

Newsletter

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Please feel free to reach out to members of the Board with any questions or concerns you might have.

Parents are welcome to attend Board Meetings if they would like. Check in to see when the next meeting is!



From all of us here at the Central Co•Op please have a Happy and Safe Halloween!



Fall Festival



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Letter from the Director

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The school year is off to a great start! The children and parents have all adjusted peacefully. Both our fundraising and Co•Op events are off to a great start. The Yankee Candle Fundraiser is still available *online* until January 11th. The traveling barnyard was a huge success. The children loved interacting with all of the different farm animals.

We are really looking forward to this month's upcoming events, *school pictures, family day, pumpkin decorating and the Halloween Parade.*

On Saturday, **October 14th** we will have our Central Co•Op Family Fun Day! This is a fun day for all at Makers Farm in Westford, MA. Please see our flyer for more information regarding specific activities and time.

For our Halloween Parade we are asking *EACH* child to bring a pumpkin to decorate. The pumpkin can be large or small. We ask that if your child chooses a large pumpkin that s/he be able to carry it. Please be sure to bring your pumpkin to school on **October 23rd and 24th (which also happens to be school picture day)** so that they can decorate them in class. Please check your pumpkin carefully for bruises or soft spots as these usually tend to leak...yuck!

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Fall Festival

A big thank you to all of the Teachers, Staff, Board Members and Families who participated in the Fall Festival Parade. The Children had a blast marching around the Common.

Traveling Barnyard

Thank you to Kaitlyn Williams, Caitlin Duff, Katie Sullivan Crystal Stewart, Cindy Hurley, and Jill Rossetti for volunteering to help our staff clean-up after the Traveling Barnyard's visit. We really appreciate all of your help in making this event possible!

Reminder

Playground Clean-Up

Reminder to our volunteers that the playground clean-up will be on **Sunday, November 19th.**

If you have any questions please contact:

Heather Dwyer at maintenance@centralcoop.org

If you have any questions or concerns related to a fundraising event or if you are interested in volunteering please feel free to contact our VP of Volunteering and Fundraising:

Elizabeth Ridenour at vicepresident@centralcoop.org

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Weapons and masks are *not* allowed at school. If your child has a costume that comes with either of these things please leave them at home. If they come to school we will not allow the children to have them.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me!

Suzanne

Dates to Remember

October 14
October 23 and 24
October 30 and 31



Calendar

October and November

Key

-  Co•Op Event
-  Fundraiser
-  Tuition
-  School Closing

Dates

- 10.14 Family Day
- 10.16 - 10.17 Fire Dept. Visit
- 10.18 Applebee's
- 10.23 - 10.24 School Pictures
- 10.30 - 10.31 Halloween Parade
- 11.6 - 11.7 Sign Language
- 11.13 Can Drive Start
- 11.15 - 11.16 Hop A Thon
- 11.21 - 11.22 School Feast

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Fundraisers

Applebee's Dining Night

Join us for a dining night, mention the Central Co•Op and we receive a percentage of the total sale!

Can Drive

The Co•Op collects non-perishable canned goods for the Chelmsford Food Pantry

Hop A Thon

The children hop for one minute with their class to fundraise. Return Lables due by 10.17

Co•Op Events

Family Day

Join us at Makers Farm for a fun family day! More information can be found on our flyer.

Halloween Parade

Children can come to the school in their costumes to celebrate if they'd like.

Co•Op Feast

The school enjoys snack time together to celebrate the holiday.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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School Closing

Please note that the Central Co•Op will be closed the following dates:

Veterans Day **Friday November 10th**

Thanksgiving, **Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th**
Wednesday, November 22nd will be a HALF DAY

**Please note the Co•Op will be closed for a week starting Monday, December 25th Classes will resume Tuesday, January 2nd.*

Meet the Co•Op

The Central Co•Op will be introducing our teachers and staff in a series called “Meet the Co•Op”. Please keep a look out for our staff interviews throughout the next few Newsletters. This month we have interviewed, Mrs. Dionne Mrs. P and Mrs. Bardouveau. We hope this will allow our families to get to know all of us at the Central Co•Op a little bit better!

Mrs. Dionne



Mrs. Dionne started at the Co•Op in 2007 and became the Director in 2011. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education. She loves running the Co•Op and cherishes the opportunity to keep it as a fun place to learn.

What is your Favorite thing about the Central Co•Op?

My favorite thing about the Co•Op is the community aspect of our school. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful and strong connection to our families. This partnership is so important for the children so that they succeed on their educational journey.

What is your favorite event that takes place at the Co•Op?

My absolute favorite part of each day is greeting the children and parents at drop-off. I love to see their smiling faces as they enter the school while I catch up with all of the parents and grandparents.

What is the biggest thing you notice in students from the beginning of the school year to the end?

Social and emotional growth are two of the biggest achievements from the beginning of the year until the end of the year. It always astounds me to see some of the quietest children come out of their shell bit by bit and exit school with new friendships and the confidence to make many more. I am also impressed by the very social child who leaves in June with compassion and empathy for others.

What are some of your hobbies outside of school?

Outside of school, my favorite thing to do is be with my family. I live in North Chelmsford with my husband Pete, son Kyle, and daughter Grace as well as our two black labs, Ozzy and Otis.

What is your favorite color?

Purple

What is your favorite children's book?

I'll Love You Forever by Roger Knapp

What is your favorite animal?

Dog

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Chocolate

Mrs. Piecewicz



Mrs. P has been a teacher with the Co•Op since 2008. She has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Early Childhood Education. She has several years of teaching experience under her belt.

What is your Favorite thing about the Co•Op?

I love the community atmosphere, we feel like a family!

What is your favorite curriculum to teach and why?

Dinosaurs, because who doesn't like dinosaurs!

What is the biggest thing you notice in the students from the beginning of the school year to the end?

At the beginning of the year they are so dependent and by the end of the year they are responsible and are really able to do things for themselves.

What are some of your hobbies outside of school?

While I don't have a specific hobby I do love to attend sports events, concerts, and wineries with my family.

What is your favorite color?

Red

What is your favorite children's book?

Pete the Cat Series by Eric Litwin

What is your favorite animal?

Dog

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Chocolate

Mrs. Bardouveau



Mrs. Bardouveau has been with the Co•Op since 2000. She has a B.A. in English literature. She also continues to take classes in Early Childhood Education. She believes you can never stop learning.

What is your Favorite thing about the Co•Op?

I really love the nurturing atmosphere we create. We're all mums and I think that shows.

What is your favorite curriculum to teach and why?

In my family everyone was born on a different continent and we really celebrate lots of different holidays at home. As a result, I'm excited when we are teaching and learning about different cultures. We try to incorporate this throughout the year, but my particular favorite is Chinese New Year.

What is the biggest thing you notice in the students from the beginning of the school year to the end?

Wow—there is just so much growth and development over the course of the year—physically, emotionally, socially

and academically. It's great to see the confidence bloom as they master so many new skills. I also love watching the friendships that develop.

What are some of your hobbies outside of school?

I'm an avid reader. I love to travel and I also love to sew.

What is your favorite color?

Purple

What is your favorite children's book?

So hard to pick just one! *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox, *Jamberry* by Bruce Degan and *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss are three of my favorites.

What is your favorite animal?

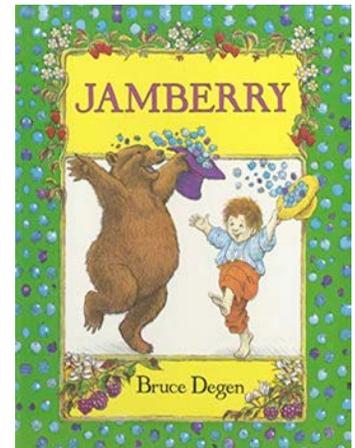
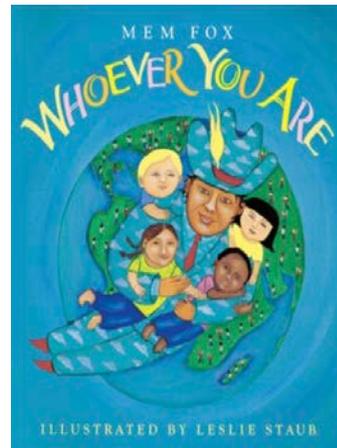
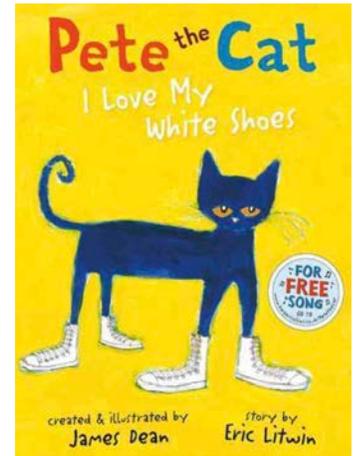
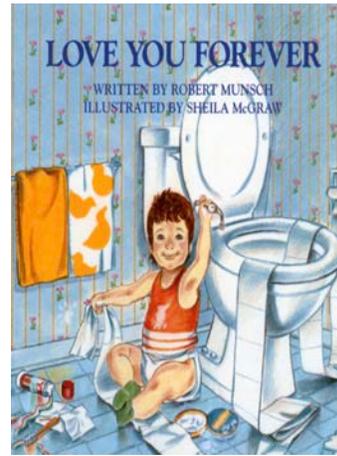
Cat

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Mint Chocolate Chip

Remember to check out our November Newsletter for more staff interviews with Mrs. LeMasurier, Mrs. Harken, and Mrs Grout.

Below you will find a brief synopsis of some of the favorite children's books mentioned throughout the staff interviews. Take a look and see for yourself!



Staff Favorites

I'll Love you Forever

Robert Munsch

I'll Love you Forever details the cycle of life by chronicling the experiences of a young son and his mother throughout the course of the boy's life, and describing the exasperating behavior exhibited by him throughout his youth. In spite of her occasional aggravation caused by her son's behavior the mother nonetheless visits his bedroom nightly to cradle him in her arms, and sing a brief lullaby promising to always love him.

Whoever You Are

Mem Fox

Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different. But inside, they are all alike. Stirring words and bold paintings weave their way around our earth, across cultures and generations. At a time when, unfortunately, the lessons of tolerance still need to be learned, *Whoever You Are* urges us to accept our differences, to recognize our similarities, and-most importantly-to rejoice in both.

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

Jason Dean

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes is the story of a cat whose white shoes get mucked up by various substances he steps in, but "Pete never loses his cool." Written as a song, its refrain is "I love my white shoes", changing to "I love my blue shoes", "I love my red shoes", and so on.

Other Pete the Cat books are: *Pete at the Beach*, *Rocking in My School Shoes*, *Play Ball*, and so many more!

Jamberry

Bruce Degan

This bestselling classic features a berry-loving boy and an endearing rhyme-spouting bear. The fun wordplay and bright paintings with lots of details for young readers to explore.

Premise: A small boy and a big friendly bear embark on a berry-picking extravaganza, looking for blueberries, blackberries, and strawberries. Their fun adventure comes to a razzamatazz finale under a starberry sky.

Please note that these synopses were taken from Amazon and Google Review.

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portrait studios

Individual portraits as well as a classroom picture will be taken on the following days:

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

Picture previews and packages will be sent home shortly after so that you can make your selections!



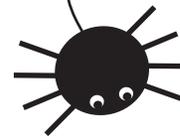
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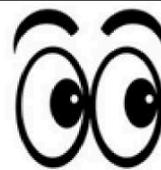


Trick or Treating

Safety Tips

The Chelmsford Police Department has a number of tips and tricks to make your Halloween as fun and safe as possible. Check them out below!

- Have children walk in groups with a trusted adult
- Walk, don't run, from house to house
- Use a flashlight or reflective tape so oncoming cars can see you
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Walk on sidewalks if available, if not, walk facing traffic while staying on the far edge of the road
- Eat only factory wrapped candy
- Avoid homemade treats offered by strangers
- Only visit well lit houses
- Never enter homes without trusted adult or accept rides from strangers



Keep your
Eyes peeled!

Label sheets will be coming home
for the Hop-A-Thon.

Simply write out the addresses of friends and family you want to solicit for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and return the labels by October 17. The committee takes care of everything else!

On November 15 & 16,
Your children will hop
for a minute with their
class, and hops will be
counted for pledges.



FAMILY FUN DAY

at The Maker Farm!

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14TH
1:00PM – 2:30PM

Halloween
costumes
welcome!

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON
OF TRICK OR TREATING
WITH THE ANIMALS, STORY
TIME, AND A HALLOWEEN
CRAFT PROJECT!

Rain
or
shine!

Please RSVP via Sign-Up
Genius by Monday, October 9th.


5 GOULD ROAD
WESTFORD, MA 01886



Did you know that our
YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER
CAN BE DONE ONLINE?

1. VISIT WWW.YANKEECANDLEFUNDRAISING.COM.
2. REGISTER TO BE A SELLER— USE GROUP # 99563033.
3. SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

ONLINE ORDERS CAN BE PLACED UNTIL JANUARY 11TH!

40% OF ALL SALES WILL GO BACK TO THE CO-OP FOR
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND NEW BIG HALL/PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT!

Central Co•Op Shop



Help out the Central Co•Op Nursery School every time you place an order through **Amazon**.

Simply type: **www.centralcoopshop.com** into your browser rather than visiting **Amazon** directly.

Your shopping experience will look the same but a percentage of your purchase will come back to help the Central Co•Op Nursery School!



If interested in donating, the Co•Op is always looking for the following:

Paper Towels, Napkins, Zip Lock Bags, Tissues, Clorox Anywhere Spray, and Tall Kitchen Trash Bags

You can bring these items into the school or ship them directly to:

Central Co•Op Nursery School

1 Worthen Street
Chelmsford MA 01824



Name Bubbles are a great way to quickly and easily label your child's belongings. The best part is, for each purchase made a percentage will come back to the Central Co•Op!

Name Bubbles will help you get those missing items back. Please check them out by using the following link below:

<https://fundraising.namebubbles.com/f/374040>



Lunch Bunch

The Central Co•Op offers lunch bunch!

If you have extra errands to run or your child wants to have lunch with their friends sign them up for lunch bunch with Suzanne.

We ask that you please give a **24 hour notice** to Suzanne before hand.

The Cost:

1:00p.m. pick-up \$10

1:30p.m. pick-up \$15

Please be sure to send your child to school with a **nut free** lunch and drink in a **labeled** lunchbox or bag.

Extended Day

The Central Co•Op offers extended day!

If you're interested you will need to provide a **nut free** lunch as well as **sheets and blankets** for rest time. The Co•Op provides a structured afternoon of activities and fun with our fantastic teachers.

The Cost:

12p.m. to 4p.m. \$40

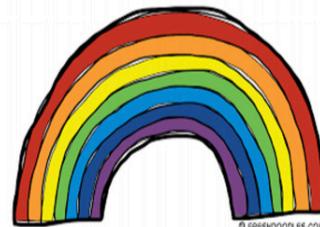
Please contact Suzanne if interested.

Join the Co-Op family in our

TODDLER PRESCHOOL PREP PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR TODDLERS AGES 24-33 MONTHS AND AN ACCOMPANYING PARENT/GUARDIAN. THIS CLASS IS FACILITATED BY A TEACHER AND INCLUDES FREE PLAY, STORY TIME, CRAFTS, AND A SCHOOL SNACK!

Classes take place on
Friday mornings from
9:30am-11:30am
in 8-week rotating
and renewable sessions.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SCHEDULE A VISIT PLEASE
CONTACT US AT (978) 256-3033 OR [INFO@CENTRALCOOP.ORG](mailto:info@centralcoop.org).

Fall Sing-A-Long Songs

Gray Squirrel

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel, swish your bushy tail
shake your hips

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel, swish your bushy tail
shake your hips

Crinkle up your funny nose
crinkle your nose

Put an acorn in your toes
bend down and touch your toes

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel swish your bushy tail
shake your hips



All the Leaves are Falling Down

Sing to the tune of "London Bridges"

All the leaves are falling down, falling down
falling down

imitate leaves falling down

All the leaves are falling down, it is fall

Take the rake and rake them up, rake them up
rake them up

imitate raking leaves

Take the rake and rake them up, it is fall.

Make a pile and jump right in, jump right in
jump right in

children jump forward

Make a pile and jump right in, it is fall!



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
hold up five fingers

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"
hands on cheeks

The second one said, "There's a chill in the air!"
arms around self

The third one said, "But we don't care!"
swing pointer finger

The fourth one said, "We are ready for some fun!"
hands in the air

The fifth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"

So whooooo went the wind
make a whoooo sound

And out went the lights
clap hands once loudly

And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!
roll hands

Picking Apples

Just out of reach, so high in the tree
is a juicy red apple, waiting for me
reach out hands

Get on my toes, and stretch up my hand
But I can't reach no matter how tall I stand!
stand on toes

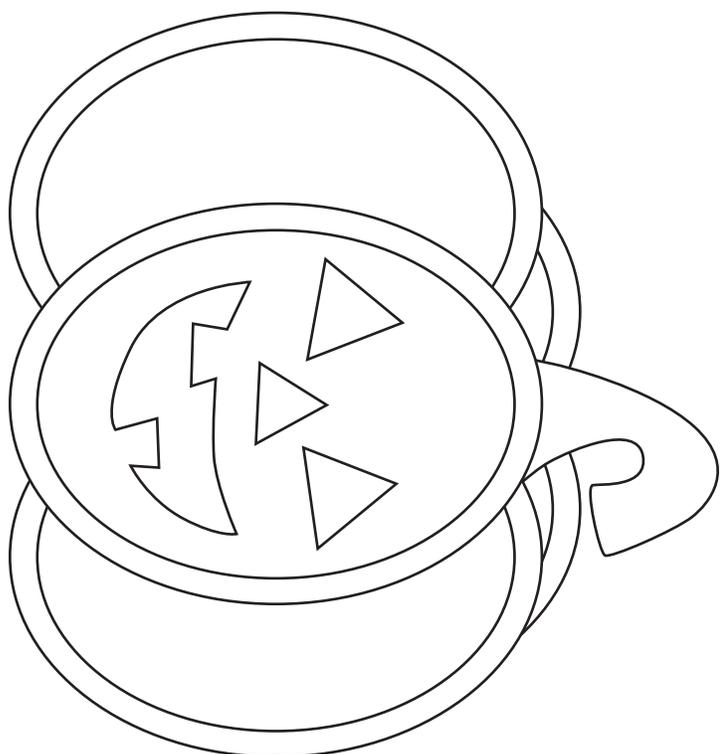
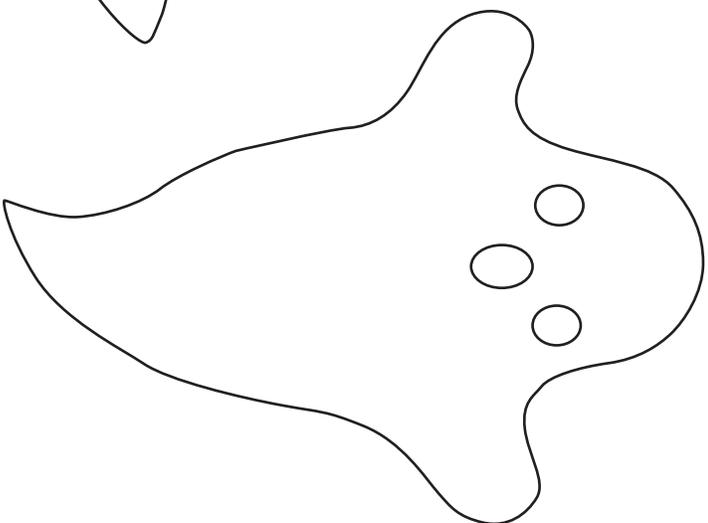
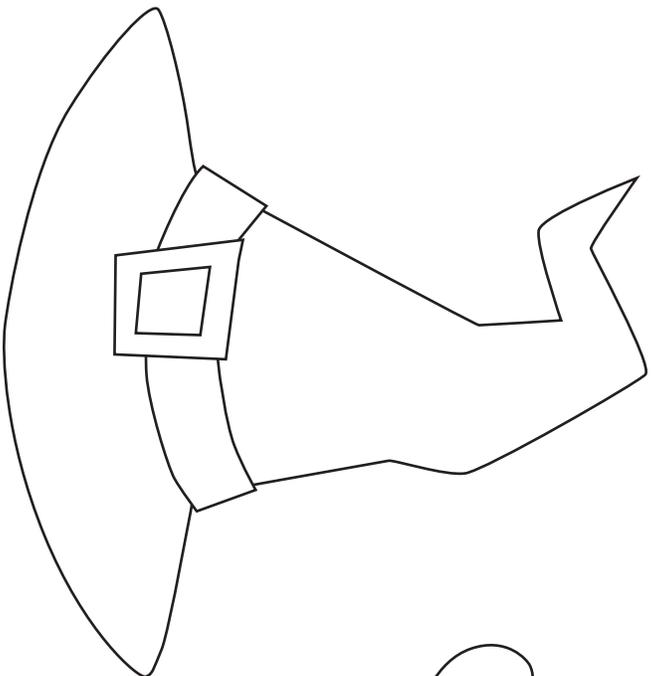
So I must jump as high as I can
'Til I have that apple in my hand
jump in the air

I make it shine; my job is complete
My juicy red apple is ready to eat!
rub pretend apple on shirt and 'eat'

YUM!



HALLOWEEN



HAPPY