

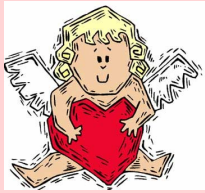
February 2012

The Parent Helper

The Newsletter of Community Preschool



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Dates to Remember!

Mom's Night **Feb 10**

Valentines Day **Feb 14**

Pizza Night **Feb 16**

Parent/Teacher Conferences
(No School) **Feb 16, 17**

President's Day
(No School) **Feb 20**

2011-12 Pre-Registration
Feb 21-Mar 2



"Love is the only gold!"
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson

"A baby is born with a need to be loved - and never outgrows it."
~Frank A. Clark

2011-2012 Survey Highlights

Thank you to all the families who participated in our annual school survey. We appreciated all the feedback you gave us to help make Community Preschool a caring and nurturing environment for our children. We had some wonderful comments about our teachers and our special events and we appreciate your positive responses. We also thank you for sharing your suggestions— many of which related to 'greening up CPS' and having better communication through our website and newsletter. Our wonderful school depends on the participation of every single one of us. Thank you so much for your time, dedication and commitment to Community Preschool. We appreciate you!

Thank You!

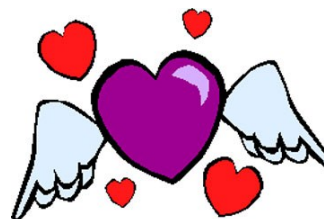


Thank you to everyone who helped make our fundraisers such a success this year. We have been able to purchase 2 new balance bikes, a sensory table, hundreds of dollars of new toys, and several guest speakers are coming in the next few months because of your generosity. Community Preschool continues to be a fabulous place because of each and every one of you! Thank you, thank you!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences



Parent/Teacher conferences will run from February 16-17th. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday and Friday, February 16th and 17th. There will be conference times available on these days for 3's and 4's classes only. 2's parents may request a conference at any time if there are questions or concerns. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the teacher's doors. We try to maintain a schedule during those two days to prevent waiting lines in the hallway. We appreciate punctuality and observance of the time length of each conference. If you feel that you need more than the allotted time, please talk with your teacher to schedule a longer conference. Thank you!



What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork! ~Pearl Bailey



3Q Committee Jobs

Below is the list of 3rd Q (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: committees@communitypreschool.org for information about committee assignments. If you need to contact her via phone: 203.1363.



Cleaning Jobs

Large Toys and Wooden Toys

Mrs. Martinez – Sara Bebo
Mrs. Miller – Rosa Crawford
Mrs. Abbott – Laressa Rusch

Manipulative Toy Washing:

Mrs. Martinez – Brenda Skendzel
Mrs. Miller – April Liedke
Mrs. Abbott – Courtney Brady

General Dusting and Wiping Down:

Mrs. Martinez – Dawn Stephen
Mrs. Miller – JanelleThalman
Mrs. Abbott – Betsie Sampson

Home Living Area Toys

Mrs. Martinez – Dori Ramsom
Mrs. Miller – Elizabeth Johnson
Mrs. Abbott – Nicole Lukenson

General Disinfecting (all classrooms) – Jenica Griffith

Washing (play clothes, smocks, etc) – Heather Bell

Washing (outdoor/ winter wear in Jan/Feb) – Tracy Kieber

Babysitting Jobs 2011

February Board Meeting (Feb 3rd) – Lisa Javernick, Kristie Bale, & Natalie Denkers

March Board Meeting (March 1st) – Jackie Gilbert, Nathan Stapf, & Kelly Shane

Spring Registration (March 16th) – Dianne McGuinness, Tahnee Wydra, & Sabrina Hooverson

Maintenance & Preparation Jobs

Maintenance – Classroom Furniture

Mrs. Martinez – Seth Merrill & Emily Weakland
Mrs. Miller – Lynsey Weimer & Megan Burroughs
Mrs. Abbott – Kyle Dellabetta & Sarah Beek

Maintenance – General Classroom

Mrs. Martinez – Matt Bockleman
Mrs. Miller – Darren Nelson
Mrs. Abbott – Tina Nevin

Wood Toy Maintenance – Rob Hust & Jessica Kuhns

Bike Maintenance – Zach Anderson & Joe Paulson

Scrapbook Helpers

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

Library Job

Library Bulletin Board – Ann Schimke

Fundraiser/ Party / Misc. or Ongoing Jobs

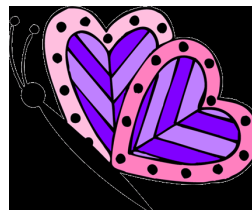
Grant Team – Alyssa Schmidt & Rachael Burrows

Decorating Team – (Q3&4) Jane Dallabetta & Jamie Wood

Green Team – Suzy Hawbaker & Natalie Parker

School Photos

If you have any recent photos of our school happenings, we would love to share them on our website, on Facebook and at school! The 4's students would also like copies for their scrapbooks! We are looking for photos that reflect all the activities, field trips and special events that happen at our school. If you would like to share them, please put them on a CD and place them in the Publicity box at school. It would be wonderful to see many of the wonderful things happening here at CPS! Thank you!



“Love is all you need!” ~Paul McCartney

2012-2013 Registration



All FAMILIES may pre-register beginning on **Tuesday, February 21st at 8AM MST and will be able to pre-register through March 2nd 8PM.** The priority groups of registering families are: Current, Alumni and New.

To pre-register, you will visit the Community Preschool website and enter the requested information. The information you submit will allow all correspondence prior to the day of registration to be done on-line. Once you submit your pre-registration form, you will immediately receive a confirmation email that your pre-registration was received.

Your pre-registration submission and confirmation email places you chronologically on a list based on when you actually submitted your form. Once the pre-registration period closes, the forms will be compiled according to priority groups and you will receive a 2nd email with your **assigned registration time and number** in line ***no later than Monday, March 12th.***

You will then need to bring your *assigned registration number* to **Spring Registration on Friday, March 16th**, along with all your required paperwork, Registration fee and yearly Supply fee. Registration will be open at 9AM.

When you arrive for your assigned Registration time, the process will be as follows:

1. Sign up for open classes or be placed on a waiting list
 - A child may be enrolled in one class and then placed on a wait list for a second class if your first choice class is not available. Enrolling your child in more than one class is not an option. The possibility of having your child enrolled in your first choice class may be available if that particular class has openings the week before school starts. The child may then be added on a first-come, first-served basis from the wait list. If you have any questions, please contact the board president.
3. Sign up for a Committee job
4. Pay the \$50.00 Registration fee and \$20.00 Supply fee. (*fees per family, not per child*)
5. Drop off all required Registration forms to your class coordinator
6. Final check of registration completeness (all forms delivered, payment made, class selected). A registration receipt will be given once registration is complete.

****Please visit our website for a copy of the Registration FAQs and a copy of the 2012-13 Registration Packet***



“Love is something eternal; the aspect may change, but not the essence.” Vincent Van Gogh



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students with birthdays in February!

2's Classes

Gordon Kuhns
Reagan Pol

3's Classes

2/06 Ian Firestone
2/16 Jonathan Paulsen
2/13
Ava Gow

4's Classes

2/08 Dean Hust
2/2

Calling All Artists And Local Business Owners!

Can you believe it's February already? We are beginning to prep for our annual Silent Auction in late April. We are really excited to support our local businesses and artists here in Loveland and Fort Collins. If you have a local business or if you are an artist and would like to donate an item to our auction, please contact our Development Coordinator, Serena E. Proceeds will go toward new classroom rugs as well as other classroom improvements. We are looking forward to a wonderful auction this year!

Get Outside!



The Wild Loop: Devil's Backbone Open Space is a very popular open space and the Wild Loop Trail is a great 2-mile loop that is perfect for kids and includes an interpretive brochure. Don't forget your binoculars for birding!

Coyote Ridge Trail is also another good one for kids as it is a mile to a cabin (also bathrooms) and has some interpretive signs about the natural habitat that surrounds the area. (NO DOGS on this trail)

Foothills Nature Trail is another good family hike. The hike is a steady mile up to the top with interpretative signs along the way. The trail ends at the top with nice views and an overlook built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. They felt the knoll was a great place for 'nature contemplation.' It is! Check it out!

To find out more information about these hikes and others, check out this website:

"Local Hikes near Loveland and Fort Collins": http://www.localhikes.com/MSA/MSA_2670.asp

Also check out: "Larimer County Department of Natural Resources": <http://www.co.larimer.co.us/naturalresources/parkareas.htm>

For winter recreation in Rocky Mountain National Park, check out: <http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/>



"Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination." ~Voltaire