



# Pointing the Way

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## Calendar of Events

### August

5 - Movie Playdate at Great Escapes Noblesville (meet @9am)

12 - Ben & Ari's Playdate @10am

12 - Board Meeting @7pm

14 - New Member Social, Holland Park

@10:30am (Meet new members. Everyone is invited!)

20 - Orientation at FPCP @6:30-9:15 (details below)

25/26/27 - Classroom visits, time TBD

29 - Water Balloon Fillup @9am

30 - World's Largest Water Balloon Fight

@5:30pm

### September

2 - School starts

## Water Balloon Fight

Things are rolling right along with the plans for the water balloon fight. As a reminder, the World's Largest Water Balloon Fight will be Aug 30 at Holland Park in Fishers from 2-6pm. We will need everyone to help out with filling balloons at the park starting Thursday evening (around 4:00), Friday (all day) and Saturday morning. Please let me know when you will be able to participate. Friends and family are more than welcome to help out too! We need storage totes to transport balloons, so if you have one we can use please let me know. We will also need volunteers to help with various positions during the event itself. This is a big fundraising event for the school and to have it be a success, it is important for everyone to pitch in! If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me. We will be having T-shirts made and I will be sending out more information on ordering when details are available.

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Thank you!

Julie Guldberg



## Orientation Update

FPCP Member Orientation will be held **Wednesday, August 20** in the **auditorium**. Orientation is intended for parents only. We do not have baby sitting available. Children will meet their teachers during classroom visits the week of August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will be as follows:

### 6:30 – 7:15 pm: Pandas and Bears Meet the Teacher

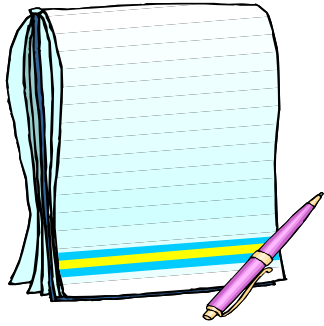
Meet your child's teacher, tour the classroom, and sign up for your classroom participation and your child's classroom visit.

### 7:30 – 8:15: All Member Orientation

Meet the board of directors, learn the details of co-oping, and win fun prizes!

### 8:30 – 9:15: Teddies and Koalas Meet the Teacher

Meet your child's teacher, tour the classroom, and sign up for your classroom participation and your child's classroom visit.



### Paperwork & Test Reminder

Please bring the following paperwork to Orientation: Signed Member Contract, Student Information Form, Health Record, TB test Form, and Child Protection Policy. These forms should be completed and returned by the start of the school year. Orientation night is a perfect time to turn these forms in!

Participating parents should obtain a TB test within 30 days of the start of school. You can have a TB test done through the Hamilton County Health Dept. located at One Hamilton Co. Square, Suite 30 in Noblesville. The cost is \$5 and their phone # is 317-776-8500. Or you can have a TB test done through your physician's office.

## Parent Education

Mark your calendars! Here are just a few of the Parent Education events already scheduled for September and October. Sign up sheets will be available at the beginning of the school year. Look for them on our FPCP bulletin boards in the main hallway. Please contact me via phone, c)250-9988 or via email [angelaknoble@hotmail.com](mailto:angelaknoble@hotmail.com) if anyone has any questions or suggestions. Thanks!

Angela Noble  
Parent Ed Chair  
Panda mom to Dylan



### September Events

- "Cooking with Kids" - Thur. 9/18 9:30 -11:15a.m. - speaker Michelle Ho
- "CPR Certification" - Mon. & Tue. 9/22 & 9/23 6-9p.m. - speaker Linda Riley
- "First Aid Training" - Mon. & Tue. 9/29 & 9/30 6-9p.m. - speaker Linda Riley

### October Events

- "CPT Training" - Mon. & Thur. 10/6 & 10/9 9-12p.m - speakers from ICPC

## Fishers Pointe Cooperative School Board Members

### Teachers

#### **Teresa Hinkle**

Hi! My name is Teresa Hinkle. I am the Teddies, Bears and Cubs teacher. I have a Bachelors degree in psychology from Purdue University. I fell in love with early childhood education at Purdue when I worked as a work study student at the lab school at Purdue. I have worked in the field since 1987. I have taught infants all they way to adults. I have been on the Board of the Indianapolis chapter of Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children for a long time. I am actively involved in planning early childhood training and conferences. I LOVE FPCP because I can work with so many wonderful people! My son, James graduated from FPCP 2 years ago and is entering 1st grade. My daughter, Katelen will be in Pandas and Bears this year. I look forward to working with all of you this year!

#### **Carla Bidwell**

The kids call me Mrs. B. I'm the Koalas teacher and every November thru April I also assist teaching the Panda Enrichment class. I've been involved in co-ops for the past 16 years; first as a parent at Willow Creek Co-op, then as an ICPC board member and for the last 12 years as a teacher at Fishers Pointe. My husband Kirk and I have two children. Our son Patrick graduated from Purdue University in May and will be heading off to Graduate school soon. Our daughter Kelsey is starting her sophomore year at Indiana University and has set her goals for Medical School. Welcome to Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool where together we will have a great 2008-2009 school year.

#### **Judy Barmann**

I'm happy to be back for my 5th year as Panda teacher, here at Fishers Pointe. My husband, Kelly and I have raised four children, all of whom where co-op kids when they were young. I have taught preschool for fourteen years and worked as a kindergarten assistant in the Washington Township schools for seven years. When I'm not in the classroom here, I work part-time at Kid's Ink Bookstore in Indianapolis. I am also active in the Quilters Guild of Indianapolis.

## **Executive Board**

### **Meredith Pfligenstofer**

Hi, I am Meredith Pfligenstofer. I joined FPCP in January of 2006 with my son Gavin in the Cubs class, he is now an FPCP graduate and will be entering kindergarten this year. My daughter Meghan started as a Cub in January 2007 and will be in Mrs. B's Koalas class this year. This will be my 3rd year serving on the board, the past two as Treasurer and this year as Co-President. I was also a co-op kid at Parkview and love being a part of a co-op family. I look forward to meeting and working with all of our families this year.

### **Rachel Byrne**

I'm Rachel Byrne, FPCP Co-President. I've been on the board since the 2003-2004 school year. I have three boys: Emerson is almost 10, Ethan is 6 and Eric is 3. My oldest son started as a Teddy in 2001, and our family has been with the preschool ever since. This year my youngest child is a Koala. We love FPCP because it is a wonderful place for our family—where else can parents be so involved that they are growing and learning right along with their children?

### **Melissa Voelker**

This is my fifth year with FPCP. My daughter, Meghan, will be in the Teddies class, and sons Justin and Nathan are FPCP graduates. My husband, Chris, and I are so grateful for the wonderful teachers and families that make our school a great place to be!

### **Melissa Woods**

Hi everyone! My name is Melissa Woods and I am co-chairing Membership again this year. This is my 5th year at Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool. A neighbor told my husband and I about the co-op back when my son was just 2 years old and we've been hooked on the co-op way ever since. David is 6 years old now and a 1st grader this year. He really enjoyed his 3 years at Fishers Pointe. My daughter, Emily, is enrolled in the Koalas class and we are very excited for the school year to begin! The co-op is a fun place. I hope you enjoy this time with your little ones.

### **Laura Bowers**

I'm Laura Bowers, Pandas Class Rep. I've been involved with FPCP for four years and have enjoyed being a part of my children's preschool experience! I have three children: Ryann is 8, Lindsey is almost 5 (Pandas), and Bennett just turned 2. I'm looking forward to another great year with FPCP!

### **Lisa Switzer**

This is my second year at Fishers Pointe, however it is my first year as Secretary. I am married to my wonderful husband James and together we have two beautiful daughters. My oldest daughter, Taylor, will be a Koala this year and my youngest daughter, Kaylei is 15 months. I am a registered nurse and currently working a weekend night position on the Labor and Delivery unit at Community Hospital North.

### **Angela Noble**

Hi! I'm Angela Noble, Parent Ed Chair for the 2008-2009 school year. I graduated with a B.A. in Psych from I.U. and now am a full time salesperson at Pierce Jewelers. I live here in Fishers with my husband Jim, and our 2 sons, Dylan, age 4, and Miles, age 16 months. This is our 2nd year at FPCP, and our first experience being involved in a co-op. Dylan will be a Panda this year and Miles will be a Cub. Dylan and I had a great time last year with the Koalas class and really look forward to another fun year with little brother Miles joining in, and hopefully, my husband Jim joining in too! This is my first year participating on the Board as the Parent Ed Chair and I am excited to plan and coordinate parent programs that will teach all of us more about our children and maybe even ourselves! We can't wait for another fun year playing, learning, and getting to know all of you.

### **Angela Orton**

Hi Everyone! I'm Angela Orton, FPCP Treasure. My son Evan (age 3), will be a Koala this year. We started the school in the Clubs class a 1 ½ years ago. We've had a great experience with the school. It has been so neat to watch Evan grow and learn at preschool. This is my second year on the board. Last year I was the Teddies class rep. We can't wait for the 08-09 school year to start.

## **Board**

### **Julie Guldberg**

Our family has lived in Fishers for 6 years. Before having children, I worked for Behaviorcorp full time as a Case Manager for people with severe mental illness. I switched to part time so I could share the wonderful discovery years with our children. This will be our family's second year at FPCP. My daughter Emily graduated FPCP last year and Sarah is in Teddies this year. I really enjoy being a part of the school and being able to participate in their introduction to school!

### **Anthony Gerardot**

I am the Communication Chair. This will be my second year with Fishers Pointe and first year on the board. My wife Amy and I have 3 daughters. Janel is 4 and will be in Pandas this year, Taylor is 2 and will be entering the school this year in the Teddies class, and Kate is 5 months old. About 2 years ago I made a decision to stay at home with our children and I now only work part-time as a financial advisor and I love the change.

### **Marlo Landis**

I have 4 year old twins, Alex and Evan, that are in the Bears class and will be returning as the Bears class representative. The boys started out as Cubs and this will be our third year at the school. I was a preschool teacher for several years and really like the coop Philosophy. We moved to Indianapolis about three years ago when my husband, Mike, was offered a job in the area. We are originally from Pittsburgh. We are big football and hockey fans. LET'S GO STEELERS! I love taking pictures and scrap booking (when I have time!). I also like to read and love anything chocolate and peppermint lattes.

### **Jenny Edmonds**

My name is Jenny Edmonds and I am the Teddies class rep. for Mrs. Teresa. My husband Randy and I have lived in the Fishers area for 8 years with our 3 children. My oldest child is my 11 year old son Sam, Alyssa is my middle child who just turned 7 and my baby is 2 year old Meggie and she is a cubs class graduate. I found out about FPCP through a friend when my older daughter was 3 and she was both a Koala and a Panda and loved every minute. I loved the Co-op with daughter Alyssa and am looking forward to more great years with my daughter Meg.

### **Rebecca Hollowell**

Hello, My name is Rebecca Hollowell. I am Hunter's mom and your Koalas Class Rep. My husband, Todd and I have been married for 6 years. We also have another little boy, Hayden who is 15 months old. I am a part-time Registered Nurse at the St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana and Todd is a Mortgage Loan Officer with Pinnacle Mortgage Funding and an Independent Associate Manager for PrePaid LegalServices, Inc./Identity Theft Shield. We are so excited to be starting our 2nd year in the coop with Mrs. B's Koalas class!!!