



March
2020

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

Preschool and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Current families,

Your preschool board wants you to know that we are monitoring the updates of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact it is having on our community. We will continue to be open for classes until Public Health and/or the Kent School District determines it necessary to close all schools. We do understand if you feel it best to stay home due to increasing numbers of positive cases and schools closing for cleaning around us.

In addition to our weekly cleanings we are also concentrating heavily on disinfecting and have added additional natural solutions and Lysol to be used on all surfaces and doors daily.

We are asking that you continue following the Handbook rules in addition to the advice from Public Health and CDC.

Advice from your Handbook :

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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.)

Advice from Public Health, Seattle and King County and CDC:

- Wash your hands often. Especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Wash them for 20 seconds or longer and make sure get the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and your thumbs.
- Hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol is a good substitute if soap and water are not available.
- Don't touch your face, particularly nose, eyes or mouth.
- Cover your cough with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- Distance yourself from people who are sick.
- Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids, eat healthy foods and manage your stress to keep your immunity strong.

"If you have symptoms like cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, call your healthcare provider. Isolate yourself and wear a mask before leaving the house. Do not go to the emergency room. Emergency rooms need to be able to serve those with the most critical needs."

If you are feeling sick please call your healthcare provider. Your healthcare professional will work with your state public health department and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

“Be ready to help one another. Talk to your neighbors, friends, and families about how you can help run errands, do grocery drops, or otherwise support people who need to stay home.

At stressful times, fear and anxiety can be result in harm to people who are stigmatized because they are thought to be infected. Coronavirus does not discriminate, and neither should we. Please share information to prevent and address stigmatization. Show compassion and support for those who are ill or who must stay home. A strong sense of community will carry us through a difficult time.”

Stay informed. Information is changing frequently. Check and subscribe to Public Health’s website (www.kingcounty.gov/COVID) or blog (www.publichealthinsider.com). Or check the CDC website (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)



Important Dates

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| April 6-10 : | Spring Break |
| April 18 : | Walk Your Block |
| April 25 : | Auction |
| May 5-7 : | Bouncy House is at school! |
| May 11-15 : | Last Days of School |
| May 18-22 : | Carnival(s) |
| July 18 : | Covington Days Parade |
| August 13 : | All School Summer Picnic |



2020-2021 Registration!

New registration forms are now available in the hallway! as well as on our website.

Classes fill up FAST so hurry and register soon! And spread the word to any families thinking about coming too! ☺ we will hold an additional Open House in June for any families thinking of enrolling.

Orange class is FULL. **Red**, **Yellow**, **Green**, **Blue** and **Purple** still have openings ☺

A note from your Treasurer ~

Dear Preschool families,

As the end of the school year approaches, I'm writing to remind you about a few tuition policies and upcoming deadlines. Also, I am excited to announce that Mrs. Brown will be hosting a new game show called, "Who wants to be Covington Co-Op Preschool's Next Board Treasurer?"

First, you paid May 2020 tuition in advance when you registered for the 2019-20 school year. This means the invoice I send you for April tuition will be the last one you receive this year. If you have over- or under-paid at some point during the year, I will be writing to you individually to make sure you know exactly how much you owe in April. Also, registration for next year is currently open! In order to reserve your spot for next year, your account cannot show any overdue tuition for this year.

Second, the preschool has a number of large expenses during the final two months of the school year, such as the auction and carnival, which require significant advance expenditures on our part. As always, we appreciate your prompt tuition payments to help make sure these events are able to run successfully.

Finally, it has been a pleasure for me to serve as the board treasurer this year, but I will not be returning to the same role next year. This means we are looking for a volunteer to serve as next year's board treasurer.

In particular, if you have experience as a treasurer or happen to be a CPA (or have someone in your family who is), the preschool would hugely benefit from your skills. But really, you don't need to be a CPA in order to be the treasurer (I'm not!). Please do let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions about the job.

As always, I'm happy to answer questions either by phone or by email.

Happy Spring!

Steve Klee
Board Treasurer
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A note from your Auction Chair ~

Please consider donating clean, gently used items to annual preschool auction on April 25th. 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 Susan Phillips, 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 Susan. Thank you!

Susan Phillips

spgalfriday@gmail.com

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, 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),
Lindsey & Adena

See's Candy Bars:

See's Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2019-2020 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 25th !!!!

Auction tickets will be available for purchase soon! Individual tickets are \$20ea.

More information to come soon!



Tulips: will be delivered to the preschool the last week of March. Delivery date and time tbd, please watch your emails and FB for more information.

If you are hoping for specific colors, please plan to stop by promptly, as it will be first come first serve.



Due to popular demand we will be having another **Ferpie and Frey candle** fundraiser next month! Watch for new and fresh scents and order forms in your parent folders April 1st. Candles will be delivered just before Mother's Day!



A reminder from your Handbook :

What is housekeeping commitment?

Be on a cleaning team from your class and clean the preschool at least twice during the school year, per child enrolled.

We take pride in providing a safe and clean environment for our children. Throughout the year, a thorough cleaning to the preschool will be done on a weekly basis. You're required to participate in two housekeeping dates, per child enrolled, during the school year.

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.



Meet Your 2019-2020 Covington Co-Op Preschool Board!

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Interested in serving on the Board next year? We will have all available positions posted in the hallway in the coming weeks!

Remember we are a Co-Op and we can only run with the help from our families. It takes a village to raise our little ones, and that village is better because of you ☺



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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