



March
2019

Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :

Dear Co-op Preschool,

First, I want to thank everyone for all of the cooperation and understanding, that you have shown to make this preschool the BEST. We would not be the Preschool we are without you. **Thank you, Thank you !!!!!**

From this point on, you should start to see some big changes in the children. March, April and May, (our last trimester) is when the children start to put into practice what they have been learning up to now. I can see that they are becoming more independent and using their words to communicate what they want. They need to show us how well they have mastered the skills they have gained. Now is when they need to have our time and attention, to have the adults doing more listening than talking and more smiling than frowning. Let's enjoy these last three months while we can. Try and stand back, take a deep breath and observe how capable these children are becoming.

LET'S TRY TO BE IN THE MOMENT AND NOT CAUGHT UP IN THE FUTURE. Our Future is important but remember to enjoy today .

Sincerely,
Karen Brown

Covington Co-op Preschool has a multisensory developmental approach to stimulate the five senses, sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste. We do that through creative activities based on children's interests and needs. We as teachers of our children, will be providing a **Creative Climate** to develop a **Creative Ability**.

<u>Creative Climate</u> is:	To stop the automatic NO To defer from Judgment To allow the sharing of ideas to solve problems
<u>Creative Ability</u> is:	To see things in a new or different way To take risks To not feel fearful of being wrong.

Sensory Experiences form the base for development of abstract ideas

To teach children too early so they learn by rote memory is to deprive them of the joy and Excitement of meaningful discoveries. It fills their heads with things they know but do not understand.

I Hear and I Forget - I See and I Remember - I Do and I Understand



Important Dates

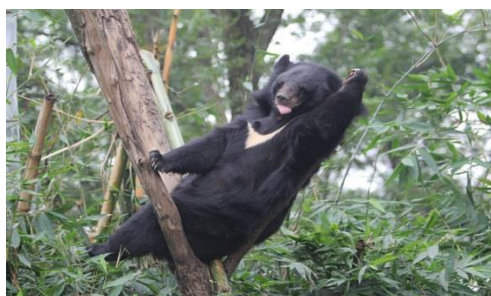
April 8-12 :	Spring Break
April 27 :	Auction
May 13-17 :	Last Days of School
May 19 :	Walk Your Block
May 20-23 :	Carnival(s)
July 20 :	Whistle Stop Parade
August 22 :	Summer Picnic



2019-2020 Registration!

New registration forms are now available.

Classes fill up FAST so hurry and register soon! And spread the word to any families thinking about coming too! ☺ and remind them to come to our Open House!



A note from your Auction Chair ~

Please consider donating clean, gently used items to annual preschool auction on April 27th. This is the largest fundraiser of the school year. Funds generated at the auction that allow scholarships to families, as-well-as continuing access to new teaching materials for Mrs. Brown. From toys to furniture, if the item may hold value to someone else, bring it into the preschool or contact Sarah Hourihan, the Auction Chair, to discuss need and storage.

Furthermore, if you or your spouse or extended family or friends have the outlet of donating items, foods or funds toward the preschool Auction, again, please reach out to Sarah. Thank you!

Sarah Hourihan

206-409-8253 (Texts are ok!)

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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

See's Candy Bars:

See's Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2019 school year.

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

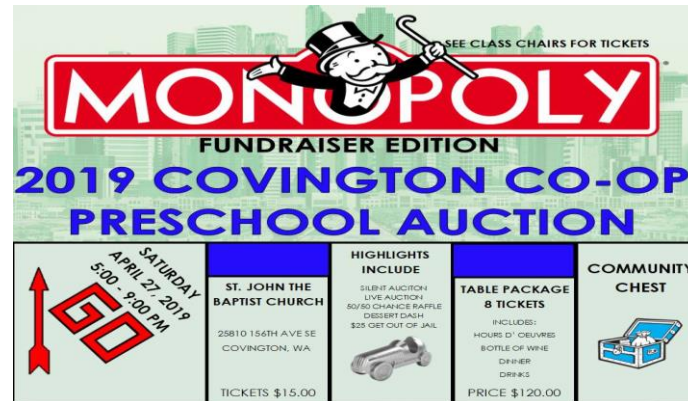
These are great sellers at family gatherings, workplaces, and other functions. Even better, the candy bars can be sold right away; no order forms nor wait time involved! You can pay for the bars as you sell!



SAVE THE DATE! AUCTION IS APRIL 27th !!!!

Auction tickets will be available for purchase this week. Individual tickets are \$15 each, or \$120 for a table. Table packages include 8 tickets, hors-d'oeuvres, a bottle of wine, dinner, and drink tickets.

The Silent Auction starts at 5:00, Dinner is at 6:00, and the Live Auction will begin at 7:00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and dessert dash.



Color Street – March 23rd is 10-12:30pm at the Preschool



We're excited to be able to offer you options to fulfill your fundraising commitment, while purchasing things you've been curious about (or are already obsessed with). We are fortunate to be able to have a Color Street consultant that is willing to donate a portion of the proceeds of your sale towards your commitment. The amount will be determined at the end of the party. We will have an online party, and a party at the school so we can see and try some of the samples available. These are nail strips that are made from nail polish.

Tulips: will be delivered to the preschool on Monday, 3/25. Delivery time tbd, please watch your emails for more information. If you are hoping for specific colors, please plan to stop by promptly, as it will be first come first serve.



The pre-sale for the **Plant sale** started this Monday, orders will need to be turned in by Friday the 29th. Plants will be delivered May 3rd just in time for Mothers day! Helping at the Plant sale will be one of the few signups left this year to fulfill your work commitment.

Due to popular demand we will be having another **Ferpie and Frey candle** fundraiser next month! Watch for order forms in mid-April, and candles will be delivered just before Mother's Day!



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.)

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:

Cooperative Families,

I have some exciting news! The preschool has found our next Parent Education Coordinator/Facilitator. Jacqueline "Jackie" Uhlemann accepted the position for next school year and will begin Job Shadowing this month. I will be informing parents of which parent education classes she will be attending when she and I confirm a schedule. Jackie will begin her official employment in August once my contract is fulfilled but she will be participating at our site during these last few months of this school year.

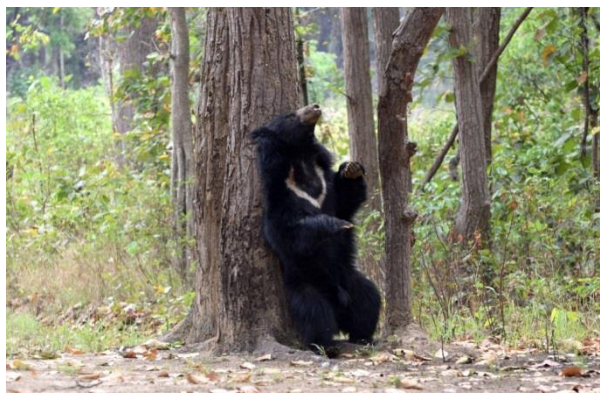
Jackie participated in cooperative preschool with her children and loved the experience so much, she went back to school to get her Master's degree in Counseling Psychology in order to help support families. She has worked in the Counseling field with Parents since 1999. She has also volunteered on a Board that helped support Cooperative Preschools. Jackie has adult children and grandchildren. She recently relocated to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter.

She is very excited about joining our Coop Family and has some wonderful ideas for Parent Education and we are feeling thankful to have found someone who passionately supports the cooperative preschool philosophy.

Sincerely,

Aimee Evans

Parent Education Coordinator & Facilitator



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.



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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>

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