

NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING DATES

December:

16th- Giving Tree Items Due
22nd & 23rd- Holiday Concert
23rd- School closes at noon for
Winter Break

January:

3rd- School Reopens
3rd- Registration Begins
11th- Open Board Meeting 7:30
12th & 15th- Bertucci's Dinning
Night
16th- MLK Jr. Day- No School



2016-2017

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Winter Weather School Closures! Here's what you need to know!

The Central Co-Op follows the Chelmsford Public School System for closures and delays. Therefore, if the Chelmsford Public Schools are closed, the Co-Op will be closed. If there is a delay, the Co-Op half-day program will be closed but the full day program will follow the delay. For example, if there is a two-hour delay, the half-day program will not take place, but full day students are welcome to come in at 11am until the allotted pick-up time. If you will not be sending your full day child in that day, please let Suzanne know so she can have appropriate staffing available!

FA-LA-LA-LA-LA

Please Join Us for the Holiday Concert
December 22nd and 23rd
Big Hall * 9:30 am 1



Letter from the Director

Dear Parents,

The excitement at the Co-Op is beginning to build as the anticipation for the upcoming holidays and winter break begins! This time of year signals a huge growth in the kids as well as a sense of settling in of each classroom. Each class and child is comfortable with the routine, expectations, and the fun factor.

On Thursday, December 22, AND Friday, December 23, we will have our annual Holiday Concert in the Big Hall at 9:30 a.m. The children will perform a variety of holiday songs and then return to their classrooms to have a special snack with their friends. There will be a **HALF DAY for the FULL DAY CHILDREN on the 23rd**. At the conclusion of school on December 23, we will begin our winter break and school will reopen January 3, 2016. Mrs. Rousseau's class will be performing both days but will celebrate with a special snack on Friday!

When we return in January, we will begin the registration process for the 2017–2018 school year. On January 3 & 4 I will be accepting registration forms. Currently enrolled children and their younger siblings have priority for next year's registration. Please return your forms ASAP as we will open enrollment to the public February 1!

We have been very fortunate with the weather thus far; however, it will soon be very cold, and I would like to remind you to be sure that your child comes to school with a LABELED hat, mittens, snow boots, snow pants, and jacket. I cannot stress enough how much we appreciate labeled clothing. It makes the teacher's and the parent helper's job much easier when trying to get the children dressed and undressed. We will go out if the temperature is 32 degrees or above.

In the event of snow, we will cancel school based upon the town of Chelmsford closings. If public school is canceled because of the weather, we will close as well. If Chelmsford has a delay, our HALF day program will cancel, but our FULL day program will follow the delay for Chelmsford. Please watch the any of the news channels carefully for Chelmsford Public's announcement. Please note that if the Co-Op determines that the weather is an issue, we reserve the right to cancel.

Suzanne Dionne
Director

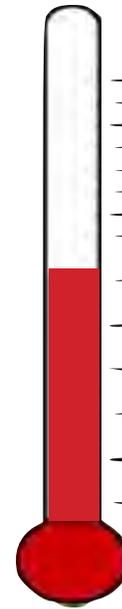
Thank you to **Rose and Adam Felzani** for leading
Jonathan Williams, Crystal Balboni,
Chris Seaboyer and Paul Dwyer
for the fall playground cleanup!
There were a lot of leaves to be raked up and it looks awesome out there!
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication
to making the playground a safe and fun place to be!



Fundraising Updates

Did you know Yankee Candle is continuing through December? Continue sharing with your family and friends! Yankee Candle has great gifts for that hard to buy for person as well as fantastic host gifts! Just make sure to use our group name number to continue purchasing!

Group Name: Central Co-Op Nursery School
Group Number:99563033



\$10,000

Hop-a-Thon \$2,820.00
\$5,000

Savers FUNdrive
\$261.80

Fit & Fresh \$ 454.40 Yankee
Candle \$1,666 and
growing!!!!!!!!!!

Amazon- June-November
\$553.33

NAME BUBBLES

Name Bubbles make great stocking stuffers or gifts for all those nieces, nephews, grandchildren, or for any special kiddo in your life! Check out all their fantastic labels for clothes and containers!

Click on the link below to discover a fantastic product!

<https://fundraising.namebubbles.com/campaigns/40385-central-co-op-2016-17-school-year>

Bertucci's Dinning Night

January 12 & 15

Available for dine in, online or carry out.

AMAZON

As you begin your holiday shopping, if you plan on purchasing any gifts from Amazon, to please consider using our link

www.centralcoopshop.com

as we get a percentage of your purchase back at no cost to you! This is one of the easiest ways to donate money to the school by doing shopping you are already doing! Last year, we were able to raise around \$1000 by using this link! Feel free to share it with everyone you know!

please note that this link does not work with the Amazon app

FUNdrive

Thank you to all of our Co-Op Families and Friends of the Co-Op for their participation in our FUNdrive! All of our efforts totaled up to close to 1500 lbs of donations bringing in \$261.80 towards our Creative Room goal! We plan on hosting another FUNdrive in the Spring!

Letter from the VP of Fundraising

As we race to year end, it is so easy to let these last few weeks fly by with holiday parties, present shopping, packed schedules and (hopefully not too) snowy walkways. The mittens are paired and labeled, lights draped and sparkling and holiday wishes for peace and joy abounding. We're excited to pause and take inventory to share how much we have accomplished as a community in just few months. Having raised just over \$5,800, in aggregate school year to date, we are delighted to share that we are already more than halfway to our fundraising target of \$10,000 to renovate the Creative Room. New carpeting, new shelving and cubbies and the donation of the play kitchen set area all accounted for. The plan is really coming together, and on behalf of the Board, we want to truly express the gratitude and amazement for your commitment and generosity. The changes will bring years of creative play to our children, and new imagination and STEM activities will be featured all because of your help.

For November:

Yankee Candle and Fit & Fresh proceeds exceeded our goal coming in at \$2,120.

Hop-a-thon donations blew us away at \$2,820.

Savers helped donation your items and give back \$261.80.

Our Papa Gino's dining night results do not come in until a few more weeks, but hopefully you all got a little break and the little ones enjoyed a slice with classmates. Thank you to the class parents for coordinating so many meet-ups that evening! We're looking forward to our January dining nights at Bertucci's. We secured two options this year, both for Martin Luther King weekend—Thursday, January 12 and Sunday, January 15, 2017. Dining in and take-out orders will count towards our benefit.

Finally, as we look forward to the New Year, we will all be working hard on our new Winter Carnival event! On February 4 from 11am to 1pm as part of Chelmsford's WinterFest 2017 we will have our COOP Family Carnival. Keep an eye out for more details to follow. In the big hall we will have vendor sponsored game booths, raffles, face painting, carnival themed treats, prizes and some performance demonstrations. We're asking our COOP Families to leverage their networks as we reach out to local business to sponsor a booth for the event. If you have a personal contact at any of the vendor lists, please let us know and we will be happy to provide you the details. We have been thrilled with the receptivity to support our community in a fun way, and welcome game booth sponsorship and/or raffle donations for the big day. Volunteers have already signed up, and we have availability for anyone else who would like to get involved in fun! See our vendor list below and please let us know if you have a contact you can ask to join on behalf of the COOP.

Until 2017, wishing all our families the happiest of holidays and a prosperous New Year! As always, thank you for your thoughtful support!

Aris Hatch
VP of Fundraising

Do you have a connection to a local business that would be willing to donate a prize or sponsor a booth for our Winterfest Carnival? If so, please contact Aris Hatch at fundraising@centralcoop.org

Businesses such as:

A Spa to Remember
Amici's
Boston Museum of Science
Christopher's Towing
Chunky's
Fishbone's
Jones Farm
Lowell Riverhawks
Market Basket
NoBo
Revolution Dance Academy
Salon Pure
Showcase Cinemas

All Star Gymnastics
Andiamo
Lowe's
Canobie Lake Park
Dance New England
Hannaford
LegoLand Discovery Center
Lowell Spinners
Moe's
Parlee Farms
Rufinas
Sals Pizza
Studio Rhythm Dance

The Paper Store
Trinity Ambulance
Walkers Gymnastics
Whisked Baked Goods
Zesty's
Meeting house dental
Advanced agriculture
Katelyn Bennett Photography
SolidWorks
Lochness Play Center
Center Sports
The Maker Farm
Sully's Ice Cream

Available Board Positions for the 2017-2018 School Year

Interested in joining the Board and learning more about the Co-Op? We have available positions for the upcoming school year! Look out for an email with position descriptions!

Time commitment is roughly 5-6 hours a month based on position.

President

Secretary

VP of Fundraising

Maintenance

Treasurer

Please speak with Suzanne if interested!



Shaving Cream
Lysol Spray
Small Baggies
Clorox Wipes
Clorox Anywhere Spray
Bleach
Smocks Washed
Dixie Cups
Brown Paper Bags
Paper Towels
Ziploc Gallon Baggies
Foam Hand Soap
Latex Free Gloves
Toilet Bowl Cleaner

**For individual teacher donations, check out their
Amazon Wish Lists here!**

**[https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/
302PD4DGAKSSZ/ref=cm_wl_rlist_go_v?](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/302PD4DGAKSSZ/ref=cm_wl_rlist_go_v?)**

Thank you to all those who have donated this past month. Your donations continue to make the Co-Op a safe, clean, and fun place for your children to grow and learn!

Thank you to all our Hop-a-Thon Volunteers!

The Kelly Family	Ed and Tobi McGovern
Emily and Shawn Ward	The Shapiro Family
Megan Ryan and Lorin Mc Connel	Caitlin and Timothy Duff
The Vitt Family	Patty and Matt Serpone
Johanna and Matt Shaw	Pam and Kynan Reid

Crafts and Treats





Thank you to all those who are participating in The Giving Tree. Your help is making the holiday season a bit easier for local families in need!

Please make sure your wrapped and tagged gifts with a gift receipt are returned to the Co-Op by December 14th!

So far this year, the Co-Op has been hit with lots of germs and illnesses. Please remember our Health Policies if your child is under the weather to help ensure that the Staff and other children remain healthy:

- Your child needs to be fever, vomit and diarrhea free before returning to the Co-Op
- Children with fevers 99.5 and higher need to be kept home. They can return when they are fever free without medication for 24 hours.
- Children who are lethargic or complaining of not feeling well should remain home.
- The Director needs to be notified of children who have or have been exposed to a contagious illness.
- If your child contacts lice, they need to be nit free before being send back to the school.
- The Director and Staff can isolate and send a sick child home based on their own personal discretion.

Thank you for your help in keeping the Co-Op a germ free and healthy place to be!

Thank you to all those who donated non-perishable goods to our can drive!

Happy Holidays from the Staff and Board.

We would like to wish you a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season!





There's still time to put in orders!

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER IS RUNNING THROUGH DECEMBER!

WWW.YANKEECANDLEFUNDRAISING.COM
GROUP NUMBER: 99563033
GROUP NAME: CENTRAL CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

40% OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO THE CO-OP TO ASSIST
IN OUR EFFORT TO UPGRADE CREATIVE ROOM!

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YANKEE CANDLE®

