

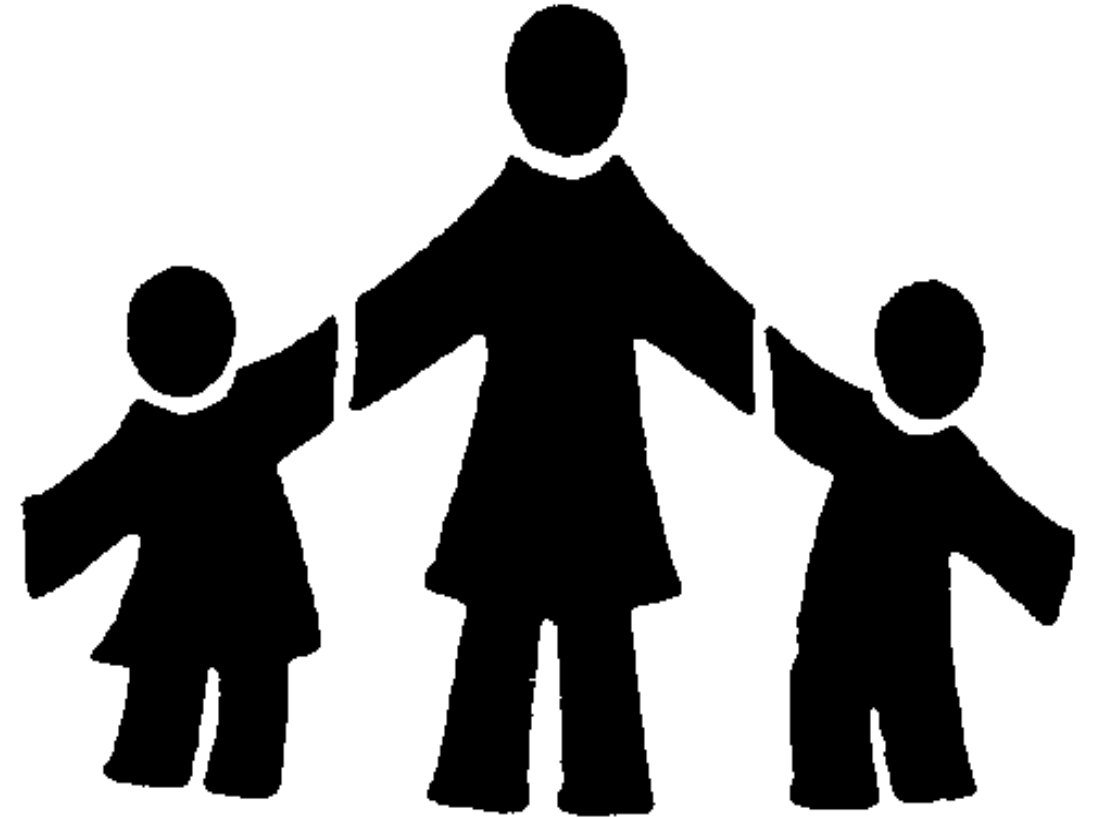
# Pre-K Field trip to Shaker Lakes Nature Center

Our visit to the Shaker Lakes Nature Center not only brought fantastic weather and a beautiful hike, but we spotted four sweet deer relaxing in the forest and watched very patiently and quietly a squirrel bury a nut in the ground! I picked up some brochures for Winter classes at this wonderful facility and they are hanging by the pre-k classroom. - Barbara Day



*I'm a little acorn brown  
Sitting on the cold, cold ground  
Everybody steps on me  
That is why I'm cracked, you see  
I'm a nut....I'm a nut...*

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## A Message from the President...

Thank you so much to Nicola Watson and her band of merry volunteers! The Spaghetti Dinner was a great success! Thanks to all those families who volunteered, attended and brought others along. Fun was had by all! The food was excellent. Please remember to thank those businesses who contributed when you patronize their establishments.

Fall is in full swing at the Co-Op. Apple tasting, fall trees being drawn, and leaves being collected...all the vibrant shades of the season are here. Remember to admire your child's artwork in our hallways.

There will be a planning meeting for the 2009-2010 school year. Stay tuned for more details. All are welcome. Please send any recommendations to [amy\\_fischer@att.net](mailto:amy_fischer@att.net).

Happy Fall,

Amy Fischer

## Don't forget...

- November 2 ends Daylight Saving Time...Fall back (turn your clocks back one hour) and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!
- November 4 is Election Day...don't forget to vote!
- November 4: Second Quarter Tuition Payment is due. \$200 (3 day), \$265 (4 day Pre-K)

# young 3s

Mrs. Collyer

The Young Threes are bursting with energy and enthusiasm for school. We have had a busy start and the children are working very hard on the skills they need to become successful students. They have worked on sharing, listening, using words and keeping their hands gentle. They have exercised their hand muscles and improved their small motor skills through painting in a variety of ways and by using

markers, crayons, scissors, glue and play dough. This class is also very fond of puzzles, trains, sand and snack time. We are enjoying the season together by working with fall leaves, decorating our classroom tree and enjoying apples. If you smell something delightful coming from our room that would be our apple cooking! We have climbed, played catch, balanced and ridden bikes on the playground, and we have discovered the joys of dalcroze. This class has grown so much already and I look forward to an exciting year full of adventures and lots and lots of bear hunts.

Thank you to the many parents who made our room sparkle during the September Workshop and to the Young Three students for making our room a great place to be.

Well, we are already through our first month of school! It seems that everyone has pretty well settled in. The kids seem to be enjoying school and enjoying each other. We spent the first week talking about starting school and making new friends and the children seem to have done just that!

We have been talking more about Fall and Fall activities and will be going on a nature walk to collect fall treasures - leaves, sticks, acorns etc. We will use these treasures to make a project at the end of the week.

We also have started Dalcroze with Brian and he is wonderful! The kids really enjoyed themselves and Brian has already begun to teach them musical notes and to recognize different rhythms he plays.

We will be starting to make some more Halloween type projects toward the end of this month. We are already hearing what costumes the children are planning on wearing. We will also learn a song that is always a big hit! Hopefully you have been enjoying the songs and poems your children are learning.

Thanks again for all your help and for sharing your children with us. We are really enjoying them. We have a great group of students!

# 3s & 4s

Mrs. Bartz & Mrs. Stefanak

# pre-k

Ms. Day

The school year is off to a splendid start and the children have been equally splendid! I would like to thank those parents who have been attentive to the wish list and brought items in for our class. Also, thanks to Karen Campbell (mom to Danny Kral) who brought in the lovely flowers from her garden as we were able to recycle paper into "beautiful" paper last week!

After several weeks of learning about ourselves and our families in September, we are spending much of October talking about the curious and

colorful changes outside. We will take an in-depth look at leaves (type, shape, color...) and create pieces of art to reflect the beauty of them. During the last week of October, we will investigate the mighty pumpkin. The pre-k children will draw, measure, weigh and carve our "class pumpkin" and I will bake the seeds to bring in as a treat for the following day!

In case you haven't noticed, each child has their own drawing/writing book in the classroom. I have been encouraging the children to write their name in this book on a daily basis. They may also put drawings or other "writings" in it as the year progresses. If you are parent helping, please invite the children to the drawing/writing table and help them get their books out.

The children seemed to enjoy their first session of dalcroze with Brian last week. I look forward to the year as I watch them tip-toe and gallop their way through the class!

Please keep an eye open for a new wish list to be posted later in the month. I appreciate all your help this year as we all learn and grow together!

# calendar

co-op preschool events  
community events

- October 24: Enchanted Forest, Shaker Lakes Nature Center. 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Call 321-5935 to register.
- October 25: November 1 & 8: Aesop's Fables & other stories, Cleveland Playhouse. Call 795-7000 for tickets.
- October 25: International Festival, CH Main Library. 12 - 4:30 PM.
- October 26: Family Fun Day @ Museum of Contemporary Art. 1 - 4 PM. 8501 Carnegie Ave.
- October 27: Pumpkin Carving. Phoenix Coffee. 4 - 8 PM. 2287 Lee Road.
- November 5: CityMusic Concert. 7:30 PM. Schuman, Beethoven, Mozart. Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Free.
- **November 6: Co-Op Board meeting 7:30 pm, Old Library - all are welcome**
- **November 19-22: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**
- December 6: Advent Festival, Church of the Saviour. 9am-1pm. Save the date! Come do your holiday shopping with Ten Thousand Villages, alternative gift projects, and other mission-centered retailers. Youth from the church will assist young children make and wrap holiday gifts for family members. There will also be gift wrapping, a cookie walk, family advent wreath making, strolling carolers, musicians and more. \*\*\*
- December 7: Lessons & Carols, 10:30 am\*\*\*
- December 12 & 14: Amahl & the Night Visitors \*\*\*
- December 19: Christmas Caroling\*\*\*

\*\*\*these are events hosted by Church of the Saviour, but are open to the community.

# little extras

**Dalcroze** (music and movement class) will be held on Wednesdays this year. Our teacher, Brian Sweigart has asked that the children be barefoot...that means NO TIGHTS for our little princesses on Wednesdays!

**NUT FREE!** Church of the Saviour is Nut Free...For the safety of all of our children, the entire C.O.T.S. facility is now a nut free zone. Please refrain from bringing any nuts or nut containing products into the building...this includes the playground area. A listing of nut free foods that are appropriate for snack time will be provided by your Participation Chair. Your cooperation ensures a safe environment for all.

**School closings:** The Co-op follows the Cleveland Hts./ University Hts. School calendar for all school closings, including holidays and weather related cancellations.