



NEWSLETTER

January 2017



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UPCOMING DATES

- 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
 - 25th- Lochness Play Date

- February
- 1st- Open Enrollment to the public begins
 - 4th- **WINTER CARNIVAL**
FEATURING PLATINUM SPONSOR
KDK MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



2016-2017

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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.

- VP of Fundraising
- Maintenance
- Treasurer
- Newsletter

Please speak with Suzanne or email
president@centralcoop.org if interested!

Letter from the Director

Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and that you are as excited for 2017 as we are!

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is officially underway, and I can't believe how fast the forms are coming in! If you are planning on registering, please make sure to get your form in **BEFORE** February 1.

Please remember that we will only go out if the playground is safe and it is 32 degrees and above. Please remember to pack your child **labeled snow clothes** so that we can get the children outside if the weather permits.

Progress reports will be sent home towards the end of January. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report.

As a reminder, please do not leave children unattended in cars while picking up and dropping off. Safety is a priority at the Co-Op and all children need to be with an adult while on school property. If you need help with a younger child, please speak to a Staff Member.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Suzanne Dionne

Director

SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 4TH FROM 11AM-1PM
FOR OUR

WINTER CARNIVAL

**JUGGLERS, COTTON CANDY, FACE PAINTING,
RAFFLES, AND SO MUCH MORE!**
FUN FOR ALL AGES!!



Please join the Board on January 11th at 7:30pm for our Open Board Meeting. Get an inside peek at how meetings are run. Thinking of joining? Come find out what its all about!

Fundraising Updates

NAME BUBBLES

Name Bubbles make great gifts for any child traveling during school vacations or attending summer camp in a few short months! Check out all their fantastic labels for clothes and containers! Click on the link below to discover a fantastic product! Get your things labeled so they don't get lost!!

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

FUNdrive

Save your donations!! The Co Op Board is planning another FUNdrive for the Spring!!! A great way to get rid of your junk and raise money for our Creative Room!



\$10,000

\$5,000

Papa Ginos \$116.00

Hop-a-Thon \$2,510.00

Savers FUNdrive \$261.80

Fit & Fresh \$ 454.40

Yankee Candle \$1,680

Amazon- June-December \$744.90



Shaving Cream
Small Baggies
Clorox Anywhere Spray
Smocks Washed
Brown Paper Bags
Ziploc Gallon Baggies
Latex Free Gloves

Lysol Spray
Clorox Wipes
Bleach
Dixie Cups
Paper Towels
Foam Hand Soap
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?

ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADUATING PRESCHOOLERS

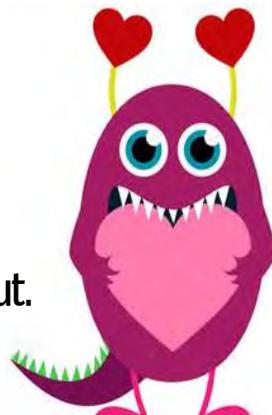
Please check out this link for Kindergarten registration information and required documents. Please note that they have changed the start by date. Children **MUST BE 5 years of age** by August 31, 2017 to enter kindergarten.

<http://www.chelmsford.k12.ma.us/domain/100>

Bertucci's Dinning Night

January 12 & 15

Available for dine in, online or carry out.



Valentines Day Celebrations

February 13 & 14

Students will have a Valentines Party and a chance to hand out Valentines to their classmates! Sign up list for party treats and supplies will be available closer to the celebration dates!

Happy New Year, Co-Op families! It's a new year, new season and we are excited to bring to you new, fun ways to stay involved in the Co-Op community, hopefully making memories and traditions along the way with our little ones that will endure. More on that in a moment, but let's share a quick recap of last year.

From a fundraising perspective, 2016 certainly ended for us on a high note with Yankee Candle totals coming in at \$4,200 in catalog and online sales for total combined profit dollars of \$1,680. Hop-a-thon came in at whopping \$2,510 net profit and Papa Gino's yielded us an easy \$116. With holiday season online shopping, your clicking through our Amazon affiliate website brought us an additional \$192 for year to date total from Amazon of \$745. That bring us to a grand total so far for the school year of \$5,767.20 of our \$10,000 goal to put towards the Creative Room renovations. (*insert high-five!**)

January gives us two chances to benefit the COOP by take a dining break with Bertucci's. Take out or dining in with Bertucci's during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend will share profits with the us for orders completed on Thursday, January 12 and Sunday, January 15. Be sure to kick back and order up over the holiday weekend and support our success with a slice or two.

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is now before us--our first Winter Carnival. WinterFest, like the FallFest and Tree Lighting, is a Chelmsford tradition and the COOP has aligned our largest annual fundraising event to be part of WinterFest. We hope to make this a new special tradition of our own for COOP friends and families. This year it is on Saturday, February 4th and our indoor Carnival will be from 11am-1pm in the big hall. We are one of the stops on the town activity schedule published in the news and their website, giving us some great publicity and hopefully lots of foot traffic.

We have been THRILLED with the support and donations so far from our local businesses. We are busy planning to delight our guests with fun carnival inspired games, engaging entertainment and delicious goodies! We still need your help to make this a BIG success. Donation letters and forms are available if you would like to share one with a business or practice where you children have activities, and we are still accepting game booth sponsorship at the \$200 level form businesses, foundations or families. A very special message of gratitude already goes out to the KDK Memorial Foundation, our platinum sponsor for the event (kdkfoundation.org). For a sample, our raffle prizes up for grabs include:

- A huge BBQ package form Alpine Butchers
- A craft brew tasting set and "be a brewer for a day" experience with Merrimack Ales
- Wachusett ski lift passes
- Family swim passes and gear from Goldfish Swim School
- Discovery Museum, Santa's Village and Storyland passes
- Duckboat ride tickets to tour Boston
- 18 holes at Nabnassett Country Club
- A professional family photo shoot
- Date night packages with fine dining around town and kiddie play time at LochNess
- Doggie daycare, private obedience and Canine Good Citizen training from the All American Dog
- A complete early reader library collection of children's classics; and,
- A special "Ruby Raffle" prize of 4 Red Sox tickets at Fenway just nine rows from the dugout complete with an official MLB gift from the Red Sox Foundation.

Plus more!

Even the Chelmsford Fire Department has gotten in on the action raffling a ride to school in a fire truck for up to two kids (eligible to Chelmsford residents only). There will be a performance by Jenny the Juggler, face painting, cotton candy, shave ice, popcorn and treats, glitter tattoos, carnival game booths with prizes, martial arts exhibitions and dance performances. We are still soliciting local companies for raffle donations and looking for volunteers to set up, host the game booths, and help with clean up.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE ALL THIS WORK A SUCCESS! Please look for the SignUp Genius and let us know where you can volunteer and be sure to come join with family and friends on February 4th.

As always, if you have any questions or ideas, please share them with me at fundraising@centralcoop.org. Thank you for your support and helping us achieve our goals for 2017!

Onward with an outstanding 2017!

Winter Science

Glitter Slime!

- 1 bottle of Elmers glitter glue
- Borax
- Water
- 2 bowls
- Fork and Spoon



In one bowl, mix entire contents of glitter glue with a half cup of water using the fork. In the next bowl, combine one cup of water and a 1/2 teaspoon of borax until borax is dissolved. Next, slowly combine the borax solution to the glue. Mix until incorporated and then begin mixing with hands! Store in an airtight container!

Winter Crystal Snowflakes



- 6 tbs Borax
- 2 c Water
- Jars or vases
- Popsicle sticks, string, tape
- Pipe cleaners

Create a snowflake or icicle out of the pipe cleaners. Make sure pipe cleaner does not hit the sides of the jar, touch the bottom, and can be pulled out once crystals form. Suspend pipe cleaner from jar using string and popsicle stick.

Boil 2 cups of water. Once boiling, add 1 tbs of borax at a time until borax is dissolved. Pour solution in jar and let sit untouched overnight!

Magic Foaming Snowman

- Baking Soda
- Dish Soap (aka Washing Up Liquid)
- Salt
- Vinegar

In a bowl or other container, measure out two cups of baking soda and add 2 Tablespoons of salt. Mix thoroughly. Add 1 tsp soap and mix it into the dough well. The dough should look crumbly. Next add 8 Tablespoons of water. If your dough will form a ball, you're all set. If it's still too dry and crumbly add water 1 Tablespoon at a time until you have a dough that molds into a ball.

Make and decorate your snowman and once you're ready to transform him into a mound of icy cold foam, add your vinegar! It works best if you add a lot of vinegar at once. A squeeze bottle works best, but if you don't have one of those, pouring a cup filled with vinegar on him will also create a foamy explosion!



Magic Foaming Snowman



Parking Lot Reminders

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!

Now that the winter weather is quickly approaching, we may lose some parking spots due to snow piles, please keep these few reminders to keep everyone safe!

Please avoid parking in reserved and handicapped spots.

If you are using the carpool lane, please stay as close to the curb or snowbanks as possible to let other cars to park. If you are first in line, make sure to stay behind the silver pole on the left to allow the gate to be opened.

In the event of a severe shortage of spaces, drop off and pick up times may be slightly extended to allow parking spaces to become available.

To avoid injuries, please do not let your children play on snowbanks or on ice patches.

Carpool Reminders:

- Please wait in your car. Do not enter through the carpool door.
- If you are in a hurry, carpool may not be the best option, please come into the school!
- Teachers may only be able to assist one child at a time, especially if the driveway is slippery. Please be patient as it may take a little longer!
- The Carpool Lane is considered an active lane. Please do not park in the carpool lane or let your children play near there at any time!



Please don't forget to use our Amazon link

www.centralcoopshop.com

when shopping on Amazon. A percentage of your purchases come back to the Co-Op at no charge to you! This is the easiest way to help raise money for the Co-Op by doing shopping you're already doing! Please remember to tell your family and friends to help us get even more!



2017-2018

OPEN ENROLLMENT

begins February 1st!

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The Central Cooperatibve Nursery School

Thursday, January 12th

11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery*

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11:00 am - 9:00 pm

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Join us for a

PLAYDATE

at Lochness Play Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH @ 12PM



CO-OP FAMILIES PAY JUST
\$8 PER CHILD AND \$1 PER ADULT!

We hope to see you there!



Lochness Play Center
18 Boston Road
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