



# The Parent Helper

The Newsletter of Community Preschool



## Studio Vino Parents Night Out

Studio Vino is hosting a Parents Night Out to benefit Community Preschool on Tuesday, October 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and we'll begin our *Autumn* masterpiece at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from the \$20 admission go directly to our preschool. This is a public event, so invite your friends and family and make your reservations now: [studiovino.com/cps](http://studiovino.com/cps).

## New Board Members

We needed to fill two open positions on the board. Elizabeth Coxon and Heather Bell have stepped up to take on Community Jobs Coordinator and Development Coordinator. Their contact information is available on the Make Contact page of this newsletter, on the website, and in the handbook.

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## School Pictures

Photography by Van Pelt will be taking both individual and class pictures on October 14, 15, and 16. Please see the Mark Your Calendar page for the assigned date and time for your child's class. Order forms have been distributed in cubbies, and can also be [downloaded here](#).

Payment will be required at the time of order before pictures are taken, and checks should be written to Community Preschool. If you have any questions, please contact board members Rosa, Hanna, or Sharel; or ask Ms. Tammy.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Miss Jill's 2s Timberlane Farm Field Trip

October 9  
9:15 a.m.

### October Moms Night

October 9  
6:00–10:00 p.m.

### School Pictures

October 14  
9:30–10:30 a.m.

October 15  
10:15–11:15 a.m. and 1:00–2:00 p.m.

October 16  
9:00–10:00 a.m.

### Ms. Barb the Storyteller

October 15  
10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

October 16  
10:00 a.m.

### Studio Vino Parents Night Out

October 20  
6:30 p.m.

### Board Meeting

October 23  
9:00 a.m.

### Van Hare's Farm Field Trips

Ms. Jodie Pre-K 4s  
October 13  
9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Martinez 3s  
October 20  
9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Martinez PM 4s  
October 20  
1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Martinez MWF 4s  
October 21  
9:30 a.m.

Miss Jill's TR 3s  
October 22  
9:30 a.m.

Miss Jill's MW 3s  
October 28  
9:30 a.m.

### Scholastic Book Order Due

October 28

### Wear Halloween Costumes

October 29–30

### Spaghetti Dinner

November 13  
5:30–7:00 p.m.

See the full calendar at [CommunityPreschool.org/Calendar](http://CommunityPreschool.org/Calendar). You can subscribe to add our calendar to your app.

## Make Contact

### Location Address

1003 West 6th Street  
Loveland, Colorado 80537

### Mailing Address

PO Box 1652  
Loveland, Colorado 80539

### Phone

970-669-4323

### Website

[CommunityPreschool.org](http://CommunityPreschool.org)

### Facebook

[Facebook.com/CPSLoveland](https://www.facebook.com/CPSLoveland)

### Teachers

Laura Martinez  
Executive Director/3s and 4s Teacher

Jodie Hamilton  
Associate Director/4s Teacher

Jill Aldrich  
2s and 3s Teacher

Tammy Friske  
Teachers Aide

### Board Members

Rosa Crawford  
President  
970-980-5428

Hanna Copeland  
Vice President/Treasurer  
970-219-0103

Sharel Cameron  
Secretary/Publicity Coordinator  
970-622-8907

Elizabeth Coxon  
Community Jobs  
970-217-9644

Heather Bell  
Development Coordinator  
970-978-8701

Emily Weakland  
2s and 3s Class Coordinator  
970-222-9480

Kyla Omollo  
4s Class Coordinator  
970-412-3405

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



### Walk-a-Thon Results

This event was a great success! Everyone had a great time walking, playing, eating, and socializing. Your contributions raised a little over \$1,600 for our preschool. Thank you to all of you who participated, donated, and walked!

### Updated Policy for Children's Restroom Etiquette

We have adopted a new policy to stay in line with Colorado guidelines and keep our children as safe as possible.

The children's restrooms are to be entered by the children and teachers only. There are no parents allowed in the children's restrooms for any reason. Should a child need assistance, please ask for help from one of the four teachers: Mrs. Martinez, Ms. Jodie, Miss Jill, or Ms. Tammy. Adult restrooms are located through the eastern double-doors in the gym, to the left, opposite the nursery room entrance. If you think your child who is a student, or a sibling, will need help from you, please bring them to the adult restrooms with you.

We realize that the faucets are currently very hard for little hands to turn on and off, and they often require assistance from parents. We are currently getting estimates and will be having the faucets replaced soon to alleviate this problem.

You will see signs posted this week that reinforce this new policy. The rules have been added and highlighted in the [Parent Handbook](#) on our website and on the bulletin board. Please contact a board member or teacher with any questions.

### Teachers Wish List

Our teachers are in need of a few items for their classrooms, including some for upcoming projects. We'd be grateful for any items you're willing to share!

**Mrs. Martinez:**

Baby pumpkins or gourds  
Leaves  
Glitter glue  
Googly eyes  
Cotton balls

**Miss Jill:**

Disinfectant wipes

**Ms. Jodie:**

Old white socks

**School:**

Paper towel rolls  
Egg cartons



## Community Preschool Connections

We want to make it easy for Community Preschool families to connect with each other. We've created a Facebook group called [Community Preschool Connections](#) for families past and present to post information, events, news, etc. We've also reserved a bulletin board in the hallway for the same purpose. Please visit the Facebook page, or leave items to be posted on the bulletin board in the Publicity inbox in the hallway. E-mail [Publicity](#) with any questions.

## Share Your Photos

Ms. Jodie will be updating our picture bulletin board in the hallway soon. She would love to feature new photos of this year's students, teachers, and parents at Community Preschool. Please feel free to bring a printed photo to Ms. Jodie, or you can e-mail picture files to [Publicity](#) and we'll make prints.

## Introducing Ms. Chanelle

Ms. Chanelle is a student at AIMS and she needs to observe class four times and implement three activities under direct supervision from Mrs. Martinez. AIMS and Community Preschool have had many opportunities to work together over the years. Their school's early childhood education department highly recommends our preschool to their students. We offer a unique experience to students who want to observe a setting that is not daycare related. Ms. Chanelle will only be in class on a few Fridays. Please say hello and introduce yourselves!

## Easy, Everyday Fundraising

You can help raise funds for Community Preschool simply by purchasing products you use every day.

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 Amazon Smile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0612975>, and use it when you shop. 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 [Heather](#), or ask one of the teachers.)



### Spaghetti Dinner

Plan to enjoy an authentic, homemade spaghetti dinner prepared by the teachers, board members, and volunteers from Community Preschool. Mark your calendar for Friday, November 13. You can arrive anytime between 5:30–7:00 p.m. In lieu of tickets, donations will be accepted at the door. Watch for more information about plans for a bake sale and silent auction during this event.

### Thank You

Thanks to Molly Kirk for assembling our new cabinets in the hallway. The teachers are so thankful for the time you saved them!



### Playground Project Update

The playground bricks are in! Mrs. Martinez and Emily trekked to Denver on Friday to retrieve them, and they were treated to a tour of the brick creation process. Check out the video of the laser cutting on the [video posted to our Facebook page](#). The bricks will be placed on the playground for everyone to see shortly.

Another piece of playground equipment is on the way. The bubble wall has been ordered, and we're hoping to have it up and ready for the kids to climb before the ground freezes.

Community Preschool applied for a Group Publishing Community Service Award. We're hoping to have good news about this grant at the awards luncheon on Thursday, October 29.

We have made so much great progress, but there is work yet to be done. We need to raise the funds for the next phases, including the adventure area and raised beds.

If you would like to help, please join our playground committee, volunteer to fundraise, or donate your time during workdays. If you have ideas or resources that might help our school, please contact [Emily](#) (970-222-9480).