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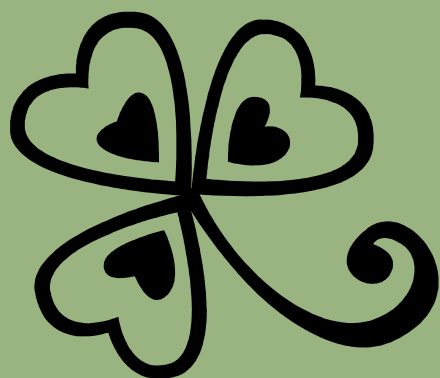
# Co-Op Chronicle

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

## *News and Notes*

 **GOT IDEAS?** If you have a great fundraising idea for next school year (2010-2011), we want to hear it! Contact Cheryl Knight at [nightfarms@gmail.com](mailto:nightfarms@gmail.com) or leave a note in the fundraising box in the center hallway by the end of March so that we can plan for next year.

 In order to reserve your child's place in the Co-Op for the 2010-2011 school year, a \$100 non-refundable tuition deposit, signed Membership Agreement Form, completed Family History Form, and a completed Committee Preference Form is due to Genevieve Kenealy by March 31<sup>st</sup>.



## *From the President*

The sun is shining brightly as I write this message and it seems that spring is on the way, that is, until I turn and see the seven foot high pile of snow at the end of my driveway. Such is March in Cleveland. At least the kids are having a great time with our (hopefully) last big snow of the season.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Pancake Dinner. It was great fun and a big success bringing in nearly \$600. Kudos to Ryan Alabaugh, Amanda Plavan and their team of pancake flippers who did a wonderful job!

The Silent Auction is under way! Thanks to everyone who has contributed items to be auctioned off and a special thanks to Lindy Burt, Cheryl Knight and all of the fundraising committee members for the many hours they continue to put into this event. Now that the auction is up and running, don't forget to email all of your friends and family with the link to our auction site. The success of this event depends on getting the word out to others that there is a fun and easy way to support our school while bidding on some excellent items from the comfort of home. Enjoy the snow while it lasts, the first crocuses can't be too far away!

*Jill Barr*

2009-2010 Co-Op President

## *Calendar*

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| March 7 - 27          | Online Auction at <a href="http://www.biddingforgood.com/cots">www.biddingforgood.com/cots</a>                |
| March 25              | Parent Teacher Conferences  |
| March 25 -<br>April 1 | Spring Break!   |
| March 27              | Closing Party for Online Auction<br>Home of the Bartz Family<br>2716 Derbyshire Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio |
| April 5               | School Resumes  |

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

February is over, but the Threes are still enjoying the clean, white snow on our playground while it lasts. Before we know it, the shovels will be put away and the bikes will be coming out. That means no more snow pants! March is here and spring is really coming—hooray!

The Threes enjoyed starting this month with a week about Dad. Stop in and see the handsome portraits of the Threes' dads. You can also read what our class had to say about these men...you might learn something new (even the dads might learn something new)!

As we move further into March, we will start looking for green outside in our gardens and inside our classroom as well. We will mix blue and yellow to paint shamrocks. The three day class will also make green pretzels and green slime. When we have had enough of green, we will paint beautiful rainbows to celebrate all of the colors of spring. Before we leave for Spring Break, we will take down our sparkly snowflakes and make bright spring blossoms to decorate our tree. Happy Spring!

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

Time seems to be going so quickly! We are now into March with many things planned. We prepared for our Special Person Sunday. We learned many interesting facts about some of you. Who would have known that someone's favorite food is croutons!? The AM class had a very nice time with all our visitors. We hope you all enjoyed the day. Thank you for all your participation, especially going on a bear hunt with us.

In March, we will be having the "All About Me" week. We will spend the week learning all kinds of things about ourselves and creating our very own books.

On the topic of information about ourselves, we will be having our conferences this month as well. As we start to think about preparing for the conferences, we are amazed when we realize how much the children have grown since the start of school. Take a minute to really think about what your child was like the first week or two of school. We think you will be surprised, too.

We are hoping that Spring Break might bring spring weather with it. It will be so nice to be able to go outside without putting on all the extra clothing. It is already nice to have a little more light every day and even hear some birds singing!

### *Pre-K (Ms. Day)*

The children did a fantastic job on our auction projects. Thank you to Amanda Plavan for mounting and framing the botanical prints. Early congratulations to the highest bidder of both pieces!

We will be busy for the next few weeks reading and learning about two different authors and illustrators: Dr. Seuss and Eric Carle. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (he would have turned 106 years old on March 2<sup>nd</sup>) by reading many of his books. Mrs. Bartz, Mrs. Stefanak, Dr. Yost and Mrs. Leonard were our guest readers. Thank you to all them for coming to our class to read! We will also look at Eric Carle's interesting way of illustrating his books and make our own picture using his method.

The sign-up sheet is posted outside the pre-k door. Please make sure you sign up for a conference. Thank you!

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#### We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

[www.coopnurseryschool.org](http://www.coopnurseryschool.org)

#### We're on Facebook!

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

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

### *From the Church Liaison*

The Church will be holding its annual Spring Flea Market April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall. Anyone looking to get a jump start on their spring cleaning can donate items beginning Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Receipts for tax purposes are available for all donations. Anyone looking to do a little bargain hunting can shop from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. For those looking to beat the crowd, you can come early on Friday morning beginning at 10 a.m. for a \$5 fee.



### *From the Fundraising Chair*

- The Co-Op's online auction, hosted by [biddingforgood.com](http://biddingforgood.com), will be open from March 7 through March 27, 2010. New items will be added weekly, so check back often ([www.biddingforgood.com/cots](http://www.biddingforgood.com/cots)).
- Attention all Yahoo and Hotmail users! Preview email notices have been sent out, but many are being filtered in to junk folders. If you have not seen an email from the auction, please check your junk or spam folders and add *biddingforgood.com* to your contacts in order to receive information about the auction.
- Please join us for the closing party on March 27th starting at 7:30pm. This is an adult's night out at the Bartz family's house (2716 Derbyshire Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio). There will be food, drinks, raffles and more! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

*"Nine tenths of education is encouragement."*

- Anatole France  
French poet and novelist