

October 2009



Co-Op Chronicle

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

News and Notes

✍️ As we all look for fun, nutritious snacks for school, keep in mind whole foods. Apples, carrot sticks and cheese are always a great choice!

✍️ Cold and flu-season is here! Please keep your child home if they are sick. While we sympathize with the scheduling conflicts parents may have by keeping their child at home, we want to maintain as healthy an environment as possible for all of the children. A sick child cannot fully participate in class activities and, at times, requires more one-on-one attention that the teachers can't always provide. As a general rule, your child should be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.



From the President

Fall has always been my favorite season. As the fresh crisp air sweeps in it always seems to bring with it the promise of new beginnings and fresh opportunities. This year is no exception and I'm pleased to report that our school year is off to a great start. The children are all settled in and are busy tasting apples and collecting leaves for beautiful fall art projects. Don't forget to take time to appreciate all of the wonderful artwork popping up in our hallways and classrooms.

Many thanks to Nicola and all of you who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a rousing success. Special thanks to Ellen Bartz for bringing Jan Johnston to us to share her lovely book. Jan's reading really ended the evening on a special note and she donated all of the proceeds for the books sold that night to the Co-op. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget that Co-Op Sunday is coming up on November 15th. This will be a great opportunity to show off our school to the Church community as well as to show our appreciation to the Church and Co-Op Alumni for all of their support through the years.

I also hope we all remember to enjoy the fall season. Jump in a pile of leaves, carve a pumpkin and watch for new opportunities.

Jill Barr

2009-10 Co-op President

Calendar

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| October 12 | Picture Day! (Monday 3's) |
| October 15 | Picture Day! (all other classes)
NO DALCROZE |
| October 21 | Shaker Lakes Nature Center visit (Pre-K) |
| October 27 | Lunch Gang Registration—for Lunch Gang from
November 10 th through December 17 th |
| November 2 | Tuition Due (2 nd payment)
Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.) |

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

The Monday Threes and the Three Day Threes are both off to a great start. It was wonderful to begin the school year in a sparkling clean classroom - thank you to the many parents who worked hard at the September Workshop to get it ready. The fresh sand is a big hit and the newly washed easel is already covered in paint and a hot spot for our many young artists.

Our students have created beautiful master pieces to decorate our classroom walls. We have made placemats for snack time, painted with flowers instead of brushes, and used watercolors to create a stunning array of leaves for our tree.

The Three Day class also made "me dolls," sunny sunflowers, and they really seemed to like playing with finger paint. During our apple week they made apple prints, tasted apples, and made a bar graph showing which apples we liked best (red was the class favorite.) The delicious smell floating down the halls came from our apple crisp. The Three Day Threes also enjoyed a fun, first Dalcroze class with Miss Laura.

Both classes are looking forward to making soft bear collages and bringing our teddy bears to school. After that it will be time to scare up some Halloween fun!

Our students are kind, friendly, and happy to be at school. Thanks for bringing your child each day -- it is a pleasure to spend my mornings with them.



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

Well, we have just completed our first month of preschool! It seems that everyone is settled into the school routine. The children seem to be enjoying school and each other. We spent the first two weeks talking about going to school and making friends. We also learned our first song! We had a week on apples and ended with an apple tasting. The results of the tasting are on charts outside the classroom. Take a peek and find out your child's favorite type of apple! Also ask your child to tell you the apple poem ("Way up high in the apple tree").

Last week, we had an "Under the Sea" theme. This was the first time we have tried this theme so it was as new to us as it was to the children - and I think as much fun too! Now the kids will have a new pet fish that you don't even need to feed when they take their fishbowl pictures home.

This week, we will start to focus more on Fall. We will be taking a nature walk and making a project out of the treasures we find.

Dalcroze began last Thursday and the kids did a great job for their first time! They seemed to enjoy it and we were very happy with Miss Laura, our new teacher. The AM class will be starting indoors on Thursdays because Dalcroze begins at 9:15. The PM class will start out on the playground as usual, weather permitting. No Dalcroze on October 15th though, because that is picture day! We will all start on the playground that day. Please, no tights on Dalcroze days.

Thanks to all the parents who have been so generous with your time, talents, and bringing us odd things we are collecting. Also thanks so much for sharing your children with us. We are really enjoying them and look forward to a great year!

Pre-K (Ms. Day)

The school year is off to a great start. Everyone in both classes is getting along so well. They really are all a delightful group of children!

We spent the first several weeks looking at ourselves, ranging from the way we look and feel when different emotions arise, to learning about the way we experience our world through our five senses. Ask your child if they know what the Braille alphabet is and how visually impaired people learn to read.

We will jump into various Fall activities with the changing season. We will talk about recycling and make our own paper. We'll need some flower petals or ferns to put in the paper to give it a botanical twist, so if you have anything from your garden, please bring it in. Fall is also a wonderful time for some beautiful artwork. Keep an eye open in the hallway and in your child's cubby for some lovely pieces of work by them.

Our field trip to The Shaker Lakes Nature Center will take place on Wednesday, October 21. Please bring your child to the nature center at 9:00 a.m./12:30 p.m. and note that pick up is a half-hour earlier, at 11:00 a.m./2:30 p.m. There will be a one-hour guided program from a naturalist during our visit. Again, we will be looking at the fall changes occurring during this time of the year during our visit to the nature center. Please dress for the weather; dressing in layers is always a good idea and make sure your child is wearing appropriate shoes for walking through mud!

As the month of October comes to a close, we won't necessarily focus on Halloween, but the circle of life with a pumpkin. Each class will name our "class pumpkin". We will measure and weigh it (and compare it to our own heads and weights!) and, finally, we will vote on the jack-o-lantern face and carve it. The inside of a pumpkin is usually either completely fascinating or utterly disgusting to children. We'll see what your child thinks of it! Happy Fall!

Reminder!

When making out your tuition check for the next tuition payment on November 2, please keep in mind several things:

- * Please list child's name in memo line of the check. This is very important as many children have different last names than their parents or the people paying their tuition;
- * Make check out to **Church of the Saviour Co-Op**;
- * Make sure your check is **signed**. This may seem like a no-brainer, but several checks last round were unsigned. So . . . just a gentle reminder to please sign them!

If you need to make a payment plan, or have any questions about tuition, please contact the Treasurer, Kirsten Rosebrock-Hayes, rosebrockhayes@gmail.com or 216-371-8870.

Thank you!

A Warm Welcome . . .

To our new Dalcroze teacher, Laura Simna! Miss Laura previously taught at the Cleveland Music School Settlement, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Ruffing Montessori.



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Join our group (Church of the Saviour Cooperative Preschool) at:

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From the Church Liaison

Church of the Saviour is offering a free Infant & Child CPR class for members of the Church and Co-Op community on Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The class will be taught by an accredited Red Cross CPR trainer and is intended to prepare parents and care givers to provide aid in an emergency situation. This class is *not* a certification class and certification cards will not be awarded. Childcare will be provided during the class. Please RSVP to Joan Hart at joankhart14@hotmail.com.

On behalf of Church of the Saviour, I would like to invite you all to make yourselves at home at the Church. Co-Op families are welcome to stop by the library (located across from the elevators on the main level) to visit and check out books. Information regarding checking out books is located on the library desk. Feel free to stop by the Café (just down the hall from the library) to enjoy a latte and/or make use of the Wi-Fi service. If you are looking for a few moments of peace or would like to view the beautiful stained glass windows, visit the Chapel or Sanctuary. If you would like to know more about any of these opportunities or have any other questions regarding the Church, feel free to contact me anytime. Jill Barr, Church Liaison

From the Fundraising Chair

The Spaghetti Dinner was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, and donated baked goods.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to **Marrotta's**, **Parnell's Pub**, and **Stone Oven** (all located on Lee Road), and **On The Rise** (on Fairmount Boulevard) for their generous food donations.

Flower Bulbs Sale: Great job everyone! This was the first time for this fund raiser and it was a great money-maker. The bulb order has been placed and a notice will be sent out once the bulbs arrive. Orders can be picked up at school.

Advent Festival and Breakfast: On Saturday, December 5th, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Co-Op parents are invited to help with this church event by wrapping gifts and serving breakfast. Please keep this date open to attend and/or volunteer. We will need gift wrappers, kitchen helpers, and breakfast servers, as well as volunteers to donate egg casseroles.

Last, but not least, please start thinking about soliciting items for the Silent Auction! The auction isn't until March, but you can get donations now! All donations are tax deductible and, if received by December 31, can be written off for this fiscal year.