weather warms up (even though we all know children LOVE snow). I, myself, am going to THINK SPRING!

From The Church Liason

Anyone looking for a fun and inexpensive way to feed the family should plan to come have dinner in the Great Hall. There will be three family dinners during Lent; all dinners will begin at 5:30. The cost is \$3.00 for children and youth/\$6.00 for adults with a \$12.00 family maximum. On March 25th there will be a Middle East Feast, April 1st will be Pork Roast and Potatoes and the April 8th meal will be a "Cajun Fete". On April 1, dinner will be followed by a special showing of "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and Wardrobe"

On April 16th from 9am to noon, the Church will be hosting an engaging, multi-sensory event called Journey to the Cross. At the event families will be able to visit five stations that tell the message of Easter through sight, sound, taste and touch. The journey, which takes less than an hour, is meant for all ages so none of the stations are scary or overwhelming and there is a separate area with crafts and a story for preschoolers.

The Church will be holding its **annual Spring Flea Market April 29th and 30th in the Great Hall**. Anyone looking to get a jump start on their spring cleaning can donate items beginning Monday April 25th. Receipts for tax purposes are available for all donations. Anyone looking to do a little bargain hunting can shop from 11am until 3pm on Friday and from 10am until 2pm on Saturday. For those looking to beat the crowd, you can come early on Friday morning beginning at 10am for a \$5 fee.

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