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The Parent Helper



The Newsletter of Community Preschool

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Dates to Remember!

Scrapbooking Night
September 9

Carino's Give-Back Night
September 4 and 25

Nordy's BBQ Give-Back-Night
September 5

Papa Murphy's Pizza Night
September 15

Book Order Due
September 16

'On the Border' Give-Back-Night
September 20

Walk-A-Thon and Potluck
September 22, 23

School Pictures
September 26-30

TRICYCLES??

We've had to "retire" a couple of tricycles and bicycles from our playground fleet. If you have a used tricycle or bicycle in good condition that you would be willing to donate to Community Preschool, we would love to have it!

Please contact Mrs. Martinez if you can help!



Welcome new and old friends back to another year at Community Preschool! We are so glad to have all the returning children back again and to see how much they have grown! And we are very excited to meet all the new families that have joined the preschool. It's great to see all the old and new faces around the school. Thank you for entrusting your children in the care of the teachers, staff and families at CPS! What a wonderful community we have. We look forward to a wonderful year with everyone!

Annual CPS Walk-A-Thon and Potluck

The Walk-A-Thon will be at Dwayne Webster Park (Canon Park) in Loveland on Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23rd from 10AM to NOON. Come on the day you child attends school.

This is the first Community Preschool event and fundraiser of the year. The children obtain pledges for their walk from family and friends. The walk is a short, three laps around the playground area, so you can watch your kids, or participate in the "walk" with them!

Please note that obtaining pledges is not required to participate in the walk! We do not want any of our children asking for pledges in the community unless they are considered friends and family. And we encourage EVERYONE to participate in the walk, even if pledges were not obtained.

Please watch for pledge sheet envelopes in your children's cubbies next week.

This is a social event, and the goal is to allow teachers, students and families to mingle and get together outside of school property to enjoy walking, friendship, food and fun!

Please encourage your children to invite anyone who made pledges to come and enjoy this fun family event!

Procedure:

Drop off your child at CPS at the regular time and then come back to pick up your child at 10AM and head over to Dwayne Webster. (PM families can just meet at the park at 10.)

The Walk-A-Thon begins at 10:30AM. After the

Walk-A-Thon, we will all share a potluck meal together.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Please bring a *NUT-FREE* main or side dish to share for the potluck following the Walk-A-Thon.

If you child's last name begins with:

A-F: Side (chips, dip, pretzels, etc.)

G-L: Side (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, fruit, etc.)

M-R: Dessert (cookies, brownies, rice krispy treats, etc.)

S-Z: Main Dish (noodles, chicken, casseroles, hot dogs, etc..)

Remember to bring your own table settings for your family and friends (plates, napkins, and silverware).

If you are a parent helper on September 22nd or 23rd, we ask that you bring drinks and cups. (even if you signed up for snacks). You only need to bring enough cups for your child's class.

Please bring your pledges to school prior to the walk and place them in the treasurer's box located in the hallway. You may also bring them to the event if you forget and give them to a board member.

Don't forget your cameras!

Thank you all in advance for your participation!

For more information, contact Serena E. or Wendy S. from the board.!

CPS T-shirts are available for \$8 and hats are \$5. Contact Wendy S. for one!



On-Going Fundraisers at CPS

Caps for Cash - Save your bottle caps from your home delivery service provided by Morning Fresh Dairy and drop them into our collection box. For every 1000 caps returned, CPS receives \$50.00.

Papa Murphy's Pizza 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.

NEW

Restaurant Give-Back Night- Similar to Papa Murphy's Night, Johnny Carino's Italian, Nordy's BBQ and On The Border are contributing to CPS. On monthly designated nights, present a flier, provided by CPS, to your server and 10% of your total purchase will be donated to the preschool. Designated nights can be found in the main hallway table on a monthly schedule. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our development coordinator, Serena Earhart.

Scholastic Book Orders - CPS receives one free book per one online order.

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!

School Pictures

School pictures will be the week of September 26-30. Seth Austin will be our photographer again this year and does a fantastic job. You will be receiving more information on exact dates for each class as well as order forms in your cubbies as the date gets closer.

Scholastic Book Orders

CPS is happy to offer our families the opportunity to buy books through *Scholastic Book Orders*. Each month, you will be able to order books. Forms will be located in the hallway, or you can browse and order online and the classroom teacher will receive a free book! A link to Scholastic Books is on the CPS website.

If your order with the paper form, please make sure to write a check out to: 'Scholastic' and return it by the due date to the envelope located in the teacher's classroom. **NO CASH, PLEASE.**

September Book Order is due:
Friday, September 16th.

Here is our login and password to order online:



<http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs>

School code: **GWCML**

If you have any questions about book orders, please call Jennifer Jacobs at: 928-231-9336. Thanks!

Teacher Substitutes

Do you have an Education degree? If so, we would love to have you be a substitute teacher for Community Preschool. You will need to be fingerprinted and have a background check. Please contact Michele Mandeville for further information. Thanks!

Website

We are beginning the process of finding a new person to maintain our school website for the 2012-13 school year. Although it seems far off, this new person would help with registration in the spring and we would want this transition to go smoothly. We would begin transition after the holidays. If you have experience and would like to learn more, please contact Michele Mandeville. Thanks!

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 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 – Amanda Landry
- Large Toys and Wooden Toys
Mrs. Martinez – Beth Vasquez
Mrs. Miller – Becky Brian
Mrs. Abbott – Amber Manes
- Home Living Area Toys
Mrs. Martinez – Debbie Tikka
Mrs. Miller – Julie Garcia
Mrs. Abbott – Annie Alcorn



Babysitting Jobs:

- October Board Meeting (Oct 4th) – Zia Ziebell & Shelly Fletcher

Maintenance & Preparation Jobs:

- Maintenance – Classroom Furniture
Mrs. Martinez – Seth Merrill & Emily Weakland

Mrs. Miller – Lynsey Weimer & Bradley Rokicki
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

Grant Team

- Alyssa Schmidt, Rosa Crawford, Rachel Burrows, & OPEN

Decorating Team

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

Green Team

- Suzy Hawbaker, Sabrina Hooverson, Elizabeth Johnson, & OPEN

Library Job:

- Library Bulletin Board – Ann Schimke

Fundraiser/ Party / Misc. Jobs

- Walk-a-Thon Helper – Sandy Beagle (**Thursday**) & Jo-elle Moran (**Friday**)
- School Nurse – Summer Woodward

Scrapbook Helper

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

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to the following students with birthdays in September!



3's Classes

Ryan Denkers
Liam Nevin
Beatrice Miller
Jesika Hopkins
Dale Samuelson
Dennis Samuelson

4's Classes

9-3	Alyssa Sava	9-7
9-6	Olivia Wydra	9-13
9-7	Ty Bakker	9-22
9-28		
9-29		
9-29		

Grant Writing

This year we have a Grant Writing Committee. Do you have any suggestions about grants we could write for Community Preschool? What improvements or upgrades would you like to see? Do you know of any grants that you would like to share with us? It would be exciting to see another cool project in the works for CPS! If you have any comments or ideas, please leave a suggestion in the Comment Box located on the table in the hallway or talk to Laura Martinez or a board member. Thanks!

Green Team

We'll have a Green Team Meeting on Monday, September 12th about ways we could green up CPS! If you signed up for the Green Team for a Committee Job, come to the meeting! If you'd like to just come and share ideas even if it is not your Committee job, come join us! Bring ideas, comments and thoughts! Kids welcome. We'll meet in the playroom just north of the front door. If you can't make it, please call Michele M. See you then!

Reminder of New Changes and Things to Remember Here at CPS!

Cubbies

These are a source of information about school events and also contain your child's work for the day. Teachers also communicate through the cubbies. The black dot on your child's cubby is to indicate that you have more than one child in preschool and will only get handouts in the oldest child's cubby.

Parent-Helping

The priority of the parent is to be an extra set of hands and eyes for the teachers. Please remember that only a teacher can take a child to the bathroom or must be in the hallway observing you escort a child to the bathroom or drinking fountain. Please only have teachers or our teacher aide, Tammy, change diapers or help a child change if they have an accident. This is mandated by the State. Please remember to sign up for 3 parent-help days one of the quarters to avoid having to find people to fill days. If there are any extra days throughout the quarter that do not have a parent-helper, you may be asked to take an extra day. These extra days will be taken by you, the parent, on a rotating basis. Thank you in advance for stepping up. We do have a minimum of taking parent-help days to give every parent a chance to help in his/her child's class. Please only take 4 days a quarter. Since we are a parent-led co-op, you are responsible for any assigned days. If you cannot work an assigned day, you are required to switch days with another parent or you may ask a Paid Parent-Helper to do the job for you.

Paid Parent-Helpers

A list of paid parent-helpers will be available to you at the beginning of the year via the bulletin board and the website. We will update these as soon as we have the list completed and let you know when they are posted.

Signing In

Please remember to sign in your child each day. It is very important that you **sign your FULL name**, not just your initials. If you are parent helping, please remember to **sign the Visitor's Log Book** with your name, date and reason for staying. This is all **mandated by the State**—please comply. We appreciate your vigilance in this matter.

Snacks

Please remember that we are a NUT-FREE school. Make sure any snacks you bring are not processed in a nut facility. You may bring fruits and vegetable with a peel. (bananas, apples, snap peas, oranges or clementines) You may also bake in the kitchen for snack (pizza, popcorn, muffins, etc.) All other fruit or veggies must be pre-packaged.

Plastic Cups

This year we will be using reusable plastic cups at snacktime. If you signed up to bring a drink, please fill the large water pitcher located in each classroom and then pour the water into the small preschool-sized pitchers for the children to pour their own water (located in classroom as well). Set up a cup for each child. After snack is over and the children have cleaned up their snack area, bring the plastic cups to the kitchen; wash them in hot, soapy water; then rinse them in clear warm water; give them a spritz of the bleach spray bottle we have (very small amount of bleach) and let them air dry in the dish drying racks set out on the counter. Leave them there to dry.

Committee Jobs

These jobs are the backbone of a parent-led co-op preschool. Check your child's cubby for reminders near the time your job should start. If you don't remember the job you signed up for, please call *Summer W. (203-1363)*. Failure to complete your Committee Job is a \$40 fine, so make sure you connect with Summer!

Class Start Time

Unless you are parent-helping, please do not show up more than 10 minutes prior to your class start time. The teachers really need the time with the parent-helpers to get ready. Thank you!

Diaper Duty

Please remember that only the teacher, teacher's aide, or a child's parent may change a child's diaper on the changing table. If you change your own child, please follow the instructions on the sign next to the table for sanitizing the table.

Payments

The treasurer's lockbox is located in the hallway next to Mrs. Miller's north door.

Tuition payments for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters are deposited in this box. Please remember to pay on time. Tuition due dates are listed on the website and on the bulletin board in the hallway. Failure to pay tuition on time results in a \$5 fine for late payments and a \$30 fine for a month late. If you need to make arrangements with the treasurer about paying your tuition, please contact Erika BEFORE tuition is due. We know that there are special circumstances, so please, if you have one, please communicate with the treasurer. Thank you! Erika can be reached at: 663-7096.

Community Board

If you would like to advertise something on the community board, please place the advertisement in the vice president's box for approval. If it is approved, it will be put up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please do not use the cubbies as a way to advertise or place items on the board without prior approval. Thank you!

FREE ADVERTISING!

If you would like to advertise your business in our monthly newsletter for free, please contact Michele. We can also advertise other items or needs, so please let us know. We can start advertising in the next newsletter.



If you have any questions or comments regarding any of our policies, please contact our board president, Michele M. at president@communitypreschool.org or 720-270-3145. Thank you!