



October
2018

Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :

Hello Everyone at Covington Co-op Preschool,

The words that comes to my mind right now is “**Wow!** and “**Awesome**”. We are tremendously lucky to have so many cooperative people who are excited about being at Covington Co-op. It takes a little more time to settle in to a brand new site but we are doing it thanks to all the Wonderful adults. I hope once you all have had time to experience each of the rooms and get to know all the children in your class you will start to relax and enjoy your Covington experience.

I would like for us all to start asking ourselves these five questions about the activities that we do with children at preschool and at home:

1. Does the activity help children toward self-identification or reinforce their self-concept positively?
2. Does the activity encourage children to be able to change or modify presented materials according to their own options and imaginations?
3. Does the activity encourage children to create - that is, to make a song, story, or games completely out of their own experience?
4. Does the activity encourage children to interact positively – that is, to choose to work with other children and /or an adult toward a larger goal?
5. Does the activity promote Laughter or heighten a child’s sense of fun, making the activity irresistible?

These words come from “Bev Bos” and her Book “Before the Basics.” I read this every so often to remind myself that Experience is the best teacher that children can have. I need to slow down and allow for interruptions. If children are truly learning then they need to be a big part of the conversation. Yes, we do want our children to learn about manners and respect and they will learn that by watching you. So let’s help children by becoming more like children and learn to enjoy what we are doing.

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

So let’s give children all the experiences that we can and help them to see that learning is fun!!!

Sincerely Your Friend,
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

October 15 : Red Class Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch

October 18 : Purple Class Parent Meeting 7pm

October 22 : Purple Class Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
Red Class Parent Meeting 7pm

October 23 : Yellow Class Parent Meeting 7pm

October 24 : Orange Class Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
Orange Class Parent Meeting 7pm

October 25 : Yellow Class Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
Green Class Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
Green Class Parent Meeting 7pm

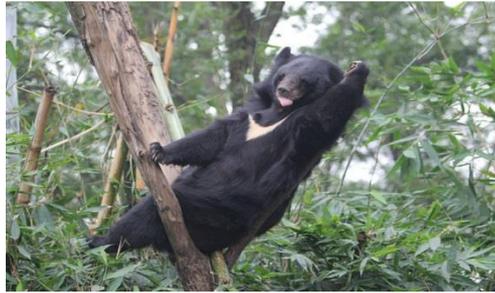
October 30 : Blue Class Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch

November 6 : Blue Class Picture Day!

November 7 : Red, Orange & Purple Picture Day!

November 8 : Yellow & Green Picture Day!





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

Windmill Farms Greenery!



You can order greenery and poinsettias until October 29th! We are excited this year to be getting the same high-quality products from Windmill Gardens but with a new on-line platform! There's even a phone app! Instructions to set up a selling page for your child are in parent folders! 30% of each order goes towards your fundraising commitment!

See's Candy Bars:

See's Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2018/19 school year.

The bars sell for \$2.00 each and 50% goes toward your fundraising commitment!

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



**MAGICAL NIGHT OF
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Magical Night of Giving tickets are now available!

Tickets are \$5 per person and kids 2 and under get in free with a ticket holder. Tickets can be purchased now all the way up the November 6th. Friends, family & alumni can also purchase tickets through us –

100% of the \$5.00 ticket cost supports the preschool & credits your fundraising!!

LITTLE LAMB COOKIE DOUGH

will start **Friday, October 26th** with orders arriving just in time for the winter break the week of December 10th. More info to come.



Fall Raffle

Each class will be putting together an awesome basket for our fall raffle. Baskets will be displayed in the office and tickets will sell for \$1 each from Nov 16th to Dec 3rd, with 100% of that going towards your fundraising commitment. We can't wait to see the amazing baskets!

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.



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

A note from our Parent Ed Instructor:

Cooperative Families,

October is our first full month of preschool and with it's 31 days of fun comes progress. You and your child will become more familiar with the classroom routine and expectations. The transition phase will fade and you will both feel more acquainted with the school and the people you will be working and playing with. It is also the month Parent Education begins. I am looking forward to meeting each of you and getting this year started in our curriculum. I will do my best to schedule Parent Education around the preschool plans so that you will always be open to stay and participate on special days like picture day and class specific activities like the Thankful Feast.

As you hopefully have already heard, there will be three optional evening Parent Education sessions this year. The first one will be offered November 1st at 6:30 to 8 pm at the preschool in the Church Sanctuary. The topic is "Child Development: Birth to 18 Years". This topic focuses on cognitive, social and emotional development including the stages children go through as they grow. We will also talk about what parents can do now to build a foundation for current and future development. If you are interested in attending, please contact me directly through my Facebook page about this event or emailing me at: emails2aimee@gmail.com . I will confirm with you your reserved spots when I hear from you. You are welcome to invite your spouse, significant other, co-parent or other family member as well. Just a reminder, no children in attendance is the general rule in Parent Education. This is due to insurance policy guidelines, the need to be able to focus on the topic at hand and the nature of the subject matter. Babies are welcome in front packs or carriers.

If your child is still struggling to transition this month, rest assured each child has their own speed at which they assimilate; But feel free to talk to Mrs. Brown or I if you have concerns. We may be able to come up with some strategies to help your child feel more comfortable and confident. Have a safe and amazing October!

Sincerely,

Aimee Evans

Parent Education Coordinator & Facilitator



A reminder from your Handbook :

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.)



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

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Preschool can make money from your garbage!

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

Be sure to ask friends and family to save also!

YOU MUST **RE-ENROLL NOW** FOR FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS
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!

Amazon Smile

Visit Amazon Smile at: smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0874055 to link your Amazon account with Covington Co-op Preschool.

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.



**YOU CAN HELP COVINGTON COOP PRESCHOOL EARN DONATIONS
JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!**

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Covington Coop Preschool at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 81776.
- 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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