



**September**  
**2018**

*Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :*

Dear Wonderful Adults,

Preschool is finally starting. The picnic, Play Days and 20 minute visits have been great fun and had fantastic turnouts of families. What a great sign that we are going to have a fabulous 2018—2019 school year. We have lots of returning families and lots of new families that **have commented on how it is like having to learn a new language, Like people can be chairs, Classes are colors and Work is... Fun?** I reminded them that this is what children go through every day.

I can't hardly wait for all of us to start making happy moments that will last for a lifetime.

**“Education is not a preparation for Life;  
education is Life itself.” --John Dewey.**

Preschool is a place where children can strengthen their sense of self, while getting to know the joys of working, playing and creating with others. Studies tell us that some of the most important skills children need for school success are “people” skills—social interaction, communication, collaboration, and problem solving. They are the fertile soil from which grows the “**a c a d e m i c s**” of the ABC's and the 123's. We are hoping to help our children grow into avid

**L E A R N E R S .**

So, one of the many important parts of our program is Circle Time. It is a time each day when our children meet as a group and learn how we listen, share, and collaborate with others. We know, that is not always an easy thing for young children. They learn best by doing and practicing, not so much by being told what to do and scolded for not doing it. Children are worth our time and energy to guide them to success not failure.

I am sure this is going to be an amazing year. Thanks for your part in making it great for your child---and all of us.

Sincerely,  
Karen Brown

**Good schools are a vital aspect of children's development, they are simply not enough. The family whatever shape, form, or way it is constructed is the most important aspect of a child's life.**



### Important Dates

September 14 : Yellow and Green Class Half Days!  
Yellow – Group A – 9:15-10:15  
Yellow – Group B – 10:30-11:30  
Green – Group A – 12:15-1:15  
Green – Group B – 1:30-2:30

September 17 : **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
Red, Orange & Purple Classes

September 18 : **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
Blue Class

September 20 : **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
Yellow & Green Classes  
Purple Class Parent Meeting 7pm

September 24 : Red Class Parent Meeting 7pm

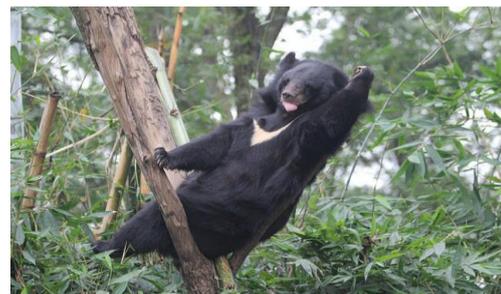
September 25 : Yellow Class Parent Meeting 7pm

September 26 : Orange Class Parent Meeting 7pm

September 27 : Green Class Parent Meeting 7pm

October 5 : Believe orders are due

October 9 : Blue Class Parent Meeting 7pm



# FUNDRAISERS

## **“FUN”draising!**

Each of our awesome families has a \$75 fundraising commitment (\$100 if you have more than one child enrolled) each school year. This means you may pay the \$75 upfront and be done with it or choose to fundraise this amount during the school year. Your preschool board provides many opportunities which include: Believe (wrapping paper and gifts), fresh holiday greenery, Magical Night of Giving tickets, cookie dough, See's candy, Applebee's breakfast, plant sale, etc. Your class vice chair is responsible for communicating information about each of the fundraisers to you so be on the lookout for this valuable information! Your class vice chair will also let you know each month how much you have left to raise towards your fundraising goal. Please let your class vice chair know if you have questions anytime about fundraising. Thank you preschool families! We look forward to another great year!

Your board vice chairs (fundraising ladies),  
Rachael & Lindsey



Our first fundraiser of the year ends Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>! Families earn 40% towards their fundraising commitment!

Orders can be made online at [www.shopbelieve.com](http://www.shopbelieve.com) or via paper order form. If you set up the online fundraiser, you can easily share with friends and relatives via email and Facebook!

All paper orders must be in the orange fundraising box with payment and fundraising slip no later than Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Coming Soon!**

### **Greenery!**

We will have poinsettias, wreaths and greenery for sale October 8-29<sup>th</sup>. 30% goes towards your fundraising commitment! More details will be available soon.

*Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.*  
~Fred Rogers

**Preschool needs your help stocking the supplies for the upcoming year!**

Please check your emails, newsletter and website for the updated supply list on a regular basis. By donating the listed items our school can stay on budget. Every donation is greatly appreciated!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4daaa629a0fd0-supply/12252941>

Thank you!

**What is a 2 ½ hour commitment?**

It is DIFFERENT than the housekeeping requirement. For each child enrolled, each family must sign up to do two housekeepings during the school year. Sign ups for housekeepings will be on your class board.

Each family is responsible for one 2 ½ hour commitment. These are opportunities throughout the year to help out at events such as auction, the plant sale, Walk Your Block, pancake breakfast, etc. Sign ups will be posted on the fundraising board as events are planned.



## A note from our Parent Ed Instructor:

### **Hello Cooperative Preschool Families!**

It's finally here! The beginning of the school year!

If you are on Facebook and have not yet joined my resource page on Facebook, "Aimee's Resource Page", please do so. This is the best way to stay up to speed on topics, announcements, research, surveys and videos. The start of the school year is always a bit overwhelming as we all come together to build our plan and fill our positions for the year. It will calm down as the year progresses and things will fall into place with time. Because we are entering our first year at our new site, there may be even more adjustment than usual. If you have questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to ask me, someone on the Board or your Class Chair.

The All School Meeting is an important night to join your preschool family is discussing the upcoming year. This meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. I will be discussing Parent Education that evening. The program this year will be structured and facilitated during your child's preschool class. The following is a list by class of the days Parent Education will be scheduled. You will also note below the topics for the year. Remember, if you have other topics you would like to discuss or gain information on, let me know.

**Blue-** Tuesdays (Group A and Group B will rotate weekly).

**Yellow-** Thursdays (Group A and Group B will meet once per month each).

**Green-** Thursdays (Group A and Group B will meet once per month each).

**Red-** Mondays or Wednesdays (Group A and Group B will be once per month each).

**Orange-** Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays (Group A and Group B will meet once per month each).

**Purple-** Mondays or Wednesdays (Group A and Group B will meet once per month each).

**(If you cannot attend on your Group's scheduled day, please contact me).**

### **TOPICS**

***Blue class will have their own curriculum and we will discuss this during your first group meeting.***

*All other classes will receive the same curriculum due to parent requests and common hot topics.*

**Day Groups:**

**October-** Eating: Food struggles, Expectations and Pressures

**November-** Strong-Willed Children: How to Parent a Strong-Willed Child

**December-** Genetic Predispositions: Temperament, Personality and Chemistry

**January-** Sibling Rivalry & Birth Order: Understanding Family Dynamics

**February-** Emotional Intelligence: How to Use Positive Discipline & Coaching

**March-** Sleep Issues: The Importance of Sleep and It's Challenges

**April-** Sexuality Education: How to Talk to Your Child

**May-** Parental Fear: How it Effects Your Child's Development

**Night Sessions:**

(Dates to be announced).

**November topic:** Developmental Stages (Birth to 18).

**January topic:** Bullying, Violence and Building Character

**March topic:** Kindergarten Readiness

Sincerely,

*Aimee Evans*

**Parent Education Coordinator & Facilitator**



Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC)

## **i AM IN PRESCHOOL**

I am not built to  
sit still,  
keep my hands to myself,  
take turns,  
be patient,  
stand in line,  
OR keep quiet  
all of the time.

I need:  
motion,  
novelty,  
adventure,  
and to  
engage the world with my whole body.

## **LET ME PLAY.**

(Trust me, I'm learning!)

### In case you haven't met them yet... Lets Meet Your Class Chair!

Hey all! My name is Adena Pasibe and I am the **blue** class chair. I am here to help you throughout this coming year and to answer any questions you might have. This will be my 5th year with Covington Co-Op! I have 4 munchkins and our little Ryan will be the 3rd and final baby with Mrs Brown :) I know first hand how very overwhelming this can be with all of the information you'll soon receive but just know that I felt the same way my first year. It will settle down, it will all start to make sense and a normal rhythm will quickly fall into place, I promise. I'm here, anytime, for you to come to. Lets have a great year! ☺

Hi everyone my name is Nicole Farchette and I am going to be your **yellow** class chair this year. This is my 11<sup>th</sup> year at the preschool and my 7th time being class chair. Many returning parents have probably had one or more classes with me already. My three boys Tyler, Caden, and Mason all did blue, yellow, and orange class. My step daughters Addyson and Brielle also both did yellow and red class. Now I am on my second year with my daughter Jenna. Jenna is only 2 1/2 so she will have to do yellow class again next year. I have basically done it all already when it comes to the preschool but being in a new location will be a new and hopefully great experience.

Hello! This year I'll be representing the green class as the class chair. I have a background in education with a BA in early childhood and elementary education. If I'm not busy doing mom things, I'm usually singing karaoke with my son Leon at the top of our lungs. – Elisabeth Emery

My name is Vicki Fairbanks. I am your red class chair! I have a 3rd grader and 4yr old in red class. This will be my 6th year at Covington co-op and I'm looking forward to a great year. I love art and being outdoors.

Hi- I live in Covington with my husband of 41 years. I have a background in elementary and early childhood education. I'm Jane's grandma ("Geeg") and have the joy of caring for her three days a week. I love the co-op concept and I'm happy to be the participating adult for Jane's preschool experience. I enjoy gardening, hiking, cooking and flying with my husband in our home built airplane. I look forward to being the chair for the orange class and having a great preschool year! -Sandy Cameron

Tony & Catherine Zharoff are your purple class chairs and they're looking forward to meeting you all at the Preschool Picnic!

...and if you haven't met her yet... Lets meet Jenn! Our Board Chair ☺

Hi Preschool Families,

I'm excited to be chair of your 2018-2019 board! Being part of co-op has been an amazing, rewarding experience for my family for well over a decade. Yes, there's lots of "work" involved compared to a drop-off preschool, but you gain so many tools in parent education and make life-long friends. In this technological age, there is still more value in a person to person learning environment when you are sharing experiences as a group. Your board is excited to be the only co-op around that has decided to go "all in" with our parent ed offerings! TAKE ADVANTAGE of it! Believe me, when your kids are teenagers, you will still go back to some of this stuff. And of course, there's Mrs. Brown. She has the most effective and compassionate approach. Watching her interact with all of our different children and learning from her to see the value and beauty in our own kids just the way they are, is priceless. Welcome! We're happy you're here!



## Meet Your 2018-2019 Covington Co-Op Preschool Board!

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Please save old ink and toner cartridges and bring them into preschool. There is a box labelled in the office near the large printer.

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- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Covington Coop Preschool earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.



You shop. Amazon gives.

The preschool has also registered with Amazon's fundraising program. It's SUPER EASY for families to contribute a small percentage of their Amazon purchases to the preschool. They can use this link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055>

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