



Anita Dacanay came with her collection of props so that the children could try them on and pretend to be someone else - Broadway, here they come! Thanks, Anita!



**REMEMBER...**

Please make a point to get to school on time for your parent helping day (9:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.). Whether you are on the playground or in the classroom, your job is to be present for the children. We also need to maintain the correct state-mandated child/teacher ratio at all times, therefore, having another adult in the classroom is absolutely essential.

Also, please be respectful of the drop-off time and pick-up time. Getting to school on time gives your child not only a longer day, but eases the transition into playing. Picking up on time means a lot to the teachers and your child who is waiting for you.



It's a snowy season. Thank goodness for the sunshine! If anyone can donate kid sized snow shovels they would be greatly appreciated. The kids have a great time moving the snow around on the playground.

Come and take part in the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 24th in the Great Hall. It is a great way to celebrate the start of the Lenten season. Look for more information from Lindy Burt, who is in charge of the event. Invite your family and neighbors to come.

Be aware that each and every job is important at the Co-Op. It's also important to be updating your job. Any improvements or new events that happen with your job should be documented. In the coming months, I will be updating or making new notebooks for jobs. All these folders should be turned in before the May meeting.

The Silent Auction is quickly approaching. The date is April 17th. Look for more information from Cathy Deininger, who is charge of the event.

Happy Shoveling,

Amy Fischer  
 President  
 2008-09



# young 3s

Mrs. Collyer

To celebrate Groundhog's Day, the Young Threes made shadow prints, traced shadows and even enjoyed seeing their own shadows. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd, so it looks like we will be enjoying six more weeks of winter. It certainly is a good thing that the Young Threes love those snow shovels! Even though winter will be sticking around for a while, we were happy to have 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, we will celebrate Mardi Gras with feathery masks, festive beads, homemade musical instruments and a parade! Hopefully we will be able to celebrate with all of you at the Co-op's pancake dinner - Yum! A special thanks goes out to Anita Dacanay who shared her theatrical talents with us. She has done a great job enriching our year and we are happily anticipating visits from the fire department and the library. Thanks also goes to all of our parents for making our January Workshop a great success - our room is sparkling!

January has flown by bringing lots of snowy and cold weather! Hopefully, February will give us a better chance of spending a little more time out on the playground!

We completed some of our favorite projects this past month. Hopefully the children have shared them with you. Perhaps they told you the story of the Little Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly or did you notice them cleaning their rooms to prepare for Chinese New Year?

# 3s & 4s

Mrs. Bartz & Mrs. Stefanak

We have more fun projects ahead in February too! The Circus Train has arrived and we will be doing Circus activities the rest of the week. We will be tight rope walkers and try juggling and of course, being clowns is easy!

The children will also make Valentines. If you want to send Valentines for your child's classmates, please sign them, but do not write them out to specific friends. We will have bags for each child and they will randomly drop a valentine in for each friend.

We will also be learning about George Washington & Abraham Lincoln and our flag for Presidents' Day. Make sure you see what fun facts they learn!

Thank you so much for all your hard work at the January Workshop! Our room looks beautiful and it was great for our Open House too! Don't forget to bring back any toys you may have taken home to clean if you were unable to come to the workshop. Thanks!!

# pre-k

Ms. Day

The snow that seems to continuously fall from the sky has made our world look like a winter wonderland. Please try to get to school on time so your child can play in this wonderland. In the winter, we usually stay outside for 15-20 minutes, depending on the temperature. Please dress your child to go outdoors unless the temperature is very cold (if the weather report is saying it is 12 degrees, then obviously we won't be going outside). Bottom line: always assume we are going out unless common sense and the thermometer tell you differently. Being ready for outdoor play

includes snowpants, a hat, and warm mittens.

During the month of February, the post office will visit the pre-k class. The art & writing area will be stocked with paper, envelopes & postage stickers (thanks to Eden Cutler). We are also talking about our home address and telephone number. It helps to reinforce these at home. We will take a couple days to look at different kinds of maps and how they are used. A map of our classroom will be on display with an interactive activity. If you have any kind of map you would like to share, please bring it in during the week of February 17th. Thank you to Kaya Mendels for bringing in several maps to share.

Also at the art & writing area, the children continue to improve on their name writing skills. Many are attempting (and doing a very nice job!) to write their last name also. If you are parent helping, please encourage them to sign in every day.

The alphabet show & tell letters are listed on the calendar. This is a great way to discuss the letter sounds at home. Show & Tell is every Wednesday; please try to remember!

The children let their imaginations fly when Anita Dacanay came in to the class to share her acting skills. The children had a lot of fun while they got "into character" with various props. Thank you, Anita!

# calendar

co-op preschool events  
community events  
COTS events

**February 14: Valentine's Day!**

**February 16: NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day**

**February 16, 2pm: Western Reserve Historical Society - 200th Birthday party for Abraham Lincoln**

**February 20, 9:30am: COTS Playgroup, room 68**

**February 24, 6-8 pm: Co-Op Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, Great Hall**

**February 25: Ash Wednesday services @ COTS, 12noon in the chapel & 7:30pm in the Sanctuary**

**February 27, 7 pm: COTS' Lenten Program - 'No Strings Attached' a faith-filled puppet show performed by the puppet ministry group from Disciples Christian Church.**

**March 28: Red Cross/Infant CPR Class @ COTS, \$53 contact Connie Criehtfield, 216.383.9071**

**April 17: Co-Op Silent Auction - start collecting items and donations now!**

**July 27-30: Vacation Bible School - save the date!! Contact Jill Barr if you know a big kid or adult who might want to help. 216.397.1250 or [j\\_m\\_barr@yahoo.com](mailto:j_m_barr@yahoo.com)**



# little extras

**Dakroze** (music and movement class) will be held on Wednesdays this year. Our teacher, Brian Sweigart has asked that the children be barefoot...that means NO TIGHTS for our little princesses on Wednesdays!

**NUT FREE!** Church of the Saviour is Nut Free...For the safety of all of our children, the entire C.O.T.S. facility is now a nut free zone. Please refrain from bringing any nuts or nut containing products into the building...this includes the playground area. A listing of nut free foods that are appropriate for snack time will be provided by your Participation Chair. Your cooperation ensures a safe environment for all.

**School closings:** The Co-op follows the Cleveland Hts./ University Hts. School calendar for all school closings, including holidays and weather related cancellations.