

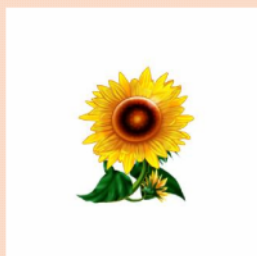


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# The Parent Helper

The Newsletter of Community Preschool

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## Dates to Remember!

Fall Open House  
August 19, 9-11AM

Corn Roast Parade  
August 27

First Day of School  
August 29

Parent Orientation Meetings  
August 29, 30 & Sept. 2

Papa Murphy's Pizza Night  
September 15

Walk-a-Thon  
September 22 and 23

Scrapbooking Night  
September 9

School Pictures  
September 26-30

## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT CPS!

We hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer with your families and friends! Can you believe it's just about time to start back at preschool again? It all goes so fast! Hope you have had some exciting summer adventures and also have had some restful relaxation with your loved ones.



First off, we hope you all will join us for a walk in the Corn Roast Parade this year! CPS is excited to be a part of the parade this year, so bring your bikes or walking shoes and join us as we celebrate our 41st year as Loveland's favorite cooperative preschool. **If you would like to participate, please contact Michele Mandeville or Jennifer Jacobs. We'd love to have you join us!**

## Open House

We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual **Fall Open House on Friday, August 19th from 9-11**. This is a chance for your child to meet his/her teacher as well as for you to sign-up for Parent-Help days for the 1st Quarter. You will also need to bring all remaining paperwork to your class coordinator as well as pay any remaining fees. Please be

sure that all of your child's paperwork is turned in at the Open House. This year, due to strict guidelines given to us by the health department, all students must have a current physical form completed and signed by a doctor **before** he or she starts preschool. There is no grace period. If you have a concern or problem with this deadline, please contact your class coordinator **before** the Open House. Thank you so much for your prompt attention to this!

We currently have some openings in each age level. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please invite them to our Fall Open House! Here is our current class schedule for the 2011-12 School Year:

2.5's F Mrs. Abbott 9:00 - 11:15 AM  
3's M/W Mrs. Abbott 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
3's T/R Mrs. Abbott 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
3's T/R Martinez 8:45 - 11:15 AM  
4's M/W/F Martinez 8:45 - 11:15 PM  
4's M/W/F Miller 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
4's T/Th Miller 8:45 - 11:15 AM  
4's M/T/R Martinez 12:45 - 3:15 PM

We will also have t-shirts and hats available at the open house for all ages, so bring your checkbooks. They are really cute and are great for field trips and class days!





# 1st Quarter Committee Job Assignments



Below is the list of 1st Quarter (and ongoing) Committee Jobs. You will receive a detailed reminder in your child's cubby prior to the date of your job.

Please contact Summer Woodward, by emailing: [woodwardc\\_s@hotmail.com](mailto:woodwardc_s@hotmail.com)

for information about committee assignments. If you need to contact her via phone: 203-1363.

## Cleaning Jobs

- ✦ General Disinfecting (all classrooms) - Joe Sava
- ✦ Washing (play clothes, smocks, etc) - Wendy Miner
- ✦ Washing (outdoor/ winter wear Sept/Oct) - Emily Ferrill

Manipulative Toy Washing:

- Mrs. Martinez - Meaghanne Oresjo
- Mrs. Miller - Kirsten Lew
- Mrs. Abbott - Janna Firestone

General Dusting and Wiping Down:

- Mrs. Martinez - Deena Pettit
- Mrs. Miller - Stephanie Richardson
- Mrs. Abbott - Bianca Ingram

Large Toys and Wooden Toys

- Mrs. Martinez - Beth Vasquez
- Mrs. Miller - OPEN
- Mrs. Abbott - Amber Manes

Home Living Area Toys

- Mrs. Martinez - Debbie Tikka
- Mrs. Miller - Julie Garcia
- Mrs. Abbott - Annie Alcorn

## Babysitting Jobs:

August 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting - Jen Norgaard & Abby Chase

August 19<sup>th</sup> Open House - Shawn Waaler & Monika Riedel

- ✦ September 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting - Stephanie Custer & Kristy Howe

October Board Meeting (DATE TBA) - Zia Ziebell & Shelly Fletcher

## Maintenance & Preparation Jobs:

- Maintenance - Classroom Furniture
- Mrs. Martinez - Seth Merrill & Emily Weakland
- Mrs. Miller - Lynsey Weimer & OPEN
- Mrs. Abbott - Kyle Dellabetta & Sarah Beek

Maintenance - General Classroom

- Mrs. Martinez - OPEN
- Mrs. Miller - OPEN
- Mrs. Abbott - OPEN

- ✦ Wood Toy Maintenance - Rob Hust & OPEN

Bike Maintenance - Zach Anderson & OPEN

## Grant Team

-Alyssa Schmidt, Rosa Crawford, OPEN, & OPEN

## Decorating Team

-Christine Wysock, Andrea Wilson, Jane Dalabetta, & Jamie Wood

## Green Team

-Suzy Hawbaker, Sabrina Hooverson, Natalie Parker, & Elizabeth Johnson

## Library Job:

Library Bulletin Board - Ann Schimke

## Fundraiser/ Party / Misc. Jobs

- ✦ Walk-a-Thon Helper - Sandy Beagle (Thursday) & Joelle Moran (Friday)
- School Nurse - Summer Woodward

## Scrapbook Helper

- Mrs. Martinez - Chrissie Hall
- Mrs. Miller - Tracie Jenkins
- Mrs. Abbott - Sherry Lincoln

## Available Committee Jobs

There are plenty of available committee jobs for all four quarters. If you still need to sign up for a required committee job, or if you would like to help with an additional one, please contact Summer Woodward by emailing: [woodwardc\\_s@hotmail.com](mailto:woodwardc_s@hotmail.com) or telephone 203.1363



## First Day of School

School starts the week of **August 29th** for all students. All classes will meet for the full class time on the first day. We are so excited for another year at CPS! Welcome back—And welcome to our new families!

Going back to school is always exciting, but it can also be a little intimidating for our preschoolers. Here are a few suggestions to help your child adjust to school.

### Arriving at School

- The school doors will open for all students ten minutes prior to the start of class. Enter through the courtyard gate.
- Please don't arrive too early as it may create uncertainty in your child.
- Parents are asked to remain in the classroom with their child until both parent-helpers have arrived. This will ensure that there is adequate supervision. It will also help reassure your child and put them at ease with their surroundings. Feel free to stay until the teacher starts class.

### Cubbies

Each child will have a cubby in their classroom. Please help your child find his/her cubby and place his/her personal belongings in it. This is his/her special spot in the classroom! Also, the cubby is the main source of communication between you and the teachers! Check the cubby after class for school information, book orders, and your child's artwork.

### Other Tips

Your child can meet his/her teacher, see the classroom and tour the building before school starts when you attend the Fall Open House on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 -11AM.

- Make back-to-school time fun by taking your child out to buy new clothes, shoes, and supplies
- Give your child a small photo of your family to carry with them.
- Allow plenty of time to get ready for school in the morning. A calm experience at home can help ease the transition at school.

Lastly, you know your child best! You will know what your child needs to make the preschool experience fun for them!

## Mandatory Parent Orientation

Parent orientation is a **MANDATORY**, annual meeting for all members of our school corporation whether you are a new family or not! You must sign the Sign-In Sheet for our records. The orientation is also a great way to meet other families and a few members of the school board. The sessions are held on your child's first day of school and will last approximately 30 minutes (up to an hour for new parents).

Please meet in the gym after dropping your child off at class. During this meeting, you will be informed about important changes for the year, review certain policies and new families will receive training for parent-helping. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions or voice any concerns you may have! Only one orientation is required per family, regardless of how many children are enrolled in the school. Here is the schedule: Monday, August 29th (AM and PM); Tuesday, August 30th (AM) and September 2nd (AM). If you cannot make the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the board president, Michele Mandeville. Thanks so much for your cooperation and we'll see you at the meeting!



## Reminder: Community Preschool's Nut-Free Policy

Please remember that Community Preschool is a 100% nut-free school. We are aware of the tremendous risk children who are allergic to nuts can face from even the smallest trace of peanut butter or other nut products. The consequences can be life-threatening. We want to help eliminate the possibility of such an occurrence at our school. Please observe the following guidelines when bringing a snack to school on the day you are scheduled to parent-help.

The No-Nut policy is also in effect for potlucks or any other school-sponsored event, whether on or off school property. **Please carefully inspect ALL packaged foods to ensure that they are nut-free and have not been processed in a plant that handles nuts!** Manufacturing processes change periodically, and the only way to be safe is to check each package carefully before bringing it to school.

If you fail to bring a nut-free snack to class, you will be charged a \$5 fee for the teachers to replace your snack. Also remember that *home-made items are not allowed by the health department, even for birthdays or special occasions.* Since the list of nut-free snacks is always changing, we will keep a copy of the list on the CPS website and on the bulletin board at school. We will be updating the snack list and will have copies at the Open House. This will include nut-free snack suggestions as well as snack suggestions for children with sensitivities to certain foods.



We encourage fresh fruits and vegetables; however, all fruits and veggies must be pre-packaged unless they have a peel on them. For example, bananas, apples, oranges, and kiwis can be peeled at school in the kitchen for snack time. Pre-packaged grapes are fine, too. Again, a detailed snacklist will be available at school on the website!

## 1st Quarter Tuition Due August 1st, 2011

1st-Quarter tuition is due August 1st, 2011. If you haven't already done so, please mail your tuition payment to Community Preschool, PO Box 1652, Loveland, CO 80539. The complete Tuition Schedule, as well as the School Schedule is available on our school website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding tuition payment, please contact Erika Pol before the start of school. Thank you!

## Annual Walk-A-Thon Dates!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Walk-A-Thon—**September 22nd & 23rd.** Look for donation envelopes in your child's cubby early in the school year. Funds raised will go toward classroom improvements. This is a fun event for all families (bring grandparents, etc.!) that kicks off the school year with a bang! Can't wait to see you there!

## Odds and Ends

- We are looking for someone to help build shelves in the classrooms. This can replace a Committee Job. We will supply materials. If interested, please contact the director, Laura Martinez, for more information. Thanks!
- If you are a teacher and can be on our Paid-Substitute Teacher List, please contact the vice president, Jennifer Jacobs and we can add you to the list. Thanks!
- Notice our playground improvements (new pea gravel, curbing around the play structures for safety) and our new rugs! The money raised from the Silent Auction went to these improvements. Is there something else you would like to see improved? Let us know by contacting the board president! Suggestions welcome!

## More Odds and Ends!



### Where can I park at CPS?



<i>OK to park here:</i>	<i>NOT OK to park here:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along the streets SOUTH or EAST of CPS (6th &amp; Douglas) <u>as long as neighboring driveways are not blocked!</u></li> <li>• Church parking lot EAST of the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absolutely NO parking <u>or</u> driving in the driveway West of the school (THIS IS A FIRE LANE)</li> <li>• North of the school</li> <li>• South in the Assisted Living parking lot.</li> </ul> <p>Please comply with these requests to ensure safety for all! Thank you in advance!!</p>

Please continue to enter through the courtyard gate and through the CPS doors! Thank you!

## Ongoing Fundraisers

- It seems like everyone's summer has been hot and busy. But remember to keep CPS in mind with our ongoing fundraisers.
- **Caps for Cash** - Save your milk caps from your home delivery service and drop them off at the school. You can find a collection box in the main hallway at the preschool and Morning Fresh Dairy donates \$50.00 per 1000 caps redeemed.
- **Papa Murphy Night** - Every third Thursday of the month, mention CPS when ordering your pizza and 25% of your total purchase will be donated to the preschool. Both Loveland locations are participating.
- **Scholastic Book Orders** - CPS receives one free book per one online order. All donations from our local businesses will be used for classroom and playground improvements.
- Please remember to visit **iGive.com** when purchasing items online - a portion of your sale will be donated to Community Preschool!
- CPS will continue to sell **Africa Bags** for our sister preschool in Kamweko Village in Malawi, Africa. More information to come with a link to Africa Bags on our website. If you want one now, let us know! They are adorable!

## Green Corner



- I hope everyone has been having an adventurous summer exploring the outdoors and enjoying the harvest of family gardens and local produce! We've been doing a lot of camping and gardening in my family! So we have all the materials ready to build a small school garden at CPS! We didn't get to it before school ended last year, but we would love to build it the week before school starts! Anyone interested? If so, let us know by contacting Michele Mandeville at: [mbmandeville@comcast.net](mailto:mbmandeville@comcast.net). Or just a give a call!
- We will also be doing away with paper cups this year for snack time. All students will have a reusable plastic cup they use for snack. More information about this will be available at the Fall Open House! See you soon!