

# The Preschool Press

Dexter Cooperative Nursery



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## Letter from the President

Marcy Smith

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making this year so wonderful. Its great people, a terrific Board, and fantastic teachers that makes Dexter Co-op so successful! Thank you!

Speaking of success, we had a great turn out for the 2008/2009 registration. All of our classes are full.

Here are a few reminders, as our school year comes to an end:

1. Family Fun Night – April 18, 2008, at the Chelsea Tree House
2. Both the 3s and 4s classes will be having end of year picnics. Please watch for information from your teacher.
3. End of Year School Clean-up is May 22, 2008, starting at 9:00 a.m. It is **MANDATORY** for all Co-op members to participate in the year-end clean-up. Watch for more information from our cleaning coordinator, Donna Fehrle.

I hope that your Co-op experience has been a great one!

## Three-Year-Old News

Craig Gilbert

The three year olds had a fun trip to the Scrap Box that challenged their design skills and provided a lesson in reuse and creative recycling. The morning and afternoon students joined forces in an insect workshop—designing bugs using industrial remnants, samples, seconds, and scraps that would otherwise be sent to landfills.



*(Zach, Manny, and Dalton show-off their masterpieces)*

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Family Fun Night  
April 18
- ◆ Spring Tea  
May 9 (4s)
- ◆ Cleanup Day  
May 22

*Happy  
Birthday!*

Amanda LaRoe	4/1
Lindsey Doyle	4/8
Benjamin Ladd	4/9
Manny Luallen	4/11
Nicholas Sadler	4/12
Kamille Balcom	4/16
Reghan Doyle	4/25

### Three-Year-Old News (continued)

Students were able to take home bag of bug building materials so they could continue their creative endeavors at home. Hopefully everyone paid close attention to the warnings about the strength of the industrial adhesives found in that foam padding.

Finally, we capped off the month with a visit from local celebrity, “Postal Todd”, of the Dexter Post office. The children have been playing in a small post office set up in the school play room so it seemed only fitting to hear what it’s like to work in the real Post Office from a real postal worker. The children all wrote letters to friends, neighbors, parents and grandparents and gave them to Todd for delivery. Next time you’re at the Post Office thank Todd for so generously donating his time and speaking to the students. He was big hit.



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## Four-Year-Old News

Mrs. Joan

I hope that you are looking forward to the upcoming Spring Tea on May 9 as much as I. Start talking with your child about whom they would like to invite. You may want to have a little tea party of your own so that they will know what to expect.

The children will be preparing the refreshments and classroom during the class period. We will invite their guests to join us for the last 30 minutes of class. During this time, your child will serve the refreshments and will present the guest with a gift.

Their guest could be a grandparent, a special neighbor who appreciates being around children and would enjoy a special time out, or, of course, moms and dads are always a good choice.

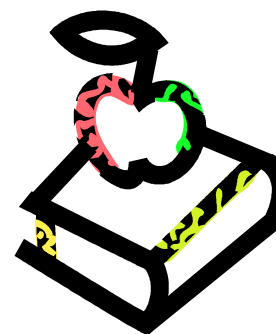
Please limit the "guest" to just one adult due to space limitations.

### MAPLE SUGARING

Your children, the grandmas, and all that were there enjoyed the perfect day for our field trip. In all my years at the Co-Op, this year has seen a marked increased participation of the grandparents. They bring such richness to each activity that they attend and the kids just love when grandparents are around.

These are some of the comments that they made:

Morning Class	
Ben D.	My favorite part was eating pancakes. I ate 3 pancakes and 3 sausages.
Ryan	Tasting the sap.
Riley	Eating. I ate 2 pancakes & 2 sausages.
Jack	Walking in the snow.
Leia	Walking in the snow and tasting the sap.
Spencer	Trying the syrup in the little cups.
Johnny	Eating pancakes & sausage.
Nick	Drinking the syrup.
Allen	I liked eating the sausage.
Judah	Tasting the sap from the tree.
Truly	The sap.
Julianne	When we taste the syrup in the volcano cups.
Afternoon Class	
Quinn	I like the sap.
Mitchell	Watching them drill a hole.
Caitlin	Getting the syrup. I loved licking it.
Amanda	How it went in the tub.
Maura	Getting to lick the sap. It was more sugary than watery for me.
Angela	Tasting the syrup.
Dante	All of it. My Dad's favorite part was tasting it.
Robert	I got to taste the maple syrup.
Eli	Eating the pancakes.
Kamille	When we got to taste the maple syrup.
Hailey	When they drilled in the belly button and the syrup came out.
Noah	I didn't like the syrup. I liked seeing the syrup drip from the tree.



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