

February 2016



Hi, Co-Op Families,

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Basket Raffle! The kids (and I think the adults, too) thoroughly enjoyed the performance by Stacey Peasley. Our 23 raffle items and our golden ticket item brought in \$1209!

The people who volunteered and made this possible are: Suzanne Hevelone, Michelle DeLeo, Leeanna Labenski, Hester Pender, Ginger Skoog, Katie MacKenzie, Lee Pender, Suzanne Krochune, Rebecca Tryon, and anyone else who pitched in to clean up that I may have missed while I was handing out raffle items. Also big thanks go to our bakers: Hilary Miller, Marnie Deardorff, Clewis Howe, Maria Hart, Lisa Scollin, Alexis Treat, Kathleen Howarth, Nichole, Sheehan and Leeanna Labenski.

We have just two fundraisers left this year - the Mixed Bags sale 3/7-3/15 and a Papa Gino's dining night on 4/4. We are so close to our new cubbies goal!

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Fundraising and Dining Dates

February 29- March 15- Mixed Bag Sale
April 4- Papa Gino's Dining Event

THE CO-OP WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-19.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN VACATION!

**A “BEE”G THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED OFF OUR
“BEE” GENEROUS BOARD!**

Your amazing donations help keep the Co-Op supplies stocked!

**The Shaw Family
The Krochune Family
The Hart Family
The Deardoff Family
The Carmillo Family
The Romano Family**

**The Skoog Family
The Beary Family
The Labenski Family
The Kimsoung Family
The Sutliff Family**

Valentines Day Celebrations

February 11 & 12

Students will have a Valentines Party and a chance to hand out Valentines to their classmates! In the event of snow, the celebrations will take place Monday and Tuesday after February vacation.



Upcoming Dates:

February 11-12 Valentine Celebrations
February 15-19 February Vacation
February 29 Mixed Bag Fundraiser
March 1 Board Meeting
March 8-9 Cardio Kids

MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISER

Keep an eye out for information being sent home about our Mixed Bags Fundraiser! This is a catalog based fundraiser similar to Yankee Candle! The items from Mixed Bags make perfect gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, Easter, and end of the year gifts for coaches and teachers!



Touch-A-Truck

THE CO-OP WILL BE HOSTING A TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT FOR THE STUDENTS APRIL 28TH AND 29TH DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HAS A VEHICLE OR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHILDREN TO EXPLORE, PLEASE LET JILL LEMASURIER KNOW! THIS IS SUCH AN EXCITING AND SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE KIDS!

Interested in joining the board? We have available positions and would love to have you join! Your commitment would only require a few hours a month participating in our monthly board meetings and fulfilling your position duties!

Available Positions:

Publicity

Website



Thank you for using our Amazon link, www.centralcoopshop.com! We have raised \$917.50 since September! Wow!! This is the easiest way to raise money for our new cubbies and we can't thank you enough!!



JANUARY ALL SCHOOL MEETING



A HUGE THANK YOU TO MRS. LEMASURIER FOR HOSTING THE JANUARY ALL SCHOOL MEETING ON DENTAL HEALTH! JILL TOOK THE TIME TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF BRUSHING AND FLOSSING WITH THE STUDENTS. THEY ALSO HAD AN IN-DEPTH CONVERSATION ABOUT HEALTHY AND NOT SO HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOUR TEETH. FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES HAPPENED IN THE CLASSROOM AND CREATIVE ROOM SUCH AS USING FAKE TEETH AND A TOOTHBRUSH TO PRACTICE PROPER BRUSHING AND USING EGG CONTAINERS AND STRING TO PRACTICE FLOSSING!

A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN TO HELP PROMOTE POSITIVE ORAL HEALTH:

 TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO THE DENTIST EVERY SIX MONTHS

 BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE STORE AND LET THEM PICK OUT AN AGE APPROPRIATE TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, AND FUN FLOSSERS!

 PLAY DENTIST! YOU CAN BE THE PATIENT AND YOUR CHILD CAN BE THE DENTIST! LET THEM COUNT YOUR TEETH AND CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB BRUSHING!

 CHECK OUT THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATIONS WEBSITE FOR GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND OTHER INFORMATION [HTTP://WWW.MOUTHHEALTHYKIDS.ORG/EN/](http://www.mouthhealthykids.org/en/)

TEACHERS CORNER

Check out these tasty recipes provided by our wonderful teachers! Cooking is a great way incorporate following directions, math, and gain confidence all while having fun!

Mrs. Sheehan's Awesome Pancakes

3/4 c. milk
2 tbs white vinegar
1 c. all purpose flour
2 tbs white sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 egg
2 tbs melted butter
cooking spray

Directions:

Combine milk and vinegar and set aside 5 mins to "sour".
Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Whisk egg and butter into "soured" milk.
Pour the flour mixture into the wet ingredients and mix until lumps are gone.
Heat a skillet over medium heat and coat surface with cooking spray.
Pour 1/4 cupful's of batter on skillet and cook until bubbles appear on surface. Flip and cook until browned on other side.

Chewy Sugar Cookies from Mrs. Dulong

These are a treat that kids can help you bake! Don't forget that kids can help measure ingredients, count spoonful's, pour and stir!

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup softened butter
1 1/2 cups white sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3-4 tablespoons buttermilk
Sprinkles or colored sugar (for decorating)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in dry ingredients. Add enough of the buttermilk to moisten the dough and make it soft, not wet. Roll rounded teaspoons of dough into balls and place on a ungreased cookie sheet. With a brush or fingers, moisten the top of each cookie with the remaining buttermilk and slightly flatten the top of each cookie. Sprinkle with raw sugar or colored sprinkles. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until slightly golden. Let stand for 2 minutes before removing to cool on a rack.

Chicken Wings from Mrs. LeMasurier

5lb Chicken wings (frozen)
1 cup Soy Sauce
2tsp. Garlic Powder
2tsp Onion Powder
1/4 tsp Black Pepper
1/2 cup Light Brown Sugar
1/2 cup Vegetable Oil

1. Mix all ingredients together and marinate wings overnight.
2. Lay wings in a single layer on a cookie sheet
3. Cook at 350 for 2 hours turning as needed

Buffalo Chicken Dip from Mrs. Dionne

8 oz cream cheese, softened
1 c. Louisiana style hot sauce
1 c. ranch salad dressing
3 cans white chunk chicken, drained and shredded
1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
Thinly sliced green onions
Corn or tortilla chips

In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, hot sauce, and salad dressing. Stir in chicken.

Spread into an engrossed 11 x 7 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 for 20-22 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with green onions if desired. Serve with chips.

The Purple Project

Don't forget to vote on your favorite purple project! The winning teacher will receive bragging rights, a little treat and a special shout out in next months newsletter!! Voting begins February 8th



Know of anyone looking for a great preschool?

We still have availability in our PM Program and would love some new faces to join our Co-Op Family!

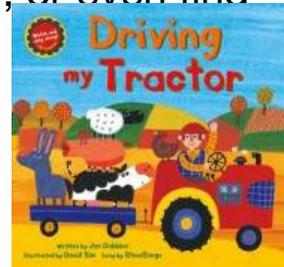
Our new and exciting PM Program is a mixed age class for 3-4 year olds. It runs from 11:30-2:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with the option of extending the day until 4 or 4:30. The PM Program will provide all the same educational opportunities as our AM Program! The only difference is students will have lunch versus snack!

This is a great opportunity for parents with children in afternoon kindergarten or for families who enjoy a slower start to their morning! Please contact Suzanne for more information or to set up a tour!

Reading with Mrs. Dulong and Mrs. LeMasurier

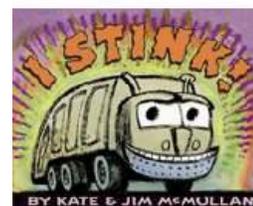
For reluctant readers that don't sit still long enough to hear a book, try putting your story time to music! *Barefoot Books* offers many terrific books with sing-along CDs included. You can check the following website, Amazon, or even find some at the library.

http://store.barefootbooks.com/catalogsearch/advanced/result/?by_subject=157.
<http://amzn.to/1SH29yf>



Here is a favorite of mine (catchy tune!) but there are so many good ones!

I love ABC books! A great way to learn the alphabet in a fun relaxing way. Two of my favorites are:



I stink will especially appeal to the boys! <http://amzn.to/1QUpYii>

ABC of Jobs is great. Not only does it give you jobs from A to Z it also explains how books are made from the author to the buyer. <http://amzn.to/1SH24ua>

February All School Meeting



This month, Mrs. Bardouleau taught the students about Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the monkey! Students got to learn how to say hello and Happy New Year in Mandarin. After reading a book about the New Year, Mrs. Bardouleau led an activity where students got the opportunity to decorate a small paper plate. These plates will be transformed into a Chinese Dragon in the next couple of days! The fun only continued up in the creative room where students were treated to beautiful decorations and to a Chinese food restaurant completed with fun food boxes, felt food and chop sticks! Thank you, Mrs. Bardouleau for such a fun and interactive learning experience!



Basket Raffle and Stacey Peasley Concert



Thank you to the following volunteers and Johanna Shaw for all your hard work making the basket raffle and concert such a great time! A big CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners! We hope you are enjoying your prizes!

Suzanne Hevelone Ginger Skoog Rebecca Tyron
Leeanna Labenski Michelle DeLeo
Hester Pender Katie MacKenzie
Lee Pender Suzanne Krochune

Thank you to the following bakers for providing yummy treats!

Hilary Miller Marnie Deardorff
Clewis Howe Maria Hart
Lisa Scollin Alexis Treat
Leeanna Labenski Kathleen Howarth
Nichole Sheehan

Also, the board would like to thank all the families who attended the event, purchased tickets, and sold tickets. Without all of you, we wouldn't be so close to our \$9000 goal! We understand that this is a lot of money to raise and we appreciate everyones efforts that have gotten us so close to our goal! We have one more fundraiser to go and we are very confident that raise enough money for our new cubbies!

Does your child know their home phone number or your cell number? If not, check out Number Monkeys. This fun app will help aide them in learning this important skill through games and music! Best part; this app is free and requires no in app purchases!

Thank you Rose Felzani for the recommendation!

Do you have a favorite app you'd like to share? Please email liljen930@yahoo.com with your app suggestions to be featured in the Monthly Newsletter!



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