



The Parent Helper

The Newsletter of Community Preschool



Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendar for **Friday, November 13** and join us for an authentic, homemade spaghetti dinner prepared by the teachers, board members, and volunteers from Community Preschool. Arrive anytime between **5:30–7:00 p.m.** In lieu of tickets, donations will be accepted at the door.

Don't miss this chance to feed your family a delicious meal and socialize with classmates and their families.

This year, we're offering a **Bake Sale** of desserts, baked or bought with love. You can contribute your own dessert by bringing it to school on Friday morning, or when you arrive for dinner on Friday evening.

There will also be a special **Silent Auction** of one-of-a-kind Community Preschool-related items you won't want to miss:

- Holiday Cookie Baking with Mrs. Martinez on December 4 from 1–3 p.m.
- Fun and Ice Cream with Miss Jill
- Art Class for You and 3 Friends with Ms. Jodie in January or February from 1–2 p.m.
- Ice Cream Treats with Ms. Tammy
- First Choice of Class at 2016–2017 Registration

Bidding for the silent auction will take place during the week of November 9, and will close at 6:30 p.m. on November 13 at the Spaghetti Dinner.

We will also hold a drawing for three Summit Passes valued at \$65 each for food, bowling, laser tag, etc. It's a great deal for a suggested donation of \$1 per ticket.

Mark Your Calendar

Zumba Class

November 2
10:00 a.m.

Snake Academy

November 4
10:00 a.m.

Moms Night

November 6
6:00–10:00 p.m.

K9 Police Officer

November 11
9:30 a.m.

Spirit Day for Miss Jill's 3s MW

November 11

Spirit Day for Thursday Classes

November 12

Spirit Day for Friday Classes

November 13

Board Meeting

November 13
9:00 a.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

November 13
5:30–7:00 p.m.

Ms. Barb the Storyteller

November 19
10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Feast for Ms. Jodie's 4s

November 19
11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Feast for Martinez MTH 4s

November 19
12:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Feast for Martinez MWF 4s

November 20
10:45 a.m.

Scholastic Book Order Due

November 20

Thanksgiving Break/No School

November 23–27

Parent-Help Sign-up for Third Quarter

November 30–December 11

Tuition Due for Third Quarter

December 4

Families are always welcome to attend events and presentations if it works with your schedule, even if they don't fall on your school day. Please join us this month for the Snake Academy and K9 Police Officer presentations.

See the full calendar at CommunityPreschool.org/Calendar. You can subscribe to add our calendar to your app.

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Community Preschool Spirit Days

Show your enthusiasm for your school and wear your Community Preschool t-shirt! We'll celebrate Spirit Days in classes from Wednesday, November 11 through Friday, November 13. If your child is in Miss Jill's MW 3s, please plan on Wednesday. All classes that attend on Thursday will show their spirit on Thursday. And Mrs. Martinez's MWF 4s and Miss Jill's 2s will celebrate on Friday.

We have a limited quantity of t-shirts in stock in children's sizes.. Please e-mail [Publicity](#) if you're interested in purchasing one.

Thanksgiving Feasts for 4s

The four-year-olds will be preparing food and celebrate with a Thanksgiving feast this month. Every child may invite one guest to attend this event. Guests may arrive shortly before the feast time in their child's class, sign their child out, and join the rest of the class in the gym. This is a special day for all of us and we look forward to seeing everyone.

Revised Children's Restroom Etiquette Policy

The policy governing parents and the children's restrooms has been revised to the following:

The children's restrooms are for children's use only. Should your own child need your help in the restroom, please notify a teacher (Mrs. Martinez, Ms. Jodie, Miss Jill, or Ms. Tammy) before entering the restroom to lend assistance. Adult restrooms are located through the eastern double-doors in the gym, to the left, opposite the nursery room entrance.

The faucets in the children's restrooms have been replaced, allowing the kids to be more independent and not need help as often with the faucets.

You will notice that signs are now posted 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.

Update on Background Checks

We are currently waiting for clarification on the regulations from the State of Colorado. There is a discrepancy that is currently being investigated, and there is a **very slight** chance that our parent volunteers may not need to complete background checks. We will update you as soon as we have more information.

Studio Vino Parents Night Out Success

We had great fun painting and chatting at Studio Vino. In the process, we raised \$920 for Community Preschool.

School Pictures

The individual and class pictures are being processed by Photography by Van Pelt, and your orders will be ready before Thanksgiving. After the pictures have been distributed, we would appreciate you taking the time to fill out a survey about the process, the photographer, and the photos. We'll have more about where to go to take the survey in the December newsletter.

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!

Miss Jill:

Baby wipes
Washable markers

Ms. Jodie:

Old white socks

School:

Paper towel rolls
Egg cartons

Playground Project Update

As many of you have noticed, there have been some major transformations in our school yard! This may seem like a sudden change, but like many big ventures, it has taken several years, many generous donations from our families, and thousands of volunteer hours to achieve this amazing makeover.

The story all began with some mandatory changes that the state enacted upon us. We didn't have an appropriate substrate for the children to use any equipment with a height of over 18", so we had to remove anything taller than that. Our turf, gravel, and sand were not on the "approved" list, and we knew we needed to make some major changes. At that time our playground looked very barren!

Luckily we have some awesome church and Community Preschool members, along with Mrs. Martinez who really stepped up! Several hours were logged in the planning stages. From budgets to design to funding, these volunteers thought of everything. This new plan was then taken to the church for approval.

After the approval of the church, the first phase began: demolition! Many of you may have seen the pictures of sledgehammer-welding parents, volunteers, and teachers having a little too much fun breaking down the outdated cinderblock wall! New cement work was added for the shed. Some overgrown junipers were removed and the new fence line was bumped out with a streamlined new fence. All of a sudden we had an updated looking play yard! What a change already!

Next was the excavation of the ground, during a very mucky time. We had to go several inches below grade to accommodate a proper fall zone depth. Community Preschool members and students were very patient with us while we had orange fencing around our new mud pit.

After the ground dried a bit, we were able to install landscape fabric and our new appropriate mulch! New concrete curbing was installed to hold in our brand new mulch. When finances were in the right spot thanks to all the charitable donations and fundraising, we were able to populate the area with new and safe equipment! The Doodle Bug won the hearts and the votes of our students and was installed first. Next was our Shoots and Scores, donated in full by a very generous anonymous donor. Last came our awesome Bubble Climbing Wall! Our engraved bricks were installed mid-October and they look perfect!

Today the playground looks awesome and thanks to so many, phase one of our playground project is completed. During Spring 2016 we are hoping to start phase two: The Adventure Area! More details to come...