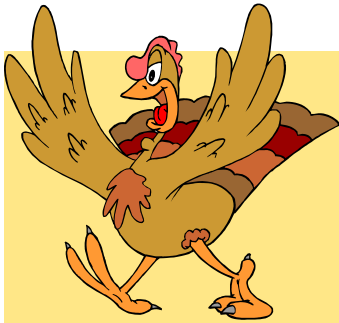




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Thanksgiving Food Drive

Dates to Remember!

- Food Drive
November 1-18
- Spaghetti Dinner
November 4
- Nordy's Give-back
November 7
- Mom's Night
November 11
- Pizza Night
November 17
- 4's Class Feasts
November 21 & 22
- Thanksgiving Break
November 23, 24 & 25

This time of year, CPS loves to give back to its community and families. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, in a large donation box, located in the hallway from November 1st through November 18th. Please consider donating items that would make a nice Thanksgiving meal, or that would add to the tradition and joy of the season!



any perishable items such as a Turkey, please feel free to pick up gift cards from the local groceries stores and place them in the donation boxes as well! Remember that even just one item donated, adds up, to make a bountiful feast! Thank you! Remember, the Deadline to donate will be Friday, November 18th! Happy Fall to you all!

4s Class Thanksgiving Feasts

Our 4's classes have class feasts every year during the Thanksgiving season. This year the class feasts are Monday, 11/21 and Tuesday 11/22. The morning classes on both days will eat at 10:45am and the afternoon class will eat at 12:45pm. Each child may invite one guest to attend the feast with them. The feast will be held in the CPS gym.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night will be held in the CPS gym on Friday, November 4th.

This is one of our biggest social events of the year! We hope that you take this opportunity to come and enjoy an inexpensive, yet fantastic, authentic, home-made spaghetti dinner!



Dinner arrival times are 5:30 P.M. or 6:00 P.M.—Ticket cost is \$4 per child and \$6 per adult. (unless you've already purchased them)

If you have already ordered tickets, they will be distributed in your child's cubby this week. Tickets will also be available at the door. If you have any questions, please call Wendy at 988-8934.

Thank you again for your support! We're looking forward to seeing your family there!

A special thanks to the below companies donating goods for the dinner:

- Albertsons
- Schmidts Bakery
- Royal Crest Dairy



- Robinson Dairy
- Sam's Club
- Both Loveland King Soopers
- Sysco Foods (The Paulsen Family)
- Peterson Farms (ALL the beef!)

Thank You!

Thanks to our wonderful families at CPS, the teachers were able to buy a new sensory table for our students and are going to be purchasing new balance bikes as well as other bikes with the money raised from the Walk-a-Thon. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Cups from Home

In an effort to reduce waste, we have been given the opportunity to bring our child's own cup to school each day. The cup you bring will be what they use for their drink at snack time, then taken home at the end of the day to be washed and brought back the next day of school. A few of us have started doing this and we wanted you to be aware so you will know what to expect when you parent help. Cups brought from home should be placed on the shelf next to the water pitchers in the morning. Each cup should have the child's name on it. When preparing for snack simply grab the cups and set them at the child's place setting instead of a paper cup. At the end of snack the child can place their own cup in their cubbies to be ready to take home at the end of class. This is totally optional and families that wish to continue using the paper cups are more than welcome to do this. Thanks so much for your help with this! If you wish to bring a cup from home, please feel free! ~Suzy Hawbaker, Green Team

2nd Quarter Committee Jobs

Here is the list for 2nd Quarter jobs! If you have any questions or need to sign up for a Committee job, please contact Summer at 203.1363 or e-mail committees@communitypreschool.org.

Cleaning Jobs

Large Toys and Wooden Toys
Mrs. Martinez – Bevin Harris
Mrs. Miller – Lauren Rhoades
Mrs. Abbott – Jamie Hopkins

Manipulative Toy Washing:

Mrs. Martinez – Nicole Drysdale
Mrs. Miller – Carly Vittoria
Mrs. Abbott – Lisa Downer

General Dusting and Wiping Down:

Mrs. Martinez – Sally Leidig
Mrs. Miller – Alethea Watson
Mrs. Abbott – Erinn Huff

Home Living Area Toys:

Mrs. Martinez – Andrea Wright
Mrs. Miller – Jill Davis
Mrs. Abbott – Paula Robke

General Disinfecting (all classrooms) – Jessica Sanderson
Washing (play clothes, smocks, etc) – Nicole Schroeder
Washing (outdoor/winter wear) – Nicole Schroeder

Easel Clean-Up – Elisa Denning

Babysitting Jobs

Nov Board Mtg (Nov. 4) – Jennifer Carillo & Jenna Burgess
Dec Board Meeting (Dec. 1) – Lisa Javernick & Jessica Helm

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

Grant-writing Team

Alyssa Schmidt, Rosa Crawford, Racheal Burrows

Decorating Team

Christine Wysock & Andrea Wilson

Green Team

Suzy Hawbaker, Sabrina Hooverson, Elizabeth Johnson & Natalie Parker

Fundraiser/ Party / Misc. or Ongoing Jobs

Spaghetti Dinner (Nov 4) – Jana Bachelder, Sonie Harris, Rebecca Miller, Theresa Wiggins
Winter Holiday Party – (Dec 19th) Amber Boddy & Elizabeth Johnson, (Dec 20th) Adrienne Holloway & Wendy Miner
School Nurse - Summer Woodward

****SPECIAL NOTE****

*We still have **OPEN** Committee Assignments for Q2, Q3 and Q4 available. Please contact Summer if you're interested and haven't already signed up for a job.*



Give-back Nights

Remember to make Thursday Night your Pizza Night! The second Thursday of each month is Community Preschool Night at Loveland area Papa Murphy's pizza restaurants!

When you order pizza at Papa Murphy's on the second Thursday of each month, they will donate 25% to Community Preschool! Simply tell them that you are with CPS when you place the order. This offer is good at both Papa Murphy's locations.

North Location: Papa Murphy's at 401 E Eisenhower Blvd, Loveland - (970) 667-9700 (next to Gold's Gym).



South Location: Papa Murphy's at 1131 Eagle Dr., Loveland - (970) 669-7272 (next to King Soopers in the Thompson Valley Towne Center).

25% of every pizza sale made on our scheduled night when you mention CPS comes back to the school! As always, thanks for your support!

Nordy's BBQ is also offering a Give-Back night for our community. If you visit their restaurant at 4360 Saint Cloud Dr. (off Crossroads on the way to The Ranch/Budweiser Events Center) on Monday Nov. 7, they will donate a portion of the sales back to Community Preschool!

Labeling Items

With the recent cold weather and, yes, more to come, please remember to label the extra clothing that might be removed in class. Specifically, please remember to label coats, sweaters, hats and gloves.

If you have a child return home after class, but not an article of clothing, please check the classroom or Lost and Found in the hall. Thank you!!!



Pumpkin Crisp Recipe

1 (28oz.) can pumpkin	½ tsp. salt
1 c. evaporated milk	1 tsp. vanilla
3 eggs	1 box spice cake mix
1 c. sugar	1 c. chopped pecans
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice	½ c. butter, melted

Mix all ingredients except cake mix, pecans and butter. Pour into greased 9x 13 pan. Sprinkle cake mix over pumpkin mixture and sprinkle nuts over cake mix. Drizzle butter over top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Cover with foil if it gets too brown. Enjoy!

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students with birthdays in November!

2's Classes

Sarabelle Hafer	11-9
Taylor McGuinness	11-17
Mia Weinland	11-18

3's Classes

Makenna Custer	11-5
Morgan Manes	11-13
Finnian Richter	11-13
Cooper Earhart	11-15
Parker Sanderson	11-16
Amelia Gilbert	11-24

4's Classes

Rico Garcia	11-23
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Current Opening on Executive Board

Attention parents:

The Community Preschool Board of Directors is seeking a vice-president position on our executive board. Unfortunately, Jennifer Jacobs had to leave CPS due to family obligations and will no longer be able to serve on our board. We wish Jennifer and her family all the best and thank her for all her hard work during the summer and 1st quarter here at CPS! We are ideally looking for someone who has been at CPS for more than a year and is comfortable with how our parent-run cooperation runs. 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 your 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.



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 at Special Events where needed and assists the president as needed. In addition to the job description, 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.

We'd like to fill this opening by the December board meeting. Interested candidates should submit a Letter of Intent to Michele (president) by 11:30 AM on Friday, November 18th. Letters of Intent should highlight 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. Thank you!

Board of Directors for the 2012-13 School Year

Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the school next year? We are looking for energetic, organized people to fill spots on the Community Preschool Board of Directors for the 2012-13 school year. It seems far off, but be thinking about it! Working on the board is a great way to take an active role in your child's school. New board members are elected by all members of the school in January.

The positions that will be opening for the 2012-13 school year are listed below with brief descriptions for each job. If you have any questions about any of the positions on the board, please contact Michele Mandeville.

Publicity: We are continuing the process of finding a new person to maintain our school website and design the monthly newsletters for the 2012-13 school year. Although it seems far off, this new person would help with registration this spring and we would want this transition to go smoothly. We would begin transition after the holidays.

2s, 3s and 4s Class Coordinators: This is usually the first contact a family has with our school. The coordinator is responsible for talking with parents on the phone, answering questions about our school, giving school tours as needed, maintaining registration forms and records, working at school events as needed, keeping teachers up to date on changes in their classes, and maintaining parent-help schedules and class lists. Must attend monthly board meetings.

Committees: The Committees person is responsible for making sure that each family signs up for and completes a committee job each year. They must keep accurate files of all the jobs available and track when jobs have been completed. They must also follow up with families when a job has not been done. They help with school events as needed and attend monthly board meetings.