



October  
2019

### *Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :*

Hello Everyone at Covington Co-op Preschool,

Congratulations ! You made it through the first month of a Co-op preschool, so you are on your way to a very fun year. The coming year will be an exciting and crucial time for you and your child. The important thing to remember is your Attitude while working with the children. We want to be positive and complimentary whenever we can. No matter how many times it takes for children to master something, we need to verbally recognize the good in each attempt.

You have the power to hold up a positive mirror to the children that will reflect how wonderful they are. Kind words and encouragement will help children feel worthwhile and capable of learning.

I am very excited to be done with most of the paperwork so we can start discovering through play. **WE ARE HERE TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE AND TO LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH CHILDREN IN A POSITIVE AND PATIENT WAY.** So whether we are dealing with our own children or someone else's child, let's count to ten and let the children know we will always love them no matter what.

**Jean Piaget said: Every time we teach a child something, we keep them from inventing it themselves....That which we allow them to discover by themselves..... Will remain with time.**

So let's give children all the experiences that we can and help them to see that learning is FUN. Play is the place where children will begin to feel the joy of learning new things and trusting the people around them.

Please Enjoy each day to the Fullest.

Sincerely,

Karen Brown

### Field Trip!

The fall excursion is to the Thomasson Family Farm. They have gone to a lot of trouble to make our time at their farm not only a tremendous amount of fun but very educational. Let's be sure to thank the people that work there, helping to make sure we have a great time learning while we get to play.

Please refer to your October curriculum for dates and information.



With the flu season upon us, we'd like to remind you to keep your littles at home if they are feeling under the weather or showing any signs of a cold or flu. The following are some guidelines (can be found in your handbook) to follow :

#### **When to Keep Your Child Home:**

1. If your child has a fever or has had one during the last 24-hour period.(Call the Lab Coordinator if you're not sure what to do.)
2. If your child is taking an antibiotic that affects their participation.
3. If your child has a cold that interferes with their full participation in school activities - including outdoor play.
4. If your child has a heavy or colored nasal discharge. (Usually indicates bacterial infection, requiring antibiotics.)
5. If your child has a constant cough not related to allergies.
6. If your child is fussy, cranky and generally not themselves.
7. If your child is just tired. Rest may prevent the development of serious illness.
8. If your child has symptoms of a possible communicable disease.

(These are usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache and abdominal pain, plus a fever.)



## FUNDRAISING



### Greenery:

The Greenery fundraiser will run from Monday, October 7th through Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>.. More info to come!

Orders will be available for pick November 25th: just in time for the holidays! (*Pickup is at the preschool.*)

The greenery arrangements and wreaths are festive, fresh, and make ideal gifts! These high-quality arrangements come from a local greenhouse and arrive in late December - just in time for the holidays! The percentage earned is usually 30% toward your fundraising commitment.

### See's Candy

**See's Candy Bars are available!**

**The bars sell for \$2.00 each and 50% goes towards your fundraising commitment.**

**These are great sellers at a family gathering, workplaces, and other functions. Even better, the candy can be sold right away; no order forms nor wait time involved! You can pay for the bars as you sell.**

*Limit two boxes per family until paid in full. Payment Due within two weeks of checking out.*



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Order forms will be available Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms are due back Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### A note from Jackie

I have enjoyed meeting parents in our parent education meetings. Here is the final schedule for each group. Also, I will be setting up a few make-up dates for people who are not able to attend evening meetings or must miss a few. Please let me know of any personal preferences, if that parent is you.

Yellow meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm  
(next meeting 10/22)

Orange meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6 pm  
(next meeting 10/23)

Red meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month @ 630 pm  
(next meeting 10/28)

Purple meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6 pm  
(next meeting October 30)

Green meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 7pm (next meeting October 17)

Blue continues to meet during classroom time



## Treasurer's Corner

Dear Preschool families,

I'm writing to remind you about a few tuition policies and upcoming deadlines. First, tuition for the current month is always due by the first of that month. So October tuition was due on October 1, and the invoice you recently received for November tuition will be due on November 1. The preschool is largely supported by tuition payments and fundraising. Please be sure to pay your tuition on time!

Second, the \$130 fee for Parent Education and Insurance is due by October 15. This is a one-time fee that each family is required to pay once per year. If you have multiple children in the preschool, the \$130 fee covers all of them.

Third, if you want to take advantage of the 5% discount for paying the full year's tuition, that payment is due by October 15. You can send me an email if you want to confirm the total amount due.

Finally, if you pay by check, please be sure to write your child's name and class color on the check. This is a big help for me as I'm tracking payments. It is perfectly fine to pay for multiple things with one check, such as tuition and the parent ed fee. If you pay by cash, please be sure to ask Mrs. Brown or I to write you a receipt. If you want to pay online by credit card, the URL is <https://squareup.com/store/covingtoncooppreschool>

As always, I'm happy to answer questions either by phone or by email.

Happy Fall!

Steve Klee

Board Treasurer

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## We need your help!

Every year we need donations from you in order to help the Preschool keep the fun going. The following is list of some of the things that we have on our need/wish list :

1. Glue sticks
2. Toilet paper
3. Dixie cups
4. Napkins
5. Hand soap
6. Paper towels folded kind
7. Disinfecting wipes
8. Tissues
9. Copy paper (White, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple.)



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*the hands that make a difference*



*are the hands  
of a volunteer.*

## *From your Handbook :*

Just as a gentle reminder of Member Responsibilities, we wanted to share with you here a little snippet...

*As a parent involved in Covington Cooperative Preschool you will need to participate in the following activities during the year:*

1. Work a 2-1/2 hour shift at the annual Auction, Walk Your Block, Plant Sale, Work Party or another fundraiser as approved by the Board.
2. Earn \$75.00 for 1 child / \$100 for 2 or more children in fundraising profits, by selling, buying or donating.
3. Be on a cleaning team from your class and clean the preschool at least twice during the school year, per child enrolled.
4. Attend a monthly parent meeting. You are allowed one absence. (Make-up meetings are arranged with your GRC representative.)
5. Perform the duties of your class job as determined at the fall workshop.
6. Attend at least half of the scheduled excursions of your class. All for Blue Class.
7. Work in the classrooms during your scheduled workdays, or find your own replacement.
8. Have fun, learn and make friends to last a lifetime!

*We also have lots of committees to improve our school and we would love any volunteers. Contact your class chair, if interested.*

## *...and from the Housekeeping :*

We take pride in providing a safe and clean environment for our children. Throughout the year, a thorough cleaning to the preschool will be done on a weekly basis. You're required to participate in two housekeeping dates, per child enrolled, during the school year.

Please contact Sarah Ringstad at [sarahringstad@comcast.net](mailto:sarahringstad@comcast.net) for any questions or concerns regarding housekeeping.



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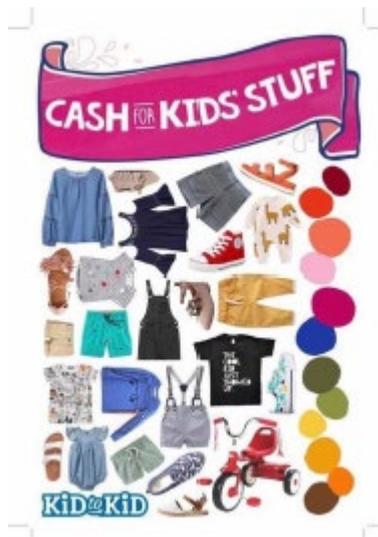
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