



SWEET PCEL NEWS

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Newsletter of the PARENT COOPERATIVE FOR EARLY LEARNING

Dear PCEL Parents:

Spring is here and children are glad about it. We have started using our playground and going on lots of walks.

I hope this letter find everyone healthy and happy. The PCEL is growing! We would like to say, "Welcome" to all to our new families. Thank you for choosing the Parent Coop to be a part of your family. We need you and your support at every level. If you would like to get involved, please see me for more information.

Please remember to complete an evaluation form. They are available in the office, if you need one. Swimming permission forms for the summer session will be sent out on May 19, 2008. The fee will be \$135 for the Imagination Station and Discovery Rooms.

The Spring Clean will take place on the weekend of May 2-4, 2008.

Monica Foster
Director

GET INVOLVED!

Looking for ways to get involved? Then join the Parent Co-op Board of Directors! It's a great way to make a difference (and earn credits). If you are interested, please submit a letter that tells why you should be chosen as a great board member at Parent Co-op.

EVENTS CALENDAR

April

4/16 – Fundraising Committee Meeting, 6:15 pm

4/24* – PCEL Board Meeting, 6:15 pm

May

5/2-4 – Spring Cleaning

5/5-9 – Teacher Appreciation Week

5/17 – Open House

5/19 – General Membership Meeting, 6:15 pm

5/23 – Fall Contracts Due

5/26 – Memorial Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

June

6/18 – PCEL Board Meeting, 6:15 pm

TBA – Walk-a-thon

6/30 – 10-month contract ends

*Please note date change from previous newsletter

Dates are subject to change

THE EXPLORERS ROOM

The Explorers would like to welcome the Cohen (Omri) family to the classroom. Congratulations to the Ramsey (Lydia) family on their new addition; Jared Andrew Ramsey, 7 lbs, 5 oz, 19 in. long, born Saturday, April 5th.

During the month of April, the Explorers will focus on the season Spring, Rain and Rainbows, Earth Day, and Bugs.

We will talk to the children about rain and rainbows. What kind of weather do we expect in Spring? Does it usually snow? Is it really hot? Or does it rain a lot? Where does the rain come from?

Friends will also talk about different typed of bugs. What do they look like? Where do they live? What do they eat? How many legs do they have? Can they fly?

Teachers would like the parents to be more diligent in keeping track of your child's supply of diaper and wipes. Please check your child's cubby for Kleenex and extra clothing, and please keep a jacket in your child's cubby for outdoors. In the morning, the temperature by the lake can be cool and very breezy.

Stacey and Angi

IMAGINATION STATION

We are on the letter V this week. We are going to vote for something - not for a president.

We had a few good days outside. Hopefully the weather will be great.

For U, we made paper umbrellas and we made pineapple upside down cake. They LOVED it.

Laura brought in a news account of a baby pig by a dog and her pups. We talked about this and then watched "Babe".

We will do some planting projects as spring gets a little warmer, and will begin working on Mother's Day projects. Are the two related?

Let's have some good Spring weather!

The Imagination Station Team

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Dear Parents,

This spring, we are planning to have a major fundraising event for PCEL and we are going to need lots of help. We need parents to sign up for the marketing, fundraising, and parental involvement committees. (Sign-up sheets have been posted by the entrance.) These committees will be working in tandem as we try to raise \$10,000 to improve the playground.

We are still in the initial planning stages, but there will be lots to do. If everyone pitches in, I am confident we will have a successful event. Stay tuned; we'll follow up with more specifics.

There will be a meeting for the Fundraising Committee on April 16, 2008 at 6:15 pm.

Thanks,

Collins Yearwood
Chairperson, Marketing Committee

NEWS FROM THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Hello Parents and Friends!!

Starting now, please bring your donations for the staff for Teacher Appreciation Week to the PCEL Office. Look for a marked envelope on the door.

Please DO NOT give cash! You may make a check out to PCEL, earmarked for Teacher Appreciation. Be sure and keep track, as this is a tax deductible donation (you should receive a receipt from Monica). We are asking each family to donate \$50, but please FEEL FREE to give more, SHOW THE LOVE!!

We want the teachers and staff to know how much we appreciate them taking such excellent care of our family treasures. Please look for more information in your child's cubby, and contact Cathy Cheng at chenger91@hotmail.com with any questions or suggestions!

The Parent Involvement Committee

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Tuition is due on the 1st of every month, with a grace period that ends on the 10th of the month. A \$20 late fee is assessed if tuition is paid after the 10th day of the month.
- Parents please make sure to pick up your child on time every day. Late pick-ups will result in a late fee:

Pick-Up Times are:

Part-time children: 12:30 p.m.

Full-day children: 6:00 p.m.

- Please communicate with your child's classroom teacher to make sure your credits are on record.

DISCOVERY ROOM

Welcome April Showers.

The Discovery Room is celebrating Spring!!!

Our themes for the month of April are:

Mar 31st - Apr 4th - Spring! Spring! Spring!

Apr 7th - Apr 11th - Zoo Animals

Apr 14th - 18th - Pets

Apr 21 - 25th - Jungle Animals

Apr 28th - May 2nd - Farm

We would like to take the time and welcome Aneisha Simpson and her family to the Discovery Room. Happy Birthday to all our April Birthdays.

Parents, please remember to take papers home from your child's cubby and folder. Make sure you are getting your credits (laundry, developing film, purchasing cameras, etc.). Make sure your child has a full set of clothing in his/her cubby (shirt, pants, socks, underwear) as accidents do happen.

Now that it's getting nice out we will be going outside. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather.

Char and Jackie