

November 2010



Co-Op Chronicle

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

News and Notes

*Thank you to the Gladding Family for donating "In the Arctic" in honor of Ollie's 4th birthday.

Happy Birthday Ollie!

*The December Board Meeting will be held Monday December 6th at the home of Jill Barr. Join us for a holiday get together immediately following the meeting at 7:30.

*A friendly reminder: Please refer to page 11 of the memo book when deciding whether or not to send your little one to school during or after an illness. Please remember to notify your class participation chair if your child develops a contagious illness. Let's all stay well and enjoy the holidays!

From the President

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let me just say how thankful I am to be surrounded by such a dedicated group of parents and teachers at the Co-op this year. I am grateful to all you for the time you spend supporting our students and school.

As the holiday season quickly approaches remember there are many opportunities to help out. The Advent Festival is December 4th at the Church. The Co-Op will be raising funds by hosting a breakfast in Calvary Hall, selling hand made creations and wrapping gifts in the Great Hall. Please be generous with your time and talents. The Advent Festival is a wonder family activity so plan to come and spend the morning.

Please remember that all of us are important to the running of the Co-Op. We each need to do our committee or job requirements as best we can. Also remember that we are to act as another teacher in the classroom and on the playground when we parent help, so pitch in and help. Sometimes it is easy to forget!

As Thanksgiving approaches, look to your classroom teachers for activities and artwork that remind us to give thanks. As parents, we all have so much to be thankful for.

Jill Barr

20010-11 Co-op President

Special Dates

November 18	NO SCHOOL Teacher Conferences
November 22-25	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
December 4	Advent Festival
December 6	Holiday Board Meeting

Monday 3's and Three Day 3's (Mrs. Collyer)

The Threes ended October with a lot of Halloween fun! We enjoyed finger painting pumpkins with red and yellow paint. Some children wanted orange, but it was such a nice surprise to find that red and yellow work just as well! We also created beautiful sparkly spider webs with marbles, glue and glitter (you may still find some glitter in the halls, stuck to the countertops and even in your child's hair!) The Three Day class used many different shapes to turn pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns, they made handprint ghosts, clothespin bats and they even turned into black cats! Both classes have had a lot of fun singing along with Hap Palmer's "Witches Brew," and singing about the witch who lived in a hut and those fun, five little pumpkins!

We have started out this beautiful month of November by making lots of gorgeous vegetable art. Bouncing vegetable art is so much fun to create, and the three day group made beautiful veggie prints too! The Three Day class also prepared a delicious pumpkin dip which we enjoyed with carrots and apples! Now, we are all looking forward to Thanksgiving. We will talk about Native Americans, the Pilgrims and the Mayflower, and make feather turkeys and thankful hands. Also, I would like to add my sincerest thanks to the parents of all the Threes for sharing their children with me and for all of their efforts in the classroom. We have two great groups of children, and their parents (and some grandparents too!) 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. Bartz and Mrs. Stefanak)

It's amazing that we've already been through our busy, fun filled month of October! We hope everyone enjoyed all of the fall crafts and songs. The children really seem to enjoy the songs and learn them so quickly! But on to November...

This month will be busy too. We will be learning about Thanksgiving and its history. This will culminate in a Thanksgiving feast and parents will be invited to join us. We will be cooking for the feast so keep your eyes open for a list of items you can sign up to bring for our baking adventure. Thanks!

Conferences are coming up this month as well. These will be short (10 minutes) conferences just to update you on how your child has adjusted and to address any concerns you may have. For any bigger issues or concerns, we can arrange an alternate time to talk with you. Look for the conference sign up sheets outside the classroom. We have such nice groups of children in our classes. Thank you for sharing them. Also thank you for all of your support and willingness to help, when needed, and donating requested items. We appreciate all that you do.

Pre-K (Ms. Day)

As the seasonal colors of orange, gold and red fade, we prepare for a month of reflection and appreciation for everything we have in our lives. We'll learn the words to the song "Thanks A lot" by Raffi and sing and sign to it, using the beautiful and dramatic language of American Sign Language. Parents are encouraged to come 15 minutes early to pick their child up on Wednesday, November 17th to see a short and simple performance by the children. The pre-k class will also publish it's annual Thanksgiving cookbook, with your child's favorite recipe in it. It's never too early to start talking about the foods we eat and how a meal is prepared.

The conference sign up sheet is posted outside the pre-k door; if you haven't signed up yet, please do. There is also a new wish list posted outside the door.

Our holiday show and tell will begin when we return from the Thanksgiving break. I will give parents a schedule and instructions at conferences.

Please make sure you have something warm for your child to wear on the playground and label all winter clothing. Now is the time to practice putting on coats, hats, mittens (gloves are often too tricky for many children) and boots independently.

THANK YOU for participating in your child's learning experience and for all your help this year!

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We're on Facebook!

Join our group (Church of the Saviour Cooperative Preschool) at:

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From the Church Liaison

Sunday, December 4th will be an exciting day at Church of the Saviour as the Advent Festival returns. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you do not miss this wonderful chance to get your family ready for the holidays. Remember, every dollar spent goes directly to local and global mission projects. Happy Holidays!

Mark Your Calendars for the Advent Festival!

Church of the Saviour will host its fourth annual Advent Festival on Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 1 pm. Breakfast will be served by Co-Op volunteers from 8:30 to 11:30 and will include pancakes and homemade quiches. Cost for adults will be \$5 per person, \$3 for children under 10 years old, with a \$15 family maximum. 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 new booth featuring handmade gifts for children! At the festival, children are sure to enjoy creating their own gifts and advent crafts with the help of youth from the church, as well as listening to storytelling by the Beacon Street players. There will also be live holiday music including a special appearance by Mrs. Bartz playing the flute, Tom Sperl and his donut machine, gift wrapping, and more!

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