



Pointing the Way

October 2007



A Publication of Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool

President's Prose



Calendar of Events

October

- 15—CPT Class 2
- 18—CPT Class 2
- 19—No School
- 22-26— Fall Break

November

- 5—Dining for Dough—
Texas Roadhouse
- 12—FPCP Board Meeting
- 17—Hollydaze Boutique
- 21-23—Thanksgiving
Break



Well, here we are, the leaves are changing, the weather is getting colder... Fall is here! I have seen a lot of changes in our children too. The younger ones are becoming more comfortable with being separated from their parents for class, able to sit for circle time, and are using more words than actions to make their needs known. The older ones are making new friends, exploring all the new things in the classroom and learning how to work through problems without hurting a classmate's feelings. As we move through the school year, we will see many more changes, and at the end of it, we will each have more mature children than the ones we have now.

I have to take the time right now to thank Kristen Snyder and Kristi DeLacy for organizing a successful first week of CPT. I know the members that were able to take this session learned a lot about development and co-opping and have come away with a greater understanding of our school's philosophy. I also need to thank Julie Guldborg and Sadaf Hussain for coordinating the wonderful snacks that were shared by the children and adults in CPT. A big thank you goes out to Jennifer Brennan who has been able to donate Starbucks' coffee for each morning of CPT.

I also need to thank Jimmy Hinkle who was kind enough to take time out of his busy day to hang our bulletin boards in the classroom and over the coat rack. Please make sure you check out the school bulletin boards as they have useful information about upcoming school-wide events, participation calendars and sign-up sheets for volunteers. They are organized according to classes and general school information.

Remember, there will be no school from October 19th-October 26th as we will be closed for Fall Break. Classes will resume on a normal schedule on Monday October 29th. I hope everyone has a wonderful Fall Break!

Cooperatively,

Lynn Jones

Panda Mom to Ellie

...from the classrooms...

Teddies

Welcome Hunter and his family! We are so glad to have you as part of our family! The Teddies have been very busy this month! We have played in straw, explored Fall items, and learned some new songs. The firefighters from station 95 visited on Friday and we fully enjoyed having them. We watched as one firefighter put on his gear. We were a little scared but realized that it was still him underneath all that heavy gear! We loved getting in the truck also! We had a lot of fun pretending to be firefighters! In the next few weeks, we will pretend to be vets and explore shapes in our environment. We will learn how to be good

Bears

The Bears have learned a lot about Fall this month! They REALLY enjoyed playing in straw! We cut it, piled it, felt it, and picked it up with tongs. Yes - we even threw it a little, but it was a lot of fun! The firefighters visited the Bears this past Thursday. We watched as Chad, the firefighter, put on his gear. However as one Bear stated when Chad pulled off his helmet, "It IS him!" It was great to see how the Bears embraced that even though it was scary to have the firefighter put on his gear, he was just a guy underneath it all. A great lesson if your child was ever in a fire! For the next few weeks, we will pretend to be vets, doctors, nurses. We will look for shapes in the environment. We look forward to having lots of fun and continuing to build on the curriculum.

Koalas Fun

We've had a busy first few weeks with a field trip and classroom visitors. The field trip to Richey Woods was very fun and the kids seemed to enjoy themselves, and the mesquites enjoyed the kids! The children did a good job of using their quiet voices in the woods and were very eager to see everything

The Animal Hospital was a big hit with all the stuffed animals getting their boo-boos bandaged. Thank goodness for Dollar Store Band-Aids!

The turtles A.J. and Mary were of interest to many of the children. Some were eager to touch them while others chose to just look. We all were delighted when the turtles ate their fruit treats.

The Firefighter's visit was very nice. It was exciting to see Firefighter Chad in his fire suit, special mask and helmet and to be able to sit in the big fire truck. Thank you Miss Teresa for arranging the visit.

The next few weeks will go real fast for the Koalas. After Fall Break we will celebrate coming back to school with a Popcorn Day on 10/29. We will make popcorn collages, paint with corn cobs, fill the sensory table with popcorn, pretend we're corn popping and read Frank Asch's book Popcorn!

During the month of November we will focus on healthy living and learning about our bodies, our feelings and nutrition. Please start saving clean and empty food boxes, bottles and cartons for us to use in our own Grocery store. ***Volunteers from the Koalas parents will be needed on Sunday 11/11 to help set up the Grocery Store.***

We will have our own special Thanksgiving Feast on 11/24. Everyone is welcome to join us at 11:15 for fruit salad and ginger bread made by the Koalas class.

Fun things happen in the Koalas class!



Fundraising-

Dining for Dough...

October – 15.22.29

6–10pm *Cold Stone Creamery*

November— 5th 4:30–10:30pm

Texas Roadhouse

Purchase your Kroger Card today and start earning money for our preschool!!! Use your Kroger Card like a gift card each time you shop and FPCP earns money each time! To receive a card, drop your payment of \$5.00 into Meredith Pfligenstofer's mailbox. You can purchase anything, including gas and prescriptions!

Tuition Reminders



Tuition is due the 1st day of the month in which your class meets-

Bears and Koalas on Mondays, Pandas and Teddies on Tuesdays, if we are off on Monday bring it in on Thursday. But if we don't have classes it is due on the next day school is in session. There is a 7 day grace period and after that there is a \$5 PER week late payment.

All of this information can be found in the policies & procedures manuals.

Parent Education Event UPDATE!



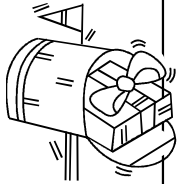
"JumpBunch is a fun, structured program that introduces children to a wide range of sports, helps build coordination, self-esteem, and a life-long love of sports and fitness."

Brian Himes from JumpBunch will be at FPCP during class time on Monday, 10/29, at 9:45 a.m. to meet with Koala and Bear parents. He will return on Wednesday, 10/31, at 9:30 a.m. to meet with Panda parents. Brian will be discussing the specific programs that he has designed for each of our classes. Six classes are being offered as a supplement to our curriculum at no additional tuition cost. Brian will also present information about adding future classes which would meet after regular class time.

Please see the all school bulletin board to sign up. Please indicate on the sign up sheet if you are attending, if you need babysitting for a sibling, and how many siblings. Please sign your name if you are able to help with childcare on the opposite day of your presentation. Koala and Bear parents can sign up for Wednesday, 10/31, and Panda parents can sign up for Monday, 10/29. Childcare will count towards Family Participation Hours. Last day for sign up is Thursday, 10/18.

This is an easy way to earn one (1) credit while your children are in class. Also, this is the last opportunity to earn Parent Education credits until January. Remember, each family needs four (4) credits per school year.

Please contact Mary Driskell with any questions at thedriskells@insightbb.com or 219-3011.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TEDDIES

ERIC 10-10

KOALAS

DYLAN 10-12

PANDAS

ELLIE 10-18

WELCOME

Fishers Pointe has a brand new Teddy!

Please join us in welcoming
Rebecca and Todd Hollowell and their son Hunter!

We're glad to have you join the FPCP family 😊

Sweet & Spicy Pumpkin Seeds



1 Cup seeds, 1 egg white, 1/4 Cup sugar, 1 tea. Cayenne pepper, 1/2 tea. Salt preheat oven to 375, mix ingredients together, add seeds and toss well, drain excess liquid, bake for 12 min. until seeds are golden & crispy, taste and season with more salt as needed.



Supply fees go directly to pay for all of those wonderful arts and crafts we get to bring home and hang on our walls and refrigerators!!



Hollydaze Update

Hollydaze is November 17th at Christ Community Church at 131 Street and Allisonville! More vendors are needed. If you know anyone who has a special craft and would like to be a vendor have them contact Shauna Riley-Roe at 585-5995.

Wanted:

Helpful individuals to help with various tasks before, during and after Hollydaze.

PLEASE look on the bulletin boards to sign up to bring baked goods! We also have time slots available to help set up, to help clean up and to help during the event.

FPCP'S Continued Success Comes From You

It's been a busy first weeks at FPCP, but now it's time for parents and children to get down to business. The business of children is PLAY. This is what your children do best and being a co-op parent allows you the opportunity to be part of this very special time in your children's' lives. Parents, children and teachers all going to school together each learning from the other.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of being a part of co-op will tell all how wonderful it is. There is nothing like watching a group of two year olds discovering the joys of finger painting, or watching the faces of three year olds when they recognize their name. And the overflowing pride 4 & 5 year olds have when performing plays they wrote, bursting with wit and imagination is exciting to witness. You have this and much more to look forward during your co-op years.

Your business as co-op members is running and maintaining the preschool. Being a part of a cooperative preschool will demand more time, effort and commitment from you than a *conventional* preschool. FPCP is your school as much as it is your child's school. Everything about our school exists because of the hard work parents have put into it since 1996. You help shape FPCP and make it what it is now and what it will become.

Sometimes co-op parents may feel overwhelmed because of the extra demands and meetings we have. But when it's all said and done you will know a great deal more about parenting than a lot of parents and in the process have helped make Fishers Pointe an excellent preschool. And that's the way you should want it to be; the very best, only the very best for your children.

I hope you will find that, as a group, your co-op friends are always ready to chip in and help. Whether it be babysitting, carpooling, or supporting each other in times of need. Never hesitate to ask for help; your co-op family is there for you. Gone are the days when we could rely on having family close by or neighbors who are home all day. You have Fishers Pointe to be your family and neighbors, a constant reassurance in knowing someone cares.

Fishers Pointe has come a long way since we opened our doors and welcomed 20 families to our new school in September of 1996. We are a successful and healthy school today because they, and hundreds of other families since, have worked to make this school what it is today. Many of your fellow co-oppers are working hard today to guarantee our success continues. Get involved, give back, and enjoy the ride because Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool is a great place grow and learn whether you're a child or an adult. You will never regret it. Here's to another fantastic year!

Cooperatively ~ Carla Bidwell

