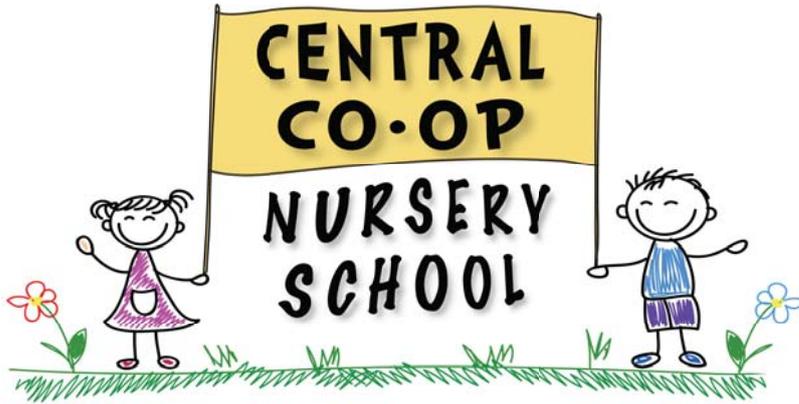


November/December 2015



Letter from the Director

Dear Families,

October was a busy month here at school!! The beginning of the month we were able to visit with Ruth Scrutin and the Traveling Barnyard then, the children got their bodies moving and grooving with Coach Susan during our cardio program, the Chelmsford Fire Department came by for a visit during our all school assembly and talked the children about fire safety and even helped us practice a few techniques. When they were done, they invited the kids to sit in the Trail truck! If that wasn't enough, we finished the month with Halloween celebrations! Thank you for making our parades so special for the children. A good time was had by all.

November is looking to be a busy month as well. To begin the month, we will have a visit from the Chelmsford Library then, we will have our Hop - A- Thon with Coach Susan and finally, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Co-Op style with a feast. We will be hosting a Thanksgiving parade (much like the Halloween parade) on November 24 and 25 at 9:30 for the parents and later that morning the classes will come together in the big hall for a Co-Op feast. Each teacher will be looking for specific food items to be brought in on those days, so keep an eye out for emails and postings.

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THE CO-OP 100
ACCEPTING
DONATIONS
NOVEMBER 4-19TH

Each year the Co-Op looks forward to spreading holiday cheer to the local families who are less fortunate. This Thanksgiving, we will hold our first annual can drive! We would like to collect at least 100 canned or boxed goods to donate to the Chelmsford Food Pantry. Please bring in your donations November 4-19. There will be a box for items at the hallway entrance.

In December we will also have a giving tree available for those who would like to purchase items for local families and make a child's Christmas a little brighter; we would appreciate any help that you can offer! Stay tuned for dates and times!!

We will be closed Friday November 27th. Wednesday November 25th is a **HALF DAY FOR FULL DAY CHILDREN**. All children will be dismissed at 12.

Looking ahead to December-

On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22&23 we will have our annual Holiday concert in the Big Hall at 9:30 am. 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 23rd we will begin our winter break and school will reopen January 4, 2016!!

When we return in January, we will begin the registration process for the 2016-2017 school year. On Jan 4 & 5 I will begin 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 teachers 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 and the ground is free of ice.

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 any of the news channels carefully for Chelmsford Public's announcement. I will send an email as well.

Thank you for all of your continued support!

Suzanne

Hop-A-Thon Reminder:

The Hop-A-Thon will take place on November 18 & 19 during Cardio Kids. Please have your child wear sneakers!



Fundraising and Dining Dates

- November 18 - 19- Hop-a-Thon
- December 6- Vendor Fair
- January 17- Bertucci's Dining Event
- February 6- Basket Raffle/Stacey Peasley Concert
- 29 - March 15- Mixed Bag Sale
- April 4- Papa Gino's Dining Event

November Holiday

School Closures:

The Co-Op will be open for a half day on Wednesday, November 25th and closed November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.

**Winter is coming and so are 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!

A friendly reminder to check your child's snow gear during the wet winter months. Often, their items can become pretty wet when playing outside and may need to be thrown in the dryer or put out to dry! Also, packing their snow items in a lined bag will help keep the Co-Op hallway carpets dry! Please make sure to label all items!



Name Bubbles.com

Help Support Your School!

20% of your label order will be donated to Central Cooperative Nursery School
During checkout, enter: CCNS15 Click "Submit" to activate the code*

*Fundraising code cannot be applied to promotional or sale items



Letter from the VP of Fundraising

Dear Co-Op Families,

Our first ever Hop-A-Thon is next week! Thank you so much to all of you who returned label sheets for the donor solicitation forms. We have already received over \$2,000 in donations! We are getting closer to new cubbies all the time!

Mark your calendars for our Vendor Fair and Refreshment Station on Sunday, December 6th, in conjunction with the town's tree lighting ceremonies. We will have hot beverages, a bake sale, face painting, a kids' craft table and the chance to check people off of your holiday shopping list!

It is still a few months away, but it's never too early to start thinking about donations for our Basket Raffle. The raffle is Saturday, February 6, and will be held with our annual children's concert as a part of Chelmsford's Winterfest. If you have something that you would like to donate, or if your company might be a good donor, please contact me at central.coop.fundraising@gmail.com.

Also, please remember to use our link - www.centralcoopshop.com - to access Amazon so we can get credit for your purchases. Also, there are more of the postcards with our link available on top of the cubbies in the hallway if you would like to grab some to mail to anyone you know who would support our school. Now is the time to send those out to everyone who might be doing their holiday shopping in their pajamas! So far this year, 297 items have been bought through our link and we have raised \$400.23! Keep using our link for your shopping because all of those small commissions are adding up.

If you or anyone else might love the gift of labels this year, don't forget that our fundraising code with Name Bubbles is good through December 31st - the code is CCNS15. Also available through December 31st, you can still order through Yankee Candle online at yankeecandlefundraising.com and give our school code - 99563033 - and we still receive 40% on those sales. Don't forget they also have wrapping paper, popcorn, and magazines available.

Thanks again for your help so far, and thanks in advance for your help throughout the year!

Johanna Shaw,
VP of Fundraising

LUNCH BUNCH AND EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE!

NEED AN EXTRA HOUR OR FOUR?

LUNCH BUNCH AND EXTENDED DAY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS!

PLEASE SPEAK WITH SUZANNE BEFOREHAND FOR AVAILABILITY!

THE COST FOR LUNCH BUNCH IS

\$10 UNTIL 1:00PM OR \$15 UNTIL 1:30PM.

THE COST FOR EXTENDED DAY IS

\$40 UNTIL 4:00PM.



PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE THAT DAY OR ADDED ONTO TUITION

Don't forget to use our Amazon link! This is one of the easiest ways to raise money for the Co-Op at no cost to you! Share our link, www.centralcoopshop.com with all your friends and family!

TEACHERS CORNER

The Co-Op Staff believes in "Learning Through the Power of Play". Check out these great toy suggestions from our very own teachers that promote different skills such as fine motor, sharing, and matching! Click on the links to be directed to the Co-Op's Amazon page to order! These make great holiday gifts!

Mrs. LeMasurier: Motor Works by Discovery Toys

"My boys loved these when they were younger!"

<http://amzn.to/1MytMoT>

Mrs. Rousseau: Magna Blocks

"I love seeing all the different creations children can make with these!"

<http://amzn.to/1MmxYo9>

Mrs P.: Sun Flower Building Block Plastic Toy Bricks

"A true favorite with all my students! They get used so much and in many different ways!"

<http://amzn.to/1MmxZZc>

Mrs. Harrington: Melissa and Doug Sort and Snap Color Match

"My absolute favorite toy in my room! Great for fine motor and matching!"

<http://amzn.to/20KIKhH>

Mrs. Sheehan: Duplo Blocks

"Kids love playing and building with Duplos! Always a favorite for all!"

<http://amzn.to/1MmxRbX>

Save
the
Date

THE VENDOR FAIR IS COMING!!!

Come support the Co-Op and get some essential holiday shopping done on December 6th from 4pm-6pm as part of the Chelmsford Tree Lighting Celebration! There will be several amazing vendors, make-and-take crafts for the kids, and a bake sale/hot beverage sale! Stop by, bring a friend, and don't forget to check out the items made by the students of the Co-Op!

A star studded **THANK YOU** to the volunteers from
Family Fun Night!

Thank you for setting up, serving pizza and goodies and cleaning up!
A fun night was had by all due to your efforts!

Stacey and Derek Robinson
Christoph and Kristin Strobel
Kathy Hannon
Jennifer Doran
Galen and Anthony Sutlif



The Giving Tree

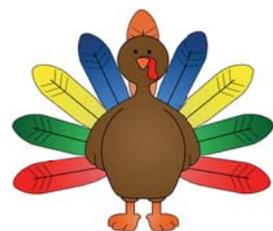
Each year, the Co-Op participates with the town to provide local families in need with holiday gifts. In the upcoming weeks, tags with requested items will be available for families to take. Keep an eye out for more information on how to help!



Please Join Us for the Co-Op's
Thanksgiving Concert



November 24th and 25th at 9:30 am in the Big Hall



OCTOBER'S ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



This month the children were visited by the Chelmsford Fire Department to learn about fire safety! They got to learn about stop, drop, and roll, stay low and go, and got to see what a firefighter looks like when dressed in their gear! Each child received a “Don’t Fear Firefighters in Gear” Activity Booklet with some great tips you can do at home to promote fire safety! Things we can teach our children is to call 9-1-1 in an emergency, create and practice a family fire escape plan, and to create awareness of dangerous situations!



Salty and Sweet Turkey Snack

Ingredients:

Pretzel Rods	Yellow M&M's
Candy Corn	Sprinkles
Candy Eyes	Melting Chocolate (or Peanut Butter/Sun Butter)

Directions:

Dip pretzel rods 3/4 of the way into melted chocolate (or coat with peanut butter/sun butter) and roll in the sprinkles.

Dip the small ends of the candy corn into the chocolate and attach to the top of the pretzel to create “feathers”.

Attach candy eyes and gently place a yellow m&m between the eyes.

Toilet Paper Roll Turkey

What you need:

Red, Orange, and Yellow Construction Paper

Toilet Paper Roll

Glue

Googly Eyes

Scissors

Directions:

Trace your child’s hand on all the different colors of construction paper and cut out. Also draw and cut out a waddle.

Glue to the back of the toilet paper roll.

Add googly eyes, a waddle and have a grown up cut out the beak!



*The Co-Op would like to wish everyone a
Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!*



“Bee” Generous

**Can't make it inside the school but want to donate supplies?
Here's whats being asked for this month on the Bee Generous Board:**

**Latex Free Gloves
Braun Thermometer Covers
Glue Sticks
Magic Erase Sponges
Lysol Spray
Thermal Laminating Pouches
Clorox Clean Up
Latex Free Band-aids
Clorox Anywhere Spray (sold through Amazon and Walmart)**

**Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Sticky Back Velcro
Google Eyes
Paper Towels
Plastic Spoons
Instant Cold Packs
Washable Crayola Markers
Wash Creative Room Smocks**



Please give your labeled donation to your child's classroom teacher! Thank you!



Thank You to the October Bee Donators

We appreciate your donations to help keep the Co-Op shelves stocked!

**The Flynn Family
The Deardoff Family
The Caputo Family
The Bettencourt Family
The Deschene Family**

**The Krochune Family
The Beary Family
The Benigno Family
The Pappo Family
The Ridenour Family**

Did you know the Co-Op accepts gently used toys and costumes? If you would like to donate, please speak with Suzanne before bringing in items!

Fire Safety Awareness and Traveling Barnyard

