

January 2010



# Co-Op Chronicle

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

## News and Notes

\* One last reminder that priority registration for the 2010-2011 school year will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13th in Calvary Hall. The registration sign-up sheets will be posted at 5:30 p.m. These sign-up sheets are the only official ones - others that have been started before 5:30 will not be honored. Once you have signed in, you are not permitted to leave the building. Please remember to sign in when you arrive. **Current members of the 3's and Monday 3's classes will have priority for the 3's/4's classes, and members of the 3's/4's classes will have priority for the Pre-K classes. However, no priority is given to am or pm sections of those classes.** The registration process is detailed in the memo book. Please consult it if you have any questions or contact Genevieve Kenealy (932-1183 or [genkenealy@yahoo.com](mailto:genkenealy@yahoo.com)).

\* Two new families have joined our Co-Op this semester! Please welcome **Amelia Gladding** (Pre-K AM) and **Oliver Gladding** and **Beth Manning** (both in 3's).



## From the President

Happy New Year! A few months ago I heard a parable that keeps coming to mind. It is the story of an elderly man who was planting a mango grove. His neighbors wondered about his efforts and asked him why he was planting trees that would not bear fruit in his lifetime. The man responded that he had been enjoying the fruit from mango trees planted by others his entire life and that he hoped the children of the village would always enjoy the sweet fruit as he did. He said that he was planting the mango grove to both thank those who had come before him and to provide food and enjoyment for the children yet to come. I think this is what we do here at the Co-Op. As we do our jobs and work together, we are planting mango trees.

January is a busy month at the Co-Op, I know we are all busy but please take the time to notice these upcoming events. Registration is on January 13<sup>th</sup>. You should already have details from our registrar, Genevieve Kenealy. 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 also this month on January 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Holly Pangrace at [hollypangrace@yahoo.com](mailto:hollypangrace@yahoo.com).

Thanks to you all for finding time to plant some mangos with us. May your new year be healthy, prosperous and joyful!

*Jill Barr*

## Calendar

January 13	Priority Registration (6:45 p.m.) January Workshop (7:00 p.m.) - MANDATORY
January 18	NO SCHOOL (MLK, Jr. Day Observed)
January 20	Open House (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
January 31	Open Registration
February 1	Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
February 2	Tuition Due

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

It is so nice to come back to school and see all of our friends after a relaxing winter break. Everyone was excited to talk about what they did over the holidays, eager to dig in the snow on the playground, and happy to meet new friends. We have two new students in our Three Day class and we expect to have a new student starting soon in our Monday class. Both classes are very friendly and welcoming and we hope our new friends feel right at home in their new school.

We have planted bulbs and can't wait to see paper white flowers blooming in the next month or so. Snowmen are springing up around the neighborhood and there will be snowmen in our classroom too (but without the snow)! Later in the month we will be making all kinds of tracks, and as we move into February, we will look at shadows and talk about Punxsutawney Phil. Maybe Phil will see his shadow... and maybe you'll see our shadows too!

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

Another year gone by—how quickly time flies! Everyone seems very happy to be back in school. The kids have quickly slipped back into their schedules and have had little difficulty transitioning back to school. We have had an exciting week being nature detectives by looking at animal tracks. We even had some animals sneak into our room leaving snowy foot prints. We had to follow their tracks to find them hiding.

The rest of the month will be busy and exciting as well. We will make stone soup and have one of our favorite weeks—*Circus Week!!!* Hmm . . . can you guess if Mrs. Stefanak knows how to juggle? We'll have to see! We will also be working on our class project for the Silent Auction. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let us know.

Even more exciting for parents is the January workshop! Just kidding! Maybe it will be more fun if you think of it as a night out?! We really appreciate the hard work you do and how wonderful the room looks afterwards. It is particularly great to have the room sparkling for Open House the following week.

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

Snowflakes came falling down at a very appropriate time this past week. We cut and painted snowflakes in the classroom and talked about how one of the things snowflakes have in common with each other is their shape (ask your child what shape that is). As the snow continues to fall this month, we'll be talking about igloos, snowman and animal tracks in the snow.

Please remember that we play outdoors unless the temperature is below 20°F or if it is raining. Most likely, we will not play outside on a Dalcroze day, but please bring warm, winter gear every day. Please make sure your child has shoes he/she can put on and take off independently for indoor play.

With the new year, I am encouraging the children to try new things in the classroom. For example, if a child visits the block area every day, I am now asking him/her to paint at the easel or get the number jars out one day. This practice not only gives them a more enriching learning experience, but helps them to be more creative and flexible in the classroom.

On the subject of trying things out, I have an interesting story. In the normal chaos of my morning circle time last week, I noticed one of the children sitting in a meditation pose, "calming himself down." He brought a rather "enlightening" idea to the classroom! After asking this child the "what" "why" and "how" of meditation, the children were eager to **try it out!** They liked it, so now we are starting our group time with a "moment of silence" (many in our meditation poses). I plan to teach this exercise to my afternoon class and see how they like it. Trying out new things is one of the best things we've done in 2010!

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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)

### *A Reminder from the Registrar*

When writing out your 3rd and final tuition payment check (due on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>) please be sure to write your child's name and class in the memo line. This helps a great deal with recordkeeping. Also, please make checks out to **Church of the Saviour Co-Op**.

The final payment amounts are \$100 for the 1-day class, \$288 for the 3-day classes, and \$381 for the 4-day class.

If you have any questions about tuition, or need to make a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer, Kirsten Rosebrock-Hayes, by e-mail ([rosebrockhayes@gmail.com](mailto:rosebrockhayes@gmail.com)), phone (216-371-8870) or in person at school. Thank you.

### *A Note on Electronic Devices*

Please remember that when you are parent helping, you are acting as a teacher and roll model in the classroom. With this in mind, please leave your electronic equipment outside the room. Both the students and teacher in your class need and deserve your full attention. If you need to be reached by phone by a babysitter or child, please have them call the Church office (321-8880) and request to be put through to the phone in the classroom.

### *Snow Days!*

The Co-Op will be closed when Cleveland Heights/University Heights Schools declare a snow day. You may verify closings by calling 999-CHUH (2484) or your Participation Chair.



Vacation Bible School will be held  
the week of June 28 –July 2 at Church of the Saviour

Mark your calendars now and plan to sail the High Seas  
with us this summer!