



April
2018

Dear Preschool Families,

Wow!! Here we are at the end of the school year already. The time sure does go by fast and those little faces that we saw at the beginning of the year have changed so much.

As adults we have many questions and fears about our children and what is going to enhance their lives. One of the many things I have wanted to help with, is to show how important the value of play is in for children. "Play is essential to positive human development, but kids are playing less and less" Says Psychologist David Elkid.

What is playing and why is it right up there with academics? I hope we have answered this question and helped our children and ourselves to discover that play and work helps us to learn. What a gift to give your child.

Some of the skills for academic progress in the future that we have been working on are:
Listening, Following directions, Taking turns,
Sharing ideas, Persistence, Independence,
Classification, Association, Patterning, Creative
thinking, and Small and Large muscle coordination.

We are the children's first teachers and can best help by giving them many, many different ways of exploring their world. They need to touch, see, hear, smell, taste and ask questions. We need to encourage, Self-motivation, feelings of accomplishment and a love of learning. The most natural way to accomplish all of this is through play and excursions with lots of speech and language. Children love to have fun, to explore and to talk. Planned play activities help a child to practice skills that will lay foundations for later learning. Also, by emphasizing the positive aspects of a child's performance, they will build self-confidence and self-esteem, as well.

I am now seeing a lot more problem solving by the children, compared to the beginning of the year. A couple of questions we could be asking ourselves is:

1. Are we letting our children use these tools we have been trying all year to give to them?
 2. Do our children feel that we trust them to be whom they are?
- Also, are we letting them walk through this next stage of life feeling independent or dependent? Let's keep reminding ourselves that mistakes should be generally minimized by not paying too much attention to them. It is more constructive to call attention to successes.

A CHILD RESPONDS FAVORABLY TO POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT.

Remember that - Parenting Attitudes are crucial to a child's Self-Concept.

Sincerely,
Karen Brown



Important Dates

April 9-13 : No School

April 14 : Auction!

May 1 : Bouncy House!

Blue Class : 530-630pm

Orange Class : 630-730pm

May 2 : Bouncy House!

Purple Class : 530-630pm

Red Class : 630-730pm

May 3 : Bouncy House!

Yellow Class : 530-630pm

Green Class : 630-730pm

May 9 : All School Meeting!

7pm at our new location!!!

Alliance Bible Church in Covington

May 14-18 : Last Days

May 20 : Walk Your Block

2-4pm at Covington Elementary

May 21-25 : Carnival Days

July 21 : Covington Days Parade!

August 16 : All School Picnic!

11am at Petrovsky Park



We're Moving!

We will be moving this summer to Alliance Bible Church in Covington ☺ We are so excited to start our 2018-2019 school year in our new home! We hope you all are as excited as we are and we thank all of you for your help in finding us this new location!

Thank You!

Karen, Breanna, Denise & The Preschool Board



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.)

FUNDRAISERS

"FUN"draising!

Commitments :

The amount each family owes in fundraising will be sent to class vice chairs during Spring Break so look for this information from them soon!!! Your last opportunity to fundraise your outstanding commitment is the candle sale! All outstanding fundraising amounts must be paid by April 30th. If you have questions, contact your class vice chair.

Your board vice chairs (fundraising ladies),
Jennifer & Megan

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Tulip Fundraiser! We raised over \$400!



Ferpie & Fray Candles are Back!

You'll have the opportunity to order candles from Monday April 16th to Friday, April 27th with delivery before Mother's Day. Scents will include Honey Sea Salt, Lemon Verbena, Lavender, Sweet Orchid, Clementine, Fig + Rhubarb, and Grapefruit Pine!

Plant Sale!

Plants that were pre-ordered will be available for pick up after 12:00 pm on Friday, May 4th. The plant sale will run Friday, noon to 6 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. These times are subject to change based on plant delivery. Check local flyers posted around the school and Facebook on the day of for the most up to date information.



SAVE THE DATE! Walk Your Block is coming!
Sunday May 20th from 2-4pm
At Covington Elementary

**The Auction is coming!!! Do you have your
babysitter yet?**

Come enjoy a night out at the Oscars
April 14th 5-9pm

St. Johns The Baptist Catholic Church
25810 156th Ave SE, Covington

Please join us to raise money for Covington Co-Op Preschool! Leave the kids home, enjoy a great dinner catered by EJ's, and participate in our silent and live auctions. All funds raised go directly to our wonderful preschool! Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance.

See our Facebook Event for more information!

www.facebook.com/events/102838147215993

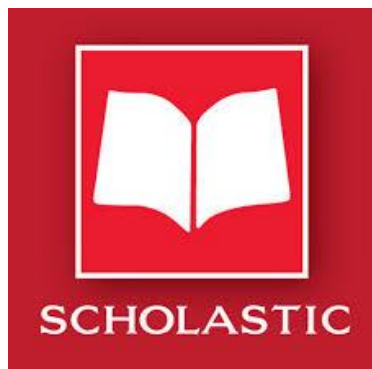
- Wine Tasting @ Cedar River Cellars
- 4 tickets to Wheel Of Fortune
- Passes to The Museum of Flight
- Paw Passes to Brown Bear Car Wash
- Passes to the Reptile Zoo
- Tickets to see the Tacoma Rainiers
- Tickets to Jazz Alley in Seattle
- Story Book Theater tickets
- Tickets to the Pacific Science Center
- Passes to Wolf Haven Sanctuary
- ...and...
- **TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND!!!!**

These are just a few of the items up for grabs! Amazing right?! You don't want to miss this!

Still need to fill your 2 ½ hour commitment?

Auction shift sign ups are up now in the hallway at school!

Sign ups to work plant sale and Walk Your Block will be posted after Spring Break.



Scholastic orders are so important for the preschool!
Did you know that by ordering books for your children you are putting money towards donations to the preschool? ...we are in desperate need of a new computer/laptop for the school and this is something all of your book orders can help us with! So please continue ordering and supporting our school ☺

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!)

Parking!

Please remember that as a working parent you need to park in the gravel along the fence! It is so important that the kiddos cross the parking lot safely when going to the playground and you can help them stay safe and look for moving cars by parking to the side of the school. –THANK YOU ☺

A note from our Parent Ed Instructor:

Cooperative Parents,

If you missed my letter from last month, please go to the preschool website under Newsletters and read my comments on preparing your child/children for the upcoming move. We are now in the last two months of preschool for this school year and things are beginning to happen quickly. I encourage you to attend our All School Meeting on May 9th at 7pm . This meeting will be held at our new location and will involve voting in the new Board and our budget for next year. It will also outline the proposed changes in Parent Education. There are still many Parent Education sessions offered this year and I hope to see parents coming in to learn, discuss and connect with one another. Some of the most requested topics are still to come in the next few weeks and there is currently space to reserve your spot. Stop by the hall way postings of topics or log into your Signupgenius account to see what looks interesting to you.

If you have not registered yet for next year, you may want to finalize your decision in the next few weeks as some of our classes are full and almost full. The current status of enrollment is posted on the hall wall above the coat racks and listed by class color. As always, if you have questions about which class would best fit your child, Mrs. Brown and I are available to consult with regarding placement.

Sincerely,

Aimee Evans

Parent Education & Support Coordinator

**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

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Be sure to ask friends and family to save also!

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It's easy to continue your support every time you shop and use your Rewards Card. Just login or sign up for the first time at FredMeyer.com/CommunityRewards and select Covington Co-Op Preschool. Fred Meyer's "new year of giving" started again July 1, so **re-enroll now** or enroll for the first time and make every shopping trip count! Every time you shop, you are helping preschool earn a donation. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you normally would!

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You can also find us by Googling Amazon Smile and searching for Covington Co-op Preschool from the Amazon Smile sign-up page.

This is a SUPER EASY way for families to have a small percentage of their Amazon purchases be donated to the preschool!

If you are shopping from an App, please check out with your browser at Smileamazon.com so that the school gets credit for your purchases.



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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>

(Or just google Smile Amazon and then search for Covington Co-op from the Smile Amazon page!)

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