

October 2010



Co-Op Chronicle

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

News and Notes

Thank you to the Schlegelmilch Family for donating "Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden" by George Levenson in honor of Nathan's 5th birthday and the Barr Family for donating "Fletcher and the Falling Leaves" by Julia Rawlinson in honor of Tommy's 5th birthday.

Happy Birthday, Nathan and Tommy!

Please plan to attend the Co-op Fundraiser scheduled for **this Wednesday** (Oct. 13, 3-7 p.m.) **Tropical Smoothie Cafe** at Legacy Village will donate 20% of profits that evening to COTS Co-op!

Picture day is coming soon! Please watch for an email from participation chairs for details.

There will be a **Budget Meeting** planned for November. All Co-op members are welcome to attend. Date TBD.

From the President

I would like to begin by thanking everyone involved in getting us off to such a smooth start this year, especially our teachers, participation chairs, cutting chairs and workshop coordinator. A special thanks to the Gladding and Linihan families for co-chairing our most successful Spaghetti Dinner ever. The vibrant spirit of our Co-op was well reflected as more than 250 people came together to share a family meal, spilled pasta and all.

With all of the commotion associated with the start of school winding down, it is time to relax and enjoy the change of season. Autumn is my favorite season. I love the cool crisp air and the feeling of renewal that comes with the start of another school year. I have happily hung priceless apple artwork and look forward to adding some beautiful fall leaf creations to the display. I hope you all take some time to enjoy the beauty of fall both in nature and in your rapidly expanding co-op art collections!

Jill Barr

20010-11 Co-op President

Special Dates

October 13	Tropical Smoothie Cafe Co-op Fundraiser Night (3-7 pm) Library Day (all classes)
October 15/16	COTS Fall Flea Market 10-5/10-2
October 20	Pre-K Shaker Lakes Nature Center visit
November 1	Board Meeting 7:30 pm
November 2	Hand Washing lesson (all classes)
November 10	Pizza Fundraiser Night (Place to order TBD)
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 are off to a great start. They are adjusting to a school routine, making new friends and learning some of the skills they need to become successful students. They are practicing sharing, taking turns, and sitting quietly for circle time. They have created masterpieces as they exercise their hand muscles with play dough and scissors, and through painting, squeezing pipettes and glue bottles, and by coloring with markers and crayons. These two classes are also very fond of working on puzzles, playing with toy cars and they especially like playing on the playground! Autumn is such a beautiful time of year and the Threes have enjoyed the season and the opportunities it brings by making mum prints, apple prints and leaf art. Next week, we will bring our teddy bears to school to join us while we try on bear costumes, go on a bear hunt and create soft bear collages. Later in the month we will have some Halloween fun!

Thank you to all of the parents who made our room sparkle during the Fall Workshop, to the generous people who brought in items from our wish lists, and especially to all of the Threes students for making our room a great place to be.

Thanks!

Jennie

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

We are already through September. All the children seem to be settling into the classroom and their regular schedules. We have such a nice group of kids in our classes. Their interest and attentiveness allows us to explore topics more thoroughly. They are also very good at memorizing songs and poems. If you ask they just may sing you a song about friends or recite a poem about apples!

In October we will explore some science topics. This is new for us too, so it will truly be an experiment on how science will work in our classroom! We will be going on a nature walk and discovering all the changes that happen in the fall. And of course we will be doing some Halloween related crafts toward the end of the month.

Just a few reminders about clothing. If you haven't brought a change of clothes in yet, please do. Remember to put them in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on the bag. Also, don't forget to bring warm enough clothing, jackets, hats etc. It can be surprising sometimes how much different the weather (much colder mostly!) can be up on the roof. Better to have an extra layer on than to be cold for our outdoor time.

We would also like to thank you all for all your hard work at the fall workshop. It was wonderful to get such a fresh, clean start to our school year. We also greatly appreciate your willingness to bring in things on our wish list and items needed for activities! But most importantly, we thank you for sharing your children with us. We have a lot of fun with them and hope they are having as much fun as we are.

Mrs. Bartz and Mrs. Stefanak

Pre-K (Ms. Day)

Thank you to all the parents who helped at the workshop and who brought items in from the wish list. It is much appreciated.

We spent the first several weeks of school looking at ourselves, ranging from the way we look and feel when different emotions arise, to learning about the way we experience our world through our five senses. Ask your child if they know what the Braille alphabet is and how visually impaired people learn to read.

We talked about recycling and made our own paper. Thank you to everyone who brought in all the beautiful flowers to help make our paper so beautiful! We will be discussing all the changes during the season during the month of October. It is also a wonderful time to create some beautiful artwork. Keep an eye open in the hallway and in your child's cubby for some lovely pieces of work by them.

Our field trip to The Shaker Lakes Nature Center will take place on Wednesday, October 20. Please bring your child to the nature center at 9:00/12:30. Pick up is _ earlier, at 11:00/2:30. There will be a one hour guided program from a naturalist during our visit. Again, we will be looking at the fall changes occurring during this time of the year. Please dress for the weather; dressing in layers is always a good idea and make sure your child is wearing appropriate shoes for walking through mud!

As we come to a closure for the month of October, we **won't** necessarily focus on Halloween, but on the circle of life with a pumpkin. The morning and afternoon class will each name their "class pumpkin". We will measure and weigh it (and compare it to our own heads and weights!) and finally we will vote on the jack-o-lantern face and carve it. The inside of a pumpkin is usually either completely fascinating or utterly disgusting to children. We'll see what your child thinks of it! **Happy Fall!**

Reminder!

Younger siblings of Co-op students must be **supervised** by parent/caregiver at all times while enjoying the playground.

The **December Board meeting** will be held at the home of Board President Jill Barr. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting and enjoy holiday treats and beverages with the Co-op community. Monday December 6, 7:30pm.

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From the Church Liaison

As the Church Liaison to the Co-op I would again like to **welcome** you all to the Church of the Saviour community. I hope you will all feel welcome and at home at the Church. The **Church's Library** (located across from the elevator on the main level) is open to all of you. Please feel free to stop in to relax and fill out a yellow lending card if you would like to borrow some books.

I would also like to welcome you to come spend an **evening of comfort food and games** on Friday, October 29 starting at 5:30 pm. in the Great Hall. Dinner will be homemade macaroni and cheese with ham, salad, bread and apple crisp. Following dinner, we will clear our tables and bring out the games. Feel free to bring a favorite game to share. For anyone who can stay, there will be a **Antiphonal Brass Concert** in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm.

Additionally, the COTS Fall Flea Market is this Friday Oct. 15 from 10a.m. until 5 p.m. And Saturday Oct. 16 from 10 a.m until 2 p.m.

There will be a \$5 early admission fee on Friday from 10-11a.m; admission is free after 11.

Donations will be accepted at the church beginning Monday Oct. 11. All proceeds go to global and local women's and children's charities.