



# SWEET PCEL NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PARENT CO-OPERATIVE FOR EARLY LEARNING

## Dear PCEL Parents:

The winter season is almost over. Before you know it, we will be wearing spring coats. Please remember to clean out your child's cubby and check mailboxes for important news. The children are growing so we need to update the clothing they have in their cubbies. The children need inside shoes that have a sole on them, so if we need to go out for a safety drill, their shoes will protect their feet.

The Summer Enrollment Agreements have been sent out and they are due back by March 20, 2008. Please return the forms to the office. I need them as soon as possible, so we can let potential parents know if we have an available space. Those of you who will be out for the summer, but want to come back in the fall, please inform me before you leave for the summer.

We need each family to fill out an evaluation sheet for the program. We will send out evaluation forms on March 18, 2008 and they are due back by March 28, 2008.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Parent/Teacher conferences. I hope each person got lots of helpful information during this special time of sharing. If you have not met with your child's teacher, you need to set up a time that is convenient for both of you to discuss the growth and development of your child.

**Monica Foster**  
Director

## SPECIAL THANKS

To all the parents who have given of their time, talent and their treasure. We appreciate all the care and support that you give to the Parent Cooperative. Thanks for all that you do. We could not do it without your support.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### March

3/20\* – Summer Contracts Due

3/20 – General Membership Meeting, 6:15 pm

3/21-24 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

TBA – Fundraising Event

### April

4/11-13 – Spring Cleaning

4/16 – PCEL Board Meeting, 6:15 pm

### May

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

\*Please note date change from previous newsletter

*Dates are subject to change*

## 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.

## THE EXPLORERS ROOM

This month the Explorers say "good-bye" to Winter and "hello" to Spring! Our themes will be Spring, The Way We Travel, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. We would also like to welcome our new families to the classroom, Morgan (Kayla) and Davidson (Leith).

Due to popular demand, last month during our theme of ice cream, we made ice cream in a Ziploc bag. Many friends asked for the recipe.

### Ziploc Bag Ice Cream

1 1/2 tablespoons of sugar (more can be added)  
1/2 cup of milk (we used 2%)  
1 teaspoon of vanilla  
6 tablespoons of salt  
1 gallon sized Ziploc bag  
1 pint sized Ziploc bag  
Ice

- 1) Fill the gallon bag with ice halfway and add salt and seal the bag.
- 2) Mix sugar, milk and vanilla in small pint size bag. Seal the bag.
- 3) Put the small bag in the large bag. Seal the bag.
- 4) Shake the bag about 5 minutes.
- 5) Enjoy!

## INDOOR SHOES

Last Month we had a fire drill and many of the children's indoor shoes got wet. Please make sure your child's indoor shoes are rubber-soled shoes that can be worn outside in case of an emergency. You do not need to get a new pair of shoes. Anything from home will be fine and you can clean the soles and leave them at school. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please talk to Monica.

## IMAGINATION STATION

We continue learning about the alphabet, focusing on the letters O, P and Q. For O we ate oranges and listened to opera.

P has been the best letter so far. We read The Paper Bag Princess and made our own paper bag princesses. We mixed red and blue to make purple paint, and red and white to make pink paint. We went to the play, "Sleeping Beauty". It was wonderful and we all had a good time. After the play, we returned to the school and had a picnic with hot dogs, chips and cookies. On Thursday, we had a Pajama Party with popcorn and the movie Pinocchio. We also discussed Pirates. We made a quiche for Q week. This was met with mixed reviews. Laura, Tracy, Dot and Babs enjoyed it.

We are surviving Winter, but we can't wait to get outside, even for a walk around the block. Our parent/teacher conferences went very well. Everyone learned something. We welcome Minseo to our class.

Thanks to all the parents for working on our wish list.

**The Imagination Station Team**

## NEWS FROM THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Hello Parents,

Teacher Appreciation Week is just around the corner (May 5-9) and because we know how much we all love our teachers, we are asking all families to donate \$50 for the week. Please feel free to donate more if you want. Be on the look out for more information. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Cathy Cheng at [cheng91@hotmail.com](mailto:cheng91@hotmail.com).

Thank you,

**The Parent Involvement Committee**

## BECOME A PCEL BOARD MEMBER

All parents of currently enrolled children are eligible and encouraged to run to serve on the board. The board, which includes parents and staff, meets once every other month in the evening during the school year and once a month in the summer.

The board supports the director and the staff in running the school, making policies, chairing committees, devising the budget and assisting with other tasks as needed.

If you are interested in being considered to serve as a PCEL Board Member, you must type a one page summary stating why you want to become a member and attach a picture of yourself. Please drop it off in the office with Monica.

The board encourages all interested parents to speak with Monica Foster or a current board member to obtain more information. For a list of board members, please contact Monica.

Lastly, serving on the board is very rewarding because it allows parents to play an active role in the educational environment of your child.

**Check out the PCEL website [www.parentcoop.org](http://www.parentcoop.org) for:**

- the latest issues of Sweet PCEL News
- 2007-2008 Calendar
- medication form
- and more!

Committee chairs, if you want information posted about upcoming events and activities, please email [webmaster@parentcoop.org](mailto:webmaster@parentcoop.org).

## DISCOVERY ROOM

Think Spring! We are in the month of March and as everybody knows, Spring comes in March. HOORAY!! Our themes for March are:

Mar 3-7 Dinosaurs  
Mar 10-14 Teeth  
Mar 17-21 St. Patrick/Easter  
Mar 24-28 Spring

We will be finishing up with our letters and our 100 days of school project. We reach 100 days on March 6th. Our field trip to see Sleeping Beauty was excellent.

Happy B-day to all our March B-days.

Parents, please remember to sign up for laundry.

Hopefully in the coming days we will get nicer weather and we will be going outside!!!

Remember, we are closed March 21-24 for our Spring Break (Easter).

Happy St. Patrick's Day/Happy Easter.

**Char and Jackie**

## 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.

Thanks,

**Collins Yearwood**  
Chairperson, Marketing Committee