



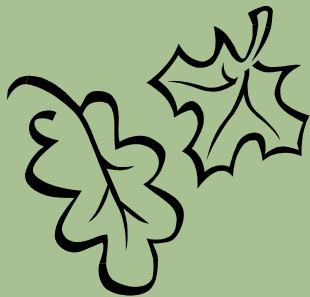
# Co-Op Chronicle

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

## News and Notes

\* The Co-Op Summit Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for local Co-Ops to come together to share ideas and information. All are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. For more information, contact Ellen Bartz.

\* The December Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th at the home of Jill Barr. Please join us for a holiday get-together following the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



*Celebrate the day  
Of giving thanks, sharing food  
Surrounded by love*

*-Thanksgiving Haiku  
Madeleine (age 9)*

## From the President

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let me just say how thankful I am to be surrounded by such a dedicated group of parents and teachers at the Co-Op this year. I am grateful to all of you who have spent your precious time serving our school and supporting our students.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, remember there are many opportunities to help out. Co-Op Sunday is coming up on November 15th. Sign-up sheets are already up and there are opportunities to help give thanks to the Church (while promoting our school) by baking goodies or spending time greeting and giving tours Sunday morning. The Advent Festival is December 5th at the Church. The Co-Op is responsible for breakfast and a gift wrapping table. Stacey Hren is heading up this activity so look for more information on page 4.

Please remember that all of us are important to the running of the Co-Op. We all need to do our committee or job requirements as best we can. Also remember that we are to act as another teacher in the room when we parent help, so pitch in and help with order and daily activities. Sometimes it is easy to forget!

As Thanksgiving approaches, look to your classroom teachers for activities that remind us to give thanks. As parents, we all have so much to be thankful for.

*Jill Barr*

## Calendar

November 11	Budget Meeting (9:20 a.m.) Home of Kirsten Rosebrock-Hayes (open to all)
November 15	Co-Op Sunday
November 17	2010-2011 Planning Meeting (9:15 a.m.) Room 50 (open to all)
November 19	Conferences (no school)
November 19-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 5	Advent Festival (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
December 7	Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.) Home of Jill Barr

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

The Threes ended October with a lot of Halloween fun! We enjoyed finger painting pumpkins with red and yellow paint. Some children wanted orange, but it was such a nice surprise to find that red and yellow work just as well! We also created beautiful silvery spider webs with marbles, glue and glitter (you may still find some glitter in the halls, stuck to the countertops and even in your child's hair!) The Three Day class used many different shapes to turn their pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns, they made handprint ghosts, clothespin bats and they even turned into black cats! Both classes have had a lot of fun singing along with Hap Palmer's "Witches Brew," and thinking about what they would put into their own brew. Ala-Kazam-A-Kazoo!

We have started out this beautiful month of November by making lots of gorgeous vegetable art. The Three Day class also prepared a delicious pumpkin dip and tasted red peppers and cucumber. We made a Venn Diagram to show our class preferences -- cucumber was definitely the favorite! We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving, with feather turkeys and thankful hands. And, since this is the season for being thankful, I would like to add my sincerest thanks to the parents of all of the Threes for sharing their children with me and for all of their efforts in the classroom. We have two great groups of children, and all of the parents really work hard to make certain that our students are getting the most out of our time at school, and especially our daily projects. Thanks for everything!



# Happy Thanksgiving!

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

It's amazing that we have already been through our busy, fun filled month of October! Hope everyone enjoyed all the fall crafts and songs. The children really seem to enjoy the songs and learn them so quickly! But on to November...

This month will be busy too. We will be learning about Thanksgiving and its history. This will culminate in a Thanksgiving feast and parents will be invited to join us. We will be cooking for the feast so keep your eyes open for a list of items you might be able to sign up to bring for our baking adventure. Thanks!

Conferences are coming up this month as well. These will be short (10 minutes) conferences just to update you on how your child has adjusted and to address any concerns you may have. For any bigger issues or concerns, we can arrange an alternate time to talk with you. Look for the conference sign up sheets outside the classroom.

We have such a nice group of children in our classes. Thank you for sharing them. Also, thank you for all your support and willingness to help, when needed, and donating requested items ranging from apples to small swimming pools! We appreciate all that you do!

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

Our visit to the Shaker Lakes Nature Center was, as usual, a wonderful time for the children (check out a few pictures below). In the afternoon class, we saw three salamanders and got very close to three deer that didn't seem to mind when we sat down on a bench near them to watch them! Our annual visit to this beautiful place for the Pre-K class always reminds me how important it is we expose our children to the outdoors and to truly appreciate the simple wonder it can bring.

During October, we talked quite a bit about the changes happening outside and how the life of a pumpkin never ends with each new seed you plant. One of the boys in the class insisted he bring home a seed to plant for next year and most of the children were adventurous enough to taste the pumpkin seeds I baked and brought in for them.

This week, the Pre-K children will use their critical thinking skills as they figure out what makes our foil boats sink (or float?) and we'll play "little scientists" as we set up a laboratory to experiment with mixing colors using droppers and colored water.

November, of course, is also a time of reflection and appreciation for everything we have in our lives. We'll learn the words to the song "Thanks A lot" by Raffi and sing and sign to it, using the beautiful and dramatic language of American Sign Language. Parents are encouraged to come 15 minutes early to pick their child up on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to see a short and simple performance by the children. The Pre-K class will also publish its annual Thanksgiving cookbook, with your child's favorite recipe in it. It's never too early to start talking about the foods we eat and how a meal is prepared.

The conference sign up sheet is posted outside the Pre-K door; if you haven't signed up yet, please do. There is also a new wish list posted outside the door. Thanks to all the parents who bring items in and to everyone for all your help!



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*From the Church Liaison*

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day at Church of the Saviour as the Advent Festival returns. We will be in the Great Hall from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and all of your favorites will be back - 10,000 Villages, the Alternative Gift Market, the Cookie Walk, the Donut Man, holiday music, food, children's craft workshop, decorations and everything you need to make the season bright. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you do not miss this wonderful chance to get your family ready for the holidays. Remember, every dollar spent goes directly to local and global mission projects. Happy Holidays!

- Jill Barr

*Mark Your Calendars for the Advent Festival!*

Church of the Saviour will host its third annual Advent Festival on Saturday, December 5th from 9 am to 1 pm. Breakfast will be served by Co-Op volunteers from 8:30 to 11 for \$3 per person with a \$10 family maximum. Youth from the church will help young children make and wrap holiday gifts for family members. Come do your holiday shopping with Ten Thousand Villages, Alternative Gift Market and other mission-centered retailers. There will also be gift wrapping, a cookie walk, family advent craft, strolling carolers and musicians.

Watch your email and the Co-Op bulletin board for opportunities to volunteer. We will need breakfast cooks and servers, egg dish bakers, gift wrappers and much more! Please contact Stacey Hren with questions at [staceyhren@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyhren@yahoo.com) or 216.320.0444. Thank you!

