

February 2009



# Co-Op Chronicle

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

## *News and Notes*

●The Silent Auction goes LIVE online March 7, 2010! Please keep an eye on your e-mails for further updates. All auction donations must be submitted by March 1, 2010.

Good luck on the auction and happy soliciting!

Please contact Cheryl Knight at 440-220-2054 if you have any questions or would like to donate to our event.

Thank you to everyone for helping making this event great!

●Mark your calendars! Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> is Special Person Sunday. Look for more details in next month's Co-Op Chronicle.



## *From the President*

January was a whirlwind month and we all accomplished a lot. The workshop, registration and open house were all very successful. Thanks to everyone who shook off the holiday pace to jump in and contribute to each of these events. Now it's time to come in out of the cold & snow to have some fun celebrating Mardi Gras.

The Church is sponsoring a Family Mardi Gras Party in the Great Hall on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a Jazz band, dancing, cupcakes and punch, as well as a mask-making craft for all ages. The event costs \$2 per person with a \$7 per family maximum.

Then, come and mark the end of Mardi Gras by taking part in the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall. It is a great way to celebrate the start of the Lenten season. This year, we will finish the evening with an Irish Dance performance provided by Murphy Irish Arts. Look for more information from Ryan Alabaugh, who is in charge of the event. Invite your family and neighbors to come.

Finally, while we are celebrating Mardi Gras, the Silent Auction is quickly approaching. The deadline for donation solicitations is March 1<sup>st</sup> and the On-Line Auction will be taking place from March 7<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to forward a link to the Auction Sight to your out-of-town family and friends who may want to support your children's school! Look for more information from Lindy Burt, who is charge of the event.

*Jill Barr*

2009-10 Co-Op President

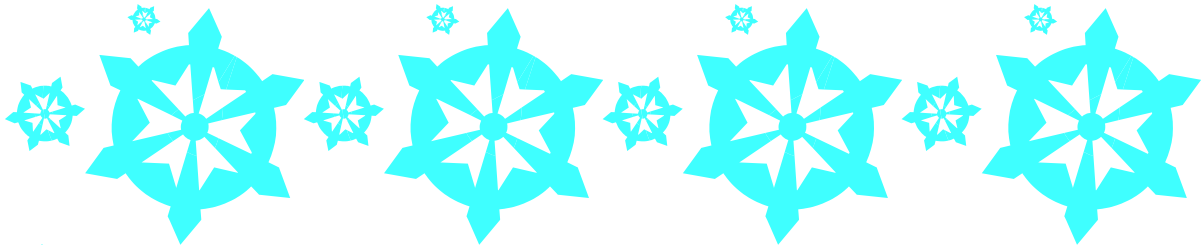
## *Calendar*

February 15	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
February 16	Pancake Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Founders Hall)
March 1	Deadline for Silent Auction Solicitations

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

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and our Threes saw their shadows too! So, it looks like we will be enjoying six more weeks of winter—it certainly is a good thing that we love those snow shovels and sleds! Even though winter will be sticking around for a while, we have been 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, the three day class will celebrate Mardi Gras with feathery masks, festive beads, homemade musical instruments and a parade!

Thanks to all of our parents for making the January Workshop a great success—our room is sparkling! Special thanks to the wonderful parents who come early to help our children get dressed to play outside. We wouldn't have any time to play in the snow without you! Happy Valentine's Day!



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

January seems to have flown by in a hurry! We had many fun projects, including making Stone Soup. Just last week one of the children asked "Hey, where'd that Stone Soup go?" I think he was looking for another bowl! We also had Circus Week, which is a favorite for both the teachers and the children! The circus train pulled in on a Tuesday and we had many fun activities (including tightrope walking). We also ate popcorn while being entertained by Mrs. Stefanak's juggling act!

We really want to thank all of you for your time and effort at the workshop. We had so many people working and really got a lot done. The room looked beautiful just in time for the Open House and the numerous tours that have been coming through.

February will also be filled with fun. This past week was Polar Week. We learned a lot and had fun playing with icebergs and arctic animals. We also went ice skating (in our room) and drank hot cocoa! We will be learning about our country and our past presidents the week of President's Day and we have much more fun planned for the rest of the month.

Don't forget to check on the on-line auction! We have created a beautiful children's table and chairs with fingerprint art done by both the AM and PM classes. Special thanks to Diane Roberto for designing the table and all her prep and finish work! She has done a fabulous job. Don't forget to send the link to friends and family! Maybe Grandma and Grandpa need a little table for their grandchildren to do artwork when visiting!

Thanks again for all of your enthusiasm, help, support, wish list items, and most of all, for sharing your children with us!

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

The “post office” is in place in the Pre-K room! The children are encouraged to visit the art and writing table where they can draw or write notes to their friends or family members. We are reviewing our addresses and phone numbers and talking about where we live in this great big world of ours (ask your child what city, state and country they live in). We will be mailing valentines to your house soon, so please keep an eye open for them! We will also “deliver” valentines to our friends in the classroom on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Your child CAN write the names of his classmates on each envelope. They will match the name on the envelope to the name on our handmade mailboxes. Please bring an empty Kleenex box in by February 9<sup>th</sup> so that your child has a mailbox to decorate.

We will also look at maps and how they help us. We’ll learn about the continents and talk about where we would like to visit if we could go anywhere in the whole wide world (always a favorite question and answer activity of mine!) If you have ANY kind of maps at home to share with the class, please bring them in.

During the last week of February, we will work on a couple of art projects for the upcoming auction. I will try to display our completed project(s) in the room or the hallway, in addition to the web site, so that you can see what you are bidding on up close!

### *Fun Things to Do With Your Kids this Winter*

1. Make ice cream using snow (see recipe below!)
2. Go bowling
3. Have a snow ball fight
4. Fill a spray bottle with colored water and write in the snow
5. Build a fort (inside or outside)
6. Bundle up and take a walk during a “snowstorm”
7. Bake cookies and deliver them to your neighbors
8. Go ice skating

### **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)

### **Snow Ice Cream**

Ingredients: 1 cup of milk  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
½ cup sugar  
CLEAN snow

Preparation: Go outside and get 4 - 5 cups of fresh, clean snow. Don't pack the snow! Bring it in the house and set it in the freezer until you need it.

Mix together the milk, vanilla and sugar. Stir this mixture until the sugar is dissolved. Slowly add the snow to your mixture, stirring constantly, until it is as thick as ice cream. Enjoy!