



February
2019

Wise Words From Mrs. Brown :

Dear Covington Co-op Parents,

With all of this SNOW I sure have missed not getting to go to Preschool. I was feeling sorry for myself until I remembered what a beautiful gift this SNOW is. The children and I will have lots of memories to take with us into our future. I hope you all have taken many long relaxing breaths of this Wonderful Winter Air so you all can truly be able to enjoy each season of the year as a blessing. Please write your children's winter stories down. It is such an important part in your children's life to learn what worked and what did not work what was fun and what was not fun. What did we do last year, this year and what we might want to do next year can help our children, to make choices. Keeping track of our experiences helps us to gain knowledge and or skills toward something else. It is getting ready for Kindergarten.

When I was thinking about what to write this month, I found one of my favorite little Articles. I decided to use it again when I noticed the date on the paper, February 1970. The article is still very relevant today and it brought two thoughts to mind.

1. I have been doing this for a long time and I am loving it just as much now as then, if not more.
2. Appropriate early childhood practices can be handed down from one generation to the next.

Here is the article. I hope it gives you something to think about. Maybe someday you will give it to your children to help them with their children.

Sincerely,
Karen Brown

I Am A Preschool Painting
I Am NOT A Picture

I am the creation of a child absorbed in a new adventure.
A brush, a collection of nice swishy paint in inviting colors, a
Blank piece of paper, and time to investigate the feel and rhythm,
And appearance of color as they are applied – without thought of
A finished masterpiece. The child who created me has long since
Forgotten me - but I was one of the multitude of experiences than
Helped the child to grow
I am NOT a picture – I AM a child's painting



Important Dates

February 18-22 :	Mid Winter Break
April 8-12 :	Spring Break
April 27 :	Auction
May 13-17 :	Last Days of School
May 19 :	Walk Your Block
May 20-23 :	Carnival(s)



2019-2020 Registration!

New registration forms will be available January 30th

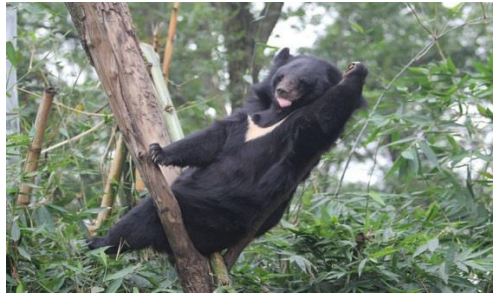
Currently enrolled families : forms are due between Feb 4th thru Feb 8th

Class lists will be announced February 10th

Transfers and Alumni forms can register Feb 11th

New family registration starts Feb 13th.

Classes fill up FAST so hurry and register soon! And spread the word to any families thinking about coming too! ☺ and remind them to come to our Open House!



A note from your Auction Chair ~

Covington Cooperative Preschool Auction is just around the corner!! April 27th is the date of our Big Bash. Our auction is the largest fundraiser of the year. There is a live and silent auction with amazing items to bid on. The night comes with dinner, drinks and dessert. This is a great "date night" out and great way to raise some money for this wonderful school.

As the Auction Chair, I am asking for your help. Our silent auction is primarily made up of gently used donated items from the families of the preschool. So, as you are cleaning out your closets, cabinets and garages after these holidays remember the auction and set the gently used items to the side. These items could be **ANYTHING**; toys, clothes, appliances, sports equipment, tools, furniture, books etc.. Bring them to the preschool and I will take care of them and get them ready for the auction.

Our live auction consists of items donated by local businesses, class projects made by kids in the class as well as what the class as a whole donates. If you or if you know of any businesses, services, etc... that you think would be a great contribution, please don't hesitate to let me know!

Thanks,

Sarah Hourihan

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, Magical Night of Giving tickets, 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),
Rachael & Lindsey

See's Candy Bars:

See's Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2018/19 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 27th !!!!

Covington Co-Op Preschool's PJ Pancake Breakfast @ Applebees!

- 50% goes towards your fundraising commitment!
- Tickets are \$10.00 per plate : breakfast includes 2 pancakes, 2 bacon, 2 sausage, eggs and your choice of orange juice, coffee or water.
- Bring the kids in their pajamas and have some yummy food and fun!
- Invite your family, friends and alumni to raise funds and help support our wonderful school!

see flyer in school or on our website for more information!



Color Street – Date to be announced soon!

We're excited to be able to offer you options to fulfill your fundraising commitment, while purchasing things you've been curious about (or are already obsessed with). We are fortunate to be able to have a Color Street consultant that is willing to donate a portion of the proceeds of your sale towards your commitment. The amount will be determined at the end of the party. We will have an online party, and a party at the school so we can see and try some of the samples available. These are nail strips that are made from nail polish.

THANK YOU! to MacDonald Miller Facility Solutions for granting the preschool \$2,500! We plan to use the money to purchase gravel and lumber for the playground.

<http://macmiller.com/>

Thank you to the Phillips family for applying for the donation and for their MANY, MANY hours of labor and love installing our playground equipment.

A reminder from your Handbook :

With the flu season upon us, we'd like to remind you to keep your littles at home if they are feeling under the weather or showing any signs of a cold or flu. The following are some guidelines (can be found in your handbook) to follow :

When to Keep Your Child Home:

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.)

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.



A note from our Parent Ed Instructor:

Cooperative Families,

With registration upon us we are already thinking about what next year will bring for our children, our families and our preschool. Families with Kindergarten eligible children, you may be on the fence or have lingering questions about whether enrollment for Kindergarten or another year of preschool is the best step for your child. I will be hosting a "Kindergarten Readiness" Parent Education session along with Mrs. Karen Brown and our own, Elisabeth Emery (Kindergarten teacher and coop mom). It is scheduled for March 7th at 7 pm. Please RSVP on my Resource Page or email me your intent to attend.

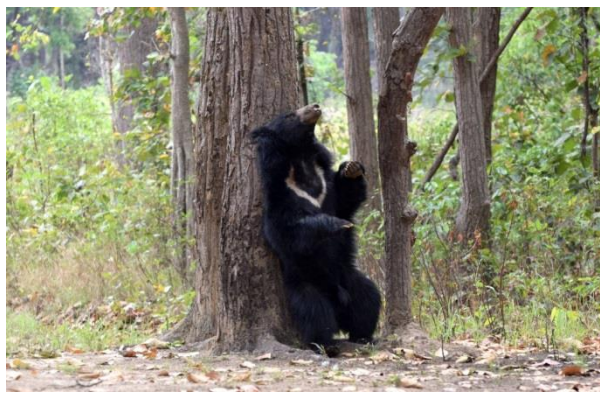
As most of you know, there will be a few changes coming next year at the preschool. Parent Education sessions for all classes, except for Blue, will be held in the evening just before each class's Parent Meeting each month. Blue class Parent Education will still be held during Blue Class. In addition to this change in schedule, we will have a new Parent Educator. I am currently recruiting for my replacement. If you know of someone who you feel may be interested and have the necessary qualifications, please have them contact me. We are currently recruiting through the online Indeed site which outlines our preferred qualifications and the position description.

I hope you and your family are enjoying this Winter Wonderland we have been experiencing. When life comes to a halt due to icy roads and snowed in drive ways, it is the perfect time to break routine and be in the moment with your children. There is no time like the present to play and connect. Build a snow creation, throw a snowball, catch snowflakes on your tongue... warm up with a warm cup of cocoa and/or build a fort in the living room. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Aimee Evans

Parent Education Coordinator & Facilitator



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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!

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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.



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- 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>

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