



January
2018

Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :

Dear Preschool Families,

I would like to wish all of you a very peaceful New Year, full of lots of listening, patience and gratitude. Also to take this time to Give a Great Big Thank you to all of you. I am very lucky for all the love and support I get at the preschool. I feel much gratitude and joy whenever I think of all the caring efforts that everybody puts together to make our preschool the best.

Thank you to everyone for all the wonderful hugs, supporting words, and gifts that I received before the winter break. Reaching out and touching someone makes a difference in how we get through our ups and downs. If we can do this, then we know our children will be able to do it.

It is so amazing at how fast a child grows and learns in such a short period of time. Every little thing we do is a learning experience to a child. They study our many moods, tones of voices and decide what they like and dislike. They are so fragile and yet so tough. I do not think I will ever tire of watching a child, of any age, experience something for the first time.

In the Book **"Einstein Never Used Flash Cards"** Talks a lot about the four parenting principles that really work:

- **The best learning is learning within reach**
- **Emphasizing process over product creates a love of learning**
- **It's EQ—emotional intelligence quotient—not just IQ that is important for your child's development**
- **Learning in context is real learning and play is the best teacher.**

The bottom-line message? It's easy to be a good parent if you just stop worrying and start playing. You'll quickly find out that playtime is just as much fun for parents as for kids – and just as important.

Have the best New Year you can and continue to make Happy Memories for your children.

Sincerely,
Karen Brown



Important Dates

Feb 3 : PJ Pancake Breakfast at Applebees

Feb 13 : Open House 12:30-2:30pm

Feb : 19-23 : No School

April 9-13 : No School

April 14 : Auction!



We're Moving!

We have the opportunity to look for a NEW location for for Covington Co-op Preschool for the 2018-2019 school year!

We are starting our search, so please let us know if you are aware of a new great location for us. We will not be closing our doors, nor will Mrs. Brown be retiring anytime soon =)

Please be assured that your preschool board is working diligently on this. If you have ideas or know anyone that might be of assistance to us in finding a location please let one of us know.

Let us know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

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!

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, LuLaRoe, 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 look out 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),
Jennifer & Megan

See's Candy Bars:



See's Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2017/18 school year.

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

There are three flavors: milk chocolate, dark chocolate with almonds, and milk chocolate with toffee nuggets. 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!

PJ Pancake Pajama Party!

Join us anytime at Covington Applebee's between 9-11am on Saturday February 3rd for breakfast with Mrs Brown!
\$10 gets you two pancakes, two eggs, two bacon, two sausage and juice or coffee. 50% goes towards your fundraising commitment too!

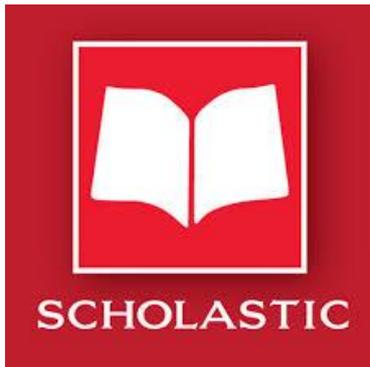


Little Lambs Cookie Dough coming soon!

New to this year : Potted tulips will be available for sale next month for delivery in March. Right before Easter!

SAVE THE DATE! Auction is April 14th !!!!

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



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 ☺

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.

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 Families,

By the end of January, there will have been three new Parent Education videos posted on the Facebook Page. I encourage you to log in, watch and reflect on the topics presented. As a reminder, the preschool requests that you participate in at least three Parent Education sessions or Video lectures to meet your Parent Education requirement. Parent Education participation is part of the cooperative preschool philosophy and the preschool providing this program to you is part of their requirements for their Insurance policy.

Please continue to contact me with your inquiries for information and resources. You can email me, schedule a consultation session or attend one of the topics provided to discuss questions, concerns or possible interventions. Lately, I have had to cancel sessions due to no show rates and families not using the Sign Up system. If you have a topic you plan on attending, please log in and reserve your spot so we can estimate attendance for each session and remember to inform us if you can no longer attend a session you signed up for. If you have ideas about different ways to provide Parent Education, please let me know. There are some limitations on hours and available days, but I always welcome new perspectives and ideas. The current structure was created based on parent responses to survey questions as well as availability and past attend rates.

Warmest Regards,

Aimee Evans

Parent Educator/ Family Support Specialist

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Meet Your 2017-2018 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!)