

Greenhills Co-op Preschool

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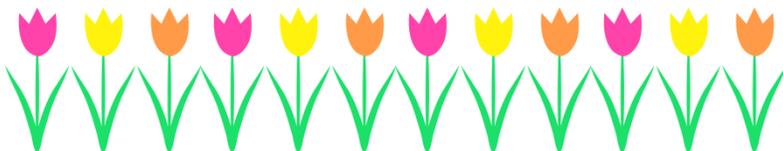
Special Events Committee

Hello from special events! As the year comes to a close we have our final special event in the works. Please join us on Friday, May 18th from 5p-dark at Winton Woods Harper Meadows Shelter- Oak Opening for the end-of-the-year celebration. Families should bring their own meat to cook, cooking utensils, table service (napkins, forks, plates), and a dish to share. Look for sign-up sheets in the hallway to let us know if you are coming and what dish you plan to share. Event will be cancelled only by storm. We look forward to celebrating the end of another great year with you! The families that we have on for set up are Speakes, Hinkel, Homan, and Wendel. For clean-up Bush, Homan, and Wendel. We are reaching out to the Martins and the Biedenbachs to help with set up and/or clean up since your double event (Bunny Brunch) was canceled. Timing and specifics will be given closer to the date. Thanks for everyone's help throughout the year!

Upcoming Cleaning

May 24 THURSDAY

9-12am, Erin Mann, Tiffany Wilson, Eric/Hollie Doll, Kristen Jackson, Erin Hopster, Jennifer Sparks



A visit from the Easter Bunny in the 3s Class

Upcoming Events

May 10

Mother's Day Brunch (3s and Pre-K)

May 11

Mother's Day Brunch (4s)

May 18

School Picnic

Important Announcement

Last day of class for the 3s class is on Tuesday May 22.

Last day of class for the 4s and Pre-K is on Wednesday May 23.

Administrator's Notes

Here we are at the end of another year! It has surely been one of our more eventful years, but all in- all it has been great. Thank you to all of you for your patience with all of the issues in the running of the facilities. I think that the "new classroom and muscle room" have worked out fairly well!

Thank you to all of our wonderful board members! You all have truly been a joy to work with this year! Thank you for all of the support, help, etc. We are "losing" some wonderful board members this year and that is always hard to see happen. Some of them have been with the co-op for 5-6 years!! We are always so sad to see these youngest children (or oldest, with a gap in the preschool years of younger children) go off to Kindergarten, but we are sure that you will all be great assets to the schools that your children will be attending! Keep up with all of your involvement in the schools of choice. Thank you again to our Chairperson-Kristin Lanham, Recording Secretary-Heather Blackburn, Special events co-chair- Tara Ellerbe and Advertising/Publicity and IT – Kristen and A.J. Bothe. You will all be missed!

We will have some wonderful board members returning for next year and we also have had some new families offer to step up to help fill some openings on the board. Our returning members are Shelli Hoffmann our incredible Treasurer (She has volunteered for over 20 years with us!!) Betsey Herzog-coming back as our new chairperson, Kimberly Bain- Housekeeping, Jen Mandeville- Registration and our wonderful TEAM FUNDRAISING Mark and Jeanne Stephens. Our new members are Matt Wendel doing advertising/Publicity and IT, Erin Hopster-Special Events and Bonnie Titus-Green doing our Recording Secretary jobs. Thanks so much to all of you!! Parent Cooperatives are wonderful because of fine folks like you!

I hope that everyone will have a fun filled, healthy summer and we will be eager to see everyone back in September. If you are moving on with your family, know that you will always be a part of the Co-op and we would always be glad to have you stop back for visits!

If you will be returning, Jen Mandeville will be sending you packets via your email over the summer. Please remember to send them back ASAP. Again, thank you for a great year!!

Jan Johnson

Fundraising Committee Update

Thank you to all our families, our teachers, and our friends who supported the Co-op fundraising efforts this year. With your support, we were able to raise \$6,222 so far this year. Wahoo! More than half of the families who agreed to do fundraising for the preschool EXCEEDED their \$130 fundraising goal! All that income is essential to keeping tuition costs low, so we sincerely thank you for your support.

There is still one fundraiser left this year and that is the plant sale. The plant sale is really a 4-day event and it brings in a lot of extra money for the school, so we could use your help to make it a

success. Please come help with the plant sale set up and pick up in the school parking lot and the follow-up sale on Mother's Day Weekend at Corpus Christi Church. And don't forget to pick up your plants on May 5!

Plant sale set up: Friday, May 4, 3-7pm

Plant sale pick up: Saturday, May 5, 9am-noon

Mother's Day Weekend Sale at Corpus Christi: Saturday, May 12, 5-7pm, and Sunday, May 13, 8:30am-12:30pm.

3s News

I am really having a hard time believing that the end of this school year is almost here! How can my 14 little ones be heading off to the 4's class, Pre-K, or home school preschool? I know that your children seem to be growing up fast to you also, but this just does not seem possible this year! Every one of your children has "grown-up" so much. They have made such nice friendships and I love to hear their stories of what is going on in their lives.

To share a brief story in my life, I would like to tell you a little about my Spring Break... I know that some of the children had a bit of a hard time on the day that they returned from Spring Break, because I was not there. However, what a good learning experience it was for them. Change can be hard, but we all can grow from it! I only told them that I went on a little vacation, and that I heard that they were so brave. What I did do was to go to Las Vegas to stay with one of my brothers and his sweet wife. My sister-in-law has been diagnosed with a very rare, stage 4 cancer and does not have very long to live. I was able to go and help her with several things that she did not want to leave to my brother to have to do and to just get to share some love with both of them. I truly felt that I needed to go and to let Caren know how much she is appreciated and loved for "just being " and for loving my brother. I came back to school with the desire to try to love more and not worry so much about so many" little things" that get in our way of living life to its fullest. Your little ones give so much joy and love so unconditionally and I really want you to take the time to just enjoy their preschool years! They really do go by so fast. Let them know how much you appreciate them also. At some point, they will let you know that they appreciate you and the fun that they had growing up. (It may be "a few years" but it will come!)

Thank you so much for sharing your little ones with me this year and I look forward to seeing all of you over the summer, next school year or somewhere around town!

Much love to all of you!

Jan Johnson



4s News

Hope you all had a fun and relaxing Spring Break! Well, we certainly have been experiencing some very strange weather - lots of sun and clouds and wind and rain and warm weather, and cold weather.... Hopefully, the cold weather is done for good!

We have spent the last few weeks looking at the many wonderful changes that Spring has brought to us : all the blessings of Easter, lots of rain (and rainbows!), some very windy days, flowers growing, birds nesting, baby animals being born, caterpillars and butterflies doing their amazing thing, etc.... And then there was Backwards Day with its backwards games, songs, clothes and crafts ("It's a bunny – no it's a duck!"). We had lots of fun with our zoo animal activities, and all who were able to make it to the Cincinnati Zoo enjoyed the great weather and lots of cool animals. Fun was had by all!

May is bringing preparations for our Mother's Day Brunch. The children will be working on many surprises for their moms, and they will be so excited to show Mom (or another special guest) to their seat and to give them all their surprises. I know everyone will have a wonderful time!

During the last two weeks of school, we will be talking about pets. Watch for some interesting and unusual "pets" to come home! For "Fun in the Sun" Day, tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 18th, we have many fun activities planned on the patio: chalk, bubbles, water table, etc. (Please pray for no rain!) Wednesday, May 23rd is our last day of school and we will be having a "make your own ice cream sundae" event (for the kids only) followed by an end-of-the-year program. We will be performing some of our favorite songs from this year (plus a brand new one). Everyone is welcome to attend. The program will be at 11:00 a.m. Bring family, friends, and cameras!

What can I say? It has been a fun-filled year. Your children are delightful and have provided us with much fun, hugs, and love – not to mention some great stories! They have grown so much and learned so much – it is really amazing! Please spend as much time as you can with them and make some wonderful memories. Let them know every day how special and precious they are – a wonderful gift from God! It has been a blessing and a privilege to be a part of their lives - and yours. I wish you and your families a

4s Pictures



Zoo Field Trip

safe and happy summer. Enjoy every minute together! God bless you, and please keep in touch.

Love,

Kathy Curry

P.S. – A special “thank you” to our class secretary, Heather Blackburn for all her help, and to every one of you who went way beyond the call of duty to make this a really great year. Thanks for all your love and support! God bless you!

Pre-K News

Even though the calendar clearly says Spring, Mother Nature has not been cooperating! The late snowfall and cooler temperatures makes it difficult, at best, to believe that Graduation from Preschool is right around the corner. We will spend the rest of May reviewing and learning some “serious” pre-reading skills! You may even have the joy of hearing your child, if he hasn’t already, read some 3-4 letter words!

It’s heartbreaking to say goodbye, but even more so when you’re saying goodbye to the Co-op too! We want to end our school year on a positive note, so our last full day together will be our Graduation Luau! Sign-up forms will be on the classroom door. Bring your favorite outdoor game (cornhole, wiffle ball, etc) and anyone in your family who would like to join us!

Monday, May 7th, marks our 100 days at school! The class will celebrate with a special snack and games. I would LOVE to see the kids dress like a “Centenarian”. Be creative and let’s see those ancient kindergarteners to be!! We are also looking forward to celebrating all you hardworking mothers! Before you ask, the answer is “no, you can’t bring anything and you can’t help”!! This is your day, so enjoy!

The Greenhills Co-op Preschool “Fraternity (+1)” has been such a wonderful class! I am so thankful that you chose to place your precious young men, and gorgeous gal, in my care. Thank you for your support and kind words throughout the year. You have all been a wonderful blessing and I wish you the most amazing and exciting school years ahead!

Heidi Doose

Pre-K Pictures

