



January 2012

Dates to Remember!

3rd Quarter Tuition Due
January 9

Surveys
January 9-20

Mom's Night
January 13

Martin Luther King Day
No School January 16

Pizza Night
January 19

The Parent Helper

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3rd Quarter Tuition Due

3rd Quarter tuition is due on Monday January 9th, 2011. Please make your check payable to Community Preschool and include the child's name in the memo line. Place payment in the Treasurer's lock box at the end of the main hallway. If you have any questions, please contact the treasurer, Erika P. at 663-7096. Thank you!

Mrs. Abbot 2's	\$69.75
Mon./Wed. 3's	\$124.00
Tue./Thu. 3's and Tue./Thu. 4's	\$131.75
Mon./Wed./Fri. 4's and Mon./Tue./Thu. 4's	\$186.00



THANK YOU!!

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for your generosity during Christmas time! All the children who received gifts from the giving tree as well as the families we helped provide food for during the holidays were extremely grateful. Thank you, and Happy New Year!

We would also like to give a special thanks to the Howe family for their contributions to the spaghetti dinner!!

CPS Survey—We need your input!

Every year we ask that parents or guardians of CPS students take a few minutes to fill out a survey during the month of January. Your input is very important to us and helps us make improvements to our school.

This year, we will use an online tool to perform the survey and ask that you please visit the website, follow the link and complete it between Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 20th. We value your thoughts and opinions on our school and how we can improve—your answers are helpful in our short-term and long-term planning.



2012-13 Tuition Increase

Due to increased expenses, and in order to continue the quality of the Community Preschool, tuition will be increasing to \$8.75 a day for the 2012-2013 school year. With this increase, CPS still offers one of the lowest tuition rates for preschools in the Northern Colorado area, with no required fundraising. We hope this increase will ensure the continued success for many years to come.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele M. (720-270-3145) or Erika P. (663-7096).

Upcoming Openings on the CPS Board of Directors

Attention parents:

The Community Preschool Board of Directors is seeking an individual to fill the **vice-president position** on our executive board. Interested candidates must be able to start attending the monthly board meetings in January. The vice president is one of the three positions (along with the president and treasurer) that provide overall leadership for the ten-member Board of Directors. A description of this position is listed below. Interested candidates should submit a typed letter of intent to Michele (President) as soon as possible. Letters of Intent should highlight the position you are running for, any special talents/related work experience, history serving on boards, history at CPS, etc. Letters of intent can be placed in the President's mailbox outside Mrs. Miller's room or e-mailed to president@communitypreschool.org. Since this position involves in a great deal of decision-making, the current Board of Directors will vote on the candidates. General elections are held for the remainder of the board positions in January.



Open Executive Board Position:

Serving on the board of directors is a two-year commitment and is a great way to get involved and help run the school! In return for their service to the school, board members receive the following:

- A 30% tuition discount;
- Exemption from Committee assignments;
- First opportunity to register for classes;
- First opportunity to sign up for parent-help days;
- Great resume-building skills.



In addition to the job description below, executive board members must attend the monthly board meeting (during school hours; babysitting provided free of charge) and participate in various other activities as needed during the year. Candidates for the executive board must be trustworthy with sensitive information, dependable, professional, and able to work well with the President, board, and teachers.

Vice President:

The vice president is responsible for keeping the Meeting Minutes, Scholastic Book Orders, updating the Bulletin Board, compiling the school directory and being the lead on setting up for Open House and Registration. The VP assists as Special Events where needed and assists the president as needed.

Please contact Michele Mandeville if you have questions! 720-270-3145 or president@communitypreschool.org



Scholastic Book orders

Remember, you can order books from Scholastic online! Use the information below and your books can be delivered to school. Your purchase helps the school receive new books, too!

Sign up/register on the website, enter the school code, enter payment information and submit. You will be charged at the time the books are shipped.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.



<http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs>
Our school code: GWCML



2012-2013 Pre-registration

In the next month, we will begin preparations for the 2012-2013 registration process (which occurs March 16). We will again have a link on the website that will allow pre-registration, and again will still be first-come, first-serve to give a timeslot and place in line for registration day.

Once the time slot is received, on registration day, it is expected to have all documentation completed (registration packet) sign up for committee jobs, choose your classes and parent help days.

If you're interested in helping out or have any input, please feel free to email publicity@communitypreschool.org or contact a board member..

3rd Quarter 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: woodwardc_s@hotmail.com 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

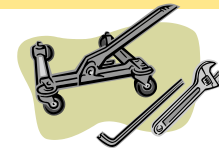
Washing (outdoor/ winter wear in Jan/Feb) – Tracy Kieber

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 Hoo-verson



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

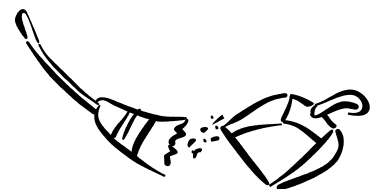
Library Bulletin Board – Ann Schimke

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



January Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students with birthdays in January!



2's Classes

Auggie Helm
Belyn Downer

3's Classes

01/13 Christian Howe
01/14 Zach Bakker
Elizabeth Shier

4's Classes

01/18	Sienna Hawbaker	01/08
01/21	Lillian Hooverson	01/21
01/25	Lily Hall	01/22
	Weston Bebo	01/22
	Tagen Rodgers	01/30

ECO-corner

One of the most important things we can do to go green is to actually get out and enjoy nature. I mean why would we protect something that we are not using? More importantly, we need to get our children outside and teach them about their natural surroundings and how things work so harmoniously in nature.

"What they will not value, they will not protect and what they will not protect, they will lose" Charles Jordan. I recently went and saw the documentary Play Again and was floored at how much time children these days are spending inside watching TV, on the computer, texting or on the phone. Some kids will go an entire day or several days in a row where their only outside time is walking to and from the car. Children will be in charge one day and we need to start now at teaching them to value and love nature.

So, basically what I am getting at here is get your kids outside! It may seem a strange request as we embark on the coldest months of the year, but I am here to encourage you to get your kids outside even on these cold months. Below is a list of ideas on what to do outside in this weather and how to prepare for going outside.

- Sledding
- Snow shoeing
- Skiing
- Winter nature walk...be sure to search for animal tracks
- Building a snow fort or snow man/woman
- Head up to Rocky Mountain National Park to play
- Have the kids help you shovel the snow
- Have a scavenger hunt for winter nature items
- Ice skating
- Just let the kids play

How to prepare:

- Make sure everyone is dressed in layers
- Mittens, hats, snow pants, winter coat and good snow boots are a must
- Make sure to stay hydrated. Drink lots of water
- Have children go to the bathroom before getting them bundled up!
- Don't forget about the sunscreen on exposed skin
- Don't stay out too long on frigid days and when kids get cold, head on in for some organic hot chocolate!

Winter Fun Ideas

Making Frost

Start by explaining to your child how dew is made (it's the result from a quick change in temperature). Once dew freezes it becomes frost. To make your own frost you will need: a tin can with a lid, half a cup of rock salt and two cups of crushed ice (crushed in a blender). Let the child put the ingredients in and stir vigorously. Move on to something else for about 30 to 40 minutes and dew will form on the can. Leave it again and when you return, the dew will have turned into frost. Let your child discover the coldness on her little fingers. What happens when she touches the can? Warm fingers cause the frost to melt and the finger makes a print.

Ice Melt

This is a science experiment that only requires ice cubes, a plate, a towel and curiosity. Let your child discover, feel and describe the melting process. For an older child you can tell him about the process of warm air turning the ice into water. When the melting is over, don't forget to take your child a step further in the experiment: What will happen if you put the plate back into the freezer? What if you added a few drops of food coloring? Paint? You can also make Popsicles for this experiment and then let your child enjoy a frozen treat. Who said Popsicles were only for summertime?