



The Parent Helper

The Newsletter of Community Preschool



Annual Walk-a-Thon and Potluck Picnic

Join us for the annual walk-a-thon and picnic! It will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25 at Dwayne Webster Veteran's Park (Cannon Park). It's a fun way to raise funds and socialize. It's not a mandatory fundraiser, but if every student were to raise a minimum of \$30, the school would earn over \$3,000 to be used for educational improvements that benefit the kids.

- Pledge envelopes were distributed in the children's cubbies at school.
- Invite family and friends to make a tax-deductible donation and come walk with us. Complete the pledge form and return it to the treasurer's box at school.
- Come to the walk-a-thon on the day your child attends class. (Monday/Wednesday 3s and PM 4s may attend whichever day works best.) Come to class at the usual time in the morning, and then pick up your child at 10:00 a.m. and go to the park. (**Note:** For Ms. Jodie's 4s class, take your child directly to Dwayne Webster Veteran's Park at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24 for a scavenger hunt and story time. And Miss Jill's 2s class will also simply meet at the park at 10:30 a.m.)
- Wear your Community Preschool t-shirt, if you have one, and bring your camera. We will walk three laps around the playground area together. Each child who participates will receive a small prize.
- Bring a nut-free dish to share, based on the first letter of your last name.
A-H: Main Dish (noodles, chicken, casserole, small sandwiches, hot dogs, etc.)
I-L: Dessert (cookies, brownies, fruit kabobs, etc.)
M-P: Side Dish (fruit, vegetables, pasta salad, green salad, etc.)
Q-Z: Side (chips, dip, popcorn, pretzels, etc.)
- Parent-helpers for these days, please bring cups and drinks to share. (Your children will have show and tell before going to the park.)
- Pack plates and plasticware/silverware for your family. Also bring any serving utensils needed for your potluck dish.

And most importantly, have fun!

Mark Your Calendar

Ms. Barb the Storyteller Visiting

September 16
10:00 a.m.

September 17
10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

September 18
9:00 a.m.

Walk-a-thon and Picnic

September 24
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
(Pick up your child at school at 10:00)
(Ms. Jodie's 4s go directly to the park at
9:30 a.m. for a scavenger hunt and story
time.)

September 25
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
(Pick up your child at school at 10:00)
(Miss Jill's 2s go directly to the park at
10:30 a.m.)

Scholastic Book Order Due

September 28

4s Bowling Field Trips

Mrs. Martinez MWF 4s
September 28
10:00 a.m.

Ms. Jodie Pre-K 4s
September 28
10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Martinez PM 4s
September 29
2:00 p.m.

Make Contact

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Click on any teacher or board member to e-mail them directly.

Second Quarter Tuition Due Date

Tuition for second quarter will be due by Friday, September 25. Please drop your check in the treasurer's box in the hallway, with a note including your child's name and class. To find the amount due for your class, see the [Tuition Schedule](#) available at CommunityPreschool.org.

Supplies for 4s Class

Mrs. Martinez's 4s students need a 1" binder, 27 clear plastic sheet protectors, and one white pillowcase.

Students in Ms. Jodie's 4s classes should bring \$2.50 for sheet protectors. Please also bring one yard of polar fleece in a light color, without a pattern.

Extra Clothing and Diapers

If your child uses diapers, please keep extras as well as a change of clothes in your child's backpack. A change of clothes is helpful for students of all ages in case of accidents with paint, snow, mud, etc.

Show and Tell for 3s and 4s

Students in our 3s and 4s classes have the opportunity to share a show and tell on days when their parent is helping in class.

Community Jobs

Information about the schedule for your community job will be distributed in your child's cubby and your e-mail. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up, please be on the lookout for an e-mail from the Community Jobs Coordinator, [Jessica](#).

Parent Access on the Website

The [Parent Access](#) link on CommunityPreschool.org is a convenient place to find Parent-Help Calendars, the Paid Parent-Help list, the Babysitting Swap, Class Contact Lists, Class Calendars, etc. The password is the same as the door code, and was distributed at Parent Orientation. If you didn't receive the code, please contact the President, [Rosa](#) or see Ms. Tammy.

Babysitting Swap, Paid Parent-Help, Substitute Teacher Lists

Do you need childcare on your parent-help days? Trade babysitting with another family by signing up for the Babysitting Swap.

Would you like to be available as a paid parent-helper? Sign up and if a family has a conflict, they have the option to pay to fill their spot.

Are you a certified teacher in the State of Colorado? Add your name to our Substitute Teacher list for days when one of our wonderful teachers can't be in class.

To add your name to any of these lists, please e-mail our Publicity Coordinator, [Sharel](#).

Nut-Free Snack Policy

Just a quick reminder that Community Preschool is nut-free. All snacks must **not** contain or be processed in a facility with nuts, and must be either pre-packaged or prepared at the school. Fruits must have a peel, and the peel must be removed before serving.

If you bring a snack that is not nut-free, you will be charged an \$8 fee for a replacement.

Also, birthday treats are not allowed. Please bring a non-food treat like stickers, pencils, balloons, or something similar to share.

A [list of suggested nut-free snacks](#) is available on the website.

Community Preschool T-Shirts

Get a Community Preschool shirt for you and your child. The order form is in classroom cubbies this week and available on the [website](#) as well. All orders are due on September 30. Please place the order form with your payment in the treasurer's box.



Scholastic Book Orders

Each month you have an opportunity to purchase affordable books for your child through Scholastic. It is a great program and each book you purchase earns points for Community Preschool to purchase educational materials and books for the classrooms. You are welcome to fill out the paper order forms or order online. If you would prefer online, please go to scholastic.com/readingclub create an account with the code GWCML. If you have any questions please contact our teachers aide, Ms. Tammy.

Easy, Everyday Fundraising

You can help raise funds simply by purchasing products you use anyway.

Buy a gift card for King Soopers or Safeway for \$5. (The beginning balance is \$5.) Add to the balance and use it whenever you shop, and the school receives 5% back from your purchases, including groceries and gas. Consider getting cards for family and friends, and their purchases will also benefit Community Preschool.

Save your Morning Fresh Dairy milk caps and drop them in the collection box at school. We earn \$50 for every 1,000 caps collected.

Purchase a Papa Murphy's pizza coupon card for \$10 and use it for great dinner discounts.

Save a bookmark for <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0612975>, and use it when you shop on Amazon. Then 0.5% of your purchases will come back as a donation to our school.

(If you'd like to purchase a grocery card for either King Soopers or Safeway, or a Papa Murphy's pizza coupon card, you can e-mail the Development Coordinator, [Kelli](#), or ask one of the teachers.)



Moms Nights

Mrs. Martinez and Ms. Tammy would love to invite Community Preschool moms to Moms Night on the second Friday of each month. We meet in Mrs. Martinez's room from 6:00–10:00 p.m. Park on the north side of the building and enter through the exterior door at the end of the hallway.

In the past, moms have kept busy with anything from balancing their checkbooks, working on taxes, knitting, sewing, crocheting, card-making, scrapbooking, etc. Or just come to visit! If you have any questions please ask Mrs. Martinez or Ms. Tammy.

Planning a Studio Vino Parents Night Out

We're planning a Parents Night Out at Studio Vino for the evening of October 20. Save the date and invite friends and family to paint with you! All proceeds from admission go to Community Preschool. We'll post more information and a link as soon as it's available.



Supply Wish List

Our teachers would appreciate if you have any of these items to donate to the preschool.

Mrs. Martinez:

- Glitter glue
- Googly eyes
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips

Miss Jill:

- Large glue sticks
- Disinfectant wipes

School:

- Paper towel rolls
- Egg cartons



Playground Project Update

Doesn't the playground look fabulous?!? We've made great progress over the summer. The extended play area has new mulch and curbing, we've gained two pieces of playground equipment, and beautiful benches have been placed. But we still have more work to do.

We would like to invite you to join our playground committee, help with fundraising, or volunteer your time during workdays. If you have ideas or resources that might help our school attain a high-quality play area for our children, contact [Emily](mailto:emily@communitypreschool.org) (970-222-9480).

Thank you for your support on this important project!