



The Pre-K class spread some holiday cheer to the residents of Cedarwood Plaza, in Cleveland Heights, by making them some paper flowers. Pictured are the classes, both AM & PM, and Linus Resek and his brother with their Grandmother, who is one of the residents.



The 2008 Holiday Sing a Long was a smashing success due to the hard work of Anita & Gary Decaney. Thanks also to Minh Suster for playing the piano and Debbie First for organizing the snacks. Pictured are Joi & mom, Kaya & mom & Maggie and her Grandma! The Sing a Long was a great kick off to the holiday season!



Thanks also to Lindy Burt, who headed up the Co-Op's contribution to the church's Advent Festival this year. Lindy had a great team of volunteers and was astounded by everyone's willingness to make it a success! Thanks to all who helped!!

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Happy New Year!

Hard to believe but another year has quickly passed. I swear that time just speeds up when you have children! Maybe it is the fast pace of family life, but much is always happening.

It is no different with the Co-Op. There are several upcoming events and I know we are all busy, but please take the time to see where you can help.

Registration is on January 14th. You should already have details from our registrar, Kellie Schwabl. It is also workshop night. This is an important time to prepare for the next semester. If we all pitch in the work goes faster.

Our Open House is this month on January 21st at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to show others how much we enjoy the Co-Op. If you can volunteer to give a tour or be on hand to answer questions, please contact Shifa Isaacs at shifa1@yahoo.com.

There are a few Executive Board positions open for the next school year. If you are interested, please contact me at amy_fischer@att.net. This place works because we all pitch in! So think about serving.

May your new year be ridiculously happy and prosperous!

Amy Fischer



young 3s

Mrs. Collyer

It is so great to see everyone back at school after a long, relaxing break. January has been a great month for us already. It is cold and snowy and the Young Threes are thrilled with the opportunity to really use the shovels on the playground. We will be making snowmen in the classroom and decorating scarves to keep us warm for those days when we make snowmen outdoors. As we stomp through the snow, our boots will leave tracks, and we will make barefoot tracks, toy tracks and animal tracks indoors. We plan to end the month by looking at shadows, making shadow prints and pictures, and we'll even try to sit still long enough to have our own shadows traced!

Our class would like to extend a warm welcome to Ami, who is volunteering in our classroom. She is friendly and helpful and seems to have a calming effect on the class. We can't thank her enough for joining our busy Young Threes class!

3s & 4s

Mrs. Bartz & Mrs. Stefanak

It's hard to believe we are back in school and the holidays have come and gone! We hope everyone enjoyed themselves over break. The kids do seem happy to be back at school and have settled back into the routine quickly.

We are planning a variety of activities for January. We will be talking about snow - snowmen and tracks in the snow. We will make Stone Soup and spend a fun week on 'There Was an Old Lady' (who swallowed a fly...). Finally, we will learn about and celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Even though the weather may seem cold and gloomy, we will be having fun cheery days here at school! And thanks in advance for all of your help at the January Workshop!

pre-k

Ms. Day

The Pre-K afternoon class welcomes two new students. Eden Cutler and J.P. Stelter are a delight to have in the class!

It was a pleasure to return after a restful break and see all the children! I anticipate a healthy, and dynamic group of growing minds & bodies as we enter into the second semester. Starting off the new year, we will begin the alphabet show & tell. Every Wednesday, your child is encouraged to bring in ONE item representing the letter sound of one of the letters of the week. The letters are generally noted on the calendar, however, I will post them on the pre-k window outside the classroom for the month of January. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss the letter and it's phonetic sound at home each week with your child as you help him/her find something to bring in.

Please remember to layer your children's clothing during the winter months. This will help with the changing temperatures of both inside and outside the classroom. I hope to get outside this winter. Remember, wind chill, temperature and icy conditions are the main factors determining whether or not we play outside.

Most of the items have been selected on the new wish list (thanks to all who helped!), however, please read the wish list for additional requested items. Also, it is always a good idea to check the pre-k window and your child's cubby for any new information! Also, upon our return to school we worked on a collaborative project. Check out the colorful tree sculpture in the classroom! And lastly, please make sure you complete the tie-dye forms that were distributed. We will tie-dye with Amy Fischer on Wed. April 7th. Please return your forms by Jan. 30th.

calendar

co-op preschool events
community events

January 14, 6:45 pm: Priority Registration, Calvary Hall

- Sign your child up for school next year and then head directly to their current classroom to help with the January workshop. See below for more registration details.

January 14, 7 pm: January Workshop

- Meet your child's teacher(s) in their classroom and get your assignment to beautify, repair and keep our school safe for our children!
- Tuition is due
- Please fill out the annual evaluations about your family's experience at the Co-Op.

January 21, 7-8:30 pm: Open House

- volunteers are needed to give tours and answer questions, contact Shifa Isaacs if you are able to help.

February 1, 2 pm: Open Registration, Church Parlor

- see below for details

Feb. 21, 6-8 pm: Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Don't forget to fill out the tie dye form! This is a fun annual event led by Amy Fischer. The kids love to wearing their own art!

registration

Even though it seems like winter has just begun, it is time to start thinking about the 2009-2010 school year! See below for details...

NEW CLASS!!

The Co-Op will be offering a new class starting in the Fall of 2009. Mrs. Collyer will be teaching the Nearly 3s class! This class will meet on Mondays only from 9-11:30 am and tuition is \$400. Kids need to be 3 by 12/31/09 and completely toilet trained to join this class. Tell your friends!

Wed. Jan.14, 6:45 pm: Priority Registration, Calvary Hall

This is the first opportunity to register for returning students, alumni and church members only.

- You may arrive early and add your name to the list beginning at 5:30 pm when Registrar, Kellie Schwabl arrives.
- We will begin calling names at 6:45 pm.
- Current students will be called first, then alumni, then church members.
- There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee and third quarter tuition is also due (you may write one check for both).
- Current Young 3s have priority for the 3s & 4s class, and the current 3s & 4s have priority for the Pre-K class.

Sunday, February 1, 2 pm: Open Registration, Church Parlor

Tell all of your friends about our wonderful school so they don't miss this first opportunity to sign their Preschooler up for school next year. Open Registration is for families new to the Co-Op.

