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Kaleidoscope

APRIL/MAY 2011

SAVE THE DATE

- **May 18: Last Board Meeting**
- **May 24: 3's Last Day of School**
- **May 25: 4's Last Day of School**
- **May 26: End of Year Clean-Up**

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Letter from the President

Wow! I cannot believe that it is already May and we are nearing the end of the school year. This has been a fabulous year and I would like to Thank all of the Co-op families for all of your hard work to make this year a success.

Please help us end the year by making sure to:

1. Confirm that your tuition and fundraising are up-to-date.
2. Sign up for End of the Year Clean-up. This is a mandatory event! If you have a conflict, please email your session rep and we will assign your job ahead of time.
3. Take as many pictures as possible and enjoy the rest of the year.

This month we will be voting and announcing the Board for 2011-2012! If you are interested in a position, there is still time to get involved. Simply email me or write your name on the sign-up sheet located outside of the classroom.

Have a great summer....

Sheila Hoeft
President Dexter Co-op 2010-2011



Happy Birthday!

Our 3-year-olds:

Carson Berkebile	4/3
Alana Bilakos	4/13
Phineas Moazami	4/27
Julie Phillips	5/14
Kendall Cabana	5/21
Owen Waters	5/30
Jillian Kinnard	6/5
Connor Kril	6/28
Amelia Shugart	7/7
Kylan Clair	7/18
Marga Hauman	8/9
Ava Paul	8/10
Elise Lu	8/13

Our 4-year-olds:

Coco Cesarz	4/5
Benjamin Green	4/14
Ryan Slaven	4/29
Collin Brophy	5/22
Christopher Coffey	5/24
Alexander Sadler	5/26
Megan O'Keefe	6/17
Brooke Alexander	6/29
Maddie Little	6/28
Brady Dresch	6/29
Audrey Gauthier	7/4
Violet Fore	7/13
Elizabeth Cox	7/22
Clark Sheldon	8/6

Three-Year-Olds' News

Letter from Mrs. Pam

Dear Parents, I love this poem and it is so perfect for the relationship that we share here at the Co-op. Thanks for sharing your children with me and giving me the opportunity to make a difference in their lives. They are precious little beings and have some really wonderful parents!

—Mrs. Pam

The Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio
 And watched two sculptors there.
 The clay they used was a young child's mind
 And they fashioned it with care.
 One was a teacher – the tools she used
 Were book, music and art.
 The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand
 And a gentle, loving heart.
 Day after day, the teacher toil'd with touch
 That was careful, deft and sure.
 While the parent labored by his side
 And polished and smoothed it o'er.
 And when at last, their work was done
 They were proud of what they had wrought.
 For the things they had molded into the child
 Could neither be sold or bought.
 And each agreed they would have failed
 If each had worked alone.
 For behind the parent stood the school
 And behind the teacher, the home.

Author Unknown

We asked the kids to share their feelings about their Mommies in honor of Mother's Day. We asked, "Why is your mommy so special?" Here is what they had to say:

3 AM CLASS



"Because she takes me out to dinner and pushes me on the swing." — Carson

"Because I love her and we make cupcakes together." — Marga

"Mommy is special and I love to give her presents." — Emily

"Because she is so sweet and we do laundry together and she watches me play video games." — Charlie

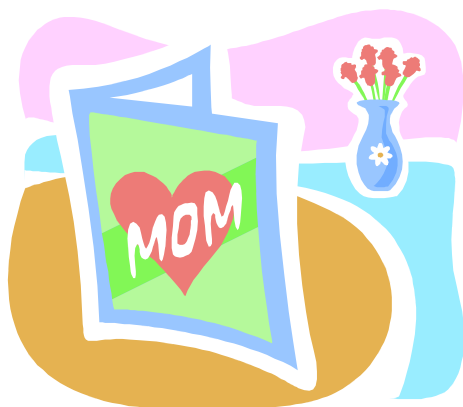
"She plays with me and cuddles with me. Mommy pushes me in the stroller and plays puzzles with me." — Lauren

"Mommy plays with me and takes me to the park." — Owen

"Mommy loves me and we play puzzles together." — Kendall

"She says 'thank you' and sings happy birthday to me." — Julie

"She makes me dinner and makes my bed and makes me lemonade. I love my mommy." — Hadley



Three-Year-Olds' News

“Mommy is special because she plays with me and hugs me.” — Connor

“I love my mommy and she colors with me.” — Molly



“Mommy plays with me when she gets home from work.” — Maddie

“Mommy loves me SO SO much and I love her.” — Lydia

“Because I love her SO much and I love to read stories with her and play games with her. Mommy gives the best cuddles and kisses.” — Sophia

3 PM CLASS



“My mommy makes cakes on my birthday.” — Sophie

“My mommy pushes me on the swings and curls my hair.” — Jillian

“My mommy pushes me on the swings and make me cupcakes.” — Kate

“Sometimes she gives me chocolate. I pick her flowers and she picks flowers for me. We both make cookies. I always love her.” — Ava

“My mommy reads to me at night and takes me for ice cream.” — Lilli

“My mommy is special because she makes me cupcakes.” — Alana



“ My mommy plays dolls with me and reads me books.” — Amelia

“My mom takes me to McDonald’s and takes me to buy new toys.” — Ryan

“Mommy makes me cookies.” — Phineas

“Mommy plays with me and we are going on a trip.” — Addison

“Mommy is special because she takes me to the park and she pushes me on the swings. And she loves me. Mommy plays with me.” — Elise

“Mommy is special because she makes cookies and cakes.” — Kylan

Andy Ambulance

Jason Trojan, a paramedic from Huron Valley Ambulance stopped by Mrs. Pam's classes with his little friend Andy... a remote-controlled ambulance. Andy thrilled the kids with his flashing lights, siren, and other gadgets—he even did wheelies!



Four-Year-Olds' News

Letter from Mrs. Joan

Instead of writing a letter, Mrs. Joan asked her classes, "What's your favorite thing about preschool?" Here are their responses:



"Tasting maple syrup at the field trip — it didn't really taste like anything!" — Alex

"Doing songs in class. My favorite song is Jingle Bells." — Ben

"I like playing with the babies best." — Megan

"Going to the large motor room and playing games." — Andrew

"I like show and tell because I get to bring things from home." — Anna



"I liked the maple syrup field trip. Syrup comes out of the trees." — Connor K.

"Trapping babies so they wet their pants." — Connor P.

"I like to play with the animals and Charlotte." — Maddy

"I like to play with Brady. He likes me." — Charlotte



"I loved wearing my pajamas to the pajama party!" — Coco

"I liked the field trip to the Leslie Science Center; we got to touch turtles and bunnies!" — Marissa

"I like doing everything on the playground!" — Daniel

"I like the p.j. day because I got to bring my blue blankie." — Lizzie

Four-Year-Olds' News

4PM Class

"I like to play Star Wars out of the cubes."
— Ben A.

"Running and doing fun stuff in the large motor room, and the sandbox, and the slide." — Dima

"I loved getting pumpkins and the hayride.
And when Mom taught us about feet." — Clark

"Everything. The workbook and binder."
— Isabella



"I like coloring a rainbow." — Brooke

"I like playing with the toy castle." — Chris

"The car thing." (race track) — Audrey

"Playing cars." — Jimmy

"The pumpkin patch and the hayride." — Avery

"Playing with the inside sandbox." — Ryan

"I like to play with Hot Wheels race track."
— Blake



"My favorite thing is large motor room because I
can run all the time." — Destin

"I like to go down the slide. I liked the pumpkin
patch and Hudson Mills." — Joshie

"Painting a penguin." — Cami

"I like to play with people on the race car track."
— Harvey



Champion Gymnastics

The four-year-olds visited Champion Gymnastics February 28 to learn how gymnasts train. After warming up, they went through an exciting course that had them begging for more!



So sorry for the tardiness of this page! Thanks for all the photos, parents!



Comings and Goings

We've had more new arrivals over the past few months. And even though it's almost the end of our school year, we'd like to introduce them to you!



A new brother for Mieko Harding! His name is Joshua Shigeru Harding, and he was born on April 1. Congratulations!



Charlotte Tatarra recently joined the 4AM class. She is a fun-loving, active girl who enjoys riding her bike (with no training wheels!) and climbing trees. She also loves to swim and thinks the warm pool at Wylie is about the best thing ever. Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese and her favorite books are the Elephant and Piggy books by Mo Willems. In this photo, Charlotte is dressed in her Wonder Woman costume (another of her favorites) with all of her stuffed animals close by.



Good-bye and good luck, Frost Family!

This year we had the pleasure of welcoming the Frost family to the Co-op. Melissa Frost and her son, Robbie, little sister Abbie, and big sister Ellie. Robbie was in Mrs. Joan's 4am class with his cousin, Alex Sadler. Robbie's family lived in Dexter temporarily while his dad, Rob, was stationed in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army. The Frosts recently relocated to Tennessee in anticipation of Rob's return to the USA. Thank you for your service, Mr. Frost!

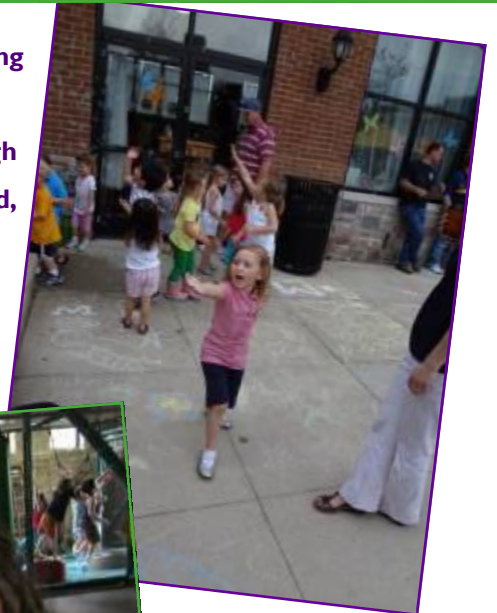


Blake Herron is a newcomer to the 4PM class. He is a friendly boy with a great sense of humor. Blake loves to play with cars and be outdoors. He also enjoys participating in a variety of sports. At home, he enjoys spending time with his little brother, Cole, and dog, Katie.

Family Fun Night

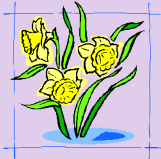


Tables packed with parents chatting happily... kids screaming and laughing as they scrambled through the indoor playground....food, food, and more food.... Our end of the year party at the Treehouse was a huge success!
Happy summer, everyone!



Creative Corner

CAN YOU MATCH THE CORRECT WORD TO THE CORRECT PICTURE?



basket



Easter Bunny



rainbow



daffodils



bee

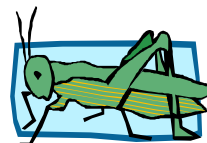


robin

The Easter Bunny needs to count his eggs.
Can you help him count them?
How many of each color are there?

WHICH ONE IS DIFFERENT?

HOW is it different? HOW is it the same?



Creative Corner

Quotations About Mother's Day

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. ~ Author Unknown

The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new. ~ Rajneesh

A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after. ~ Peter De Vries

Children are a great comfort in your old age—and they help you reach it faster too. ~ Lionel Kauffman

Mother is the name of God in the hearts and lips of little children. ~ William Makepeace Thackeray

Insanity is hereditary; you get it from your children. ~ Sam Levenson

Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly. ~ Ambrose Bierce

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his. ~ Oscar Wilde, *The Importance of Being Ernest*

A man's work is from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done. ~ Author Unknown

Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body. ~ Elizabeth Stone

Parents often talk about the younger generation as if they didn't have anything to do with it. ~ Haim Ginott

Sing out loud in the car even, or especially, if it embarrasses your children. ~ Marilyn Penland

Mother—that was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. ~ T. DeWitt Talmage

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Spring Lime Tea Cookies

By Christina Pierson



These are light, buttery tea cookies bursting with citrus flavor. Perfect for a spring day!

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons lime zest
- 1 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup white sugar

Directions:

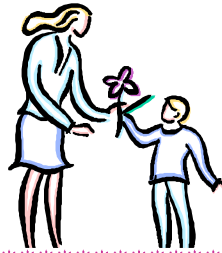
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the 2 teaspoons lime juice with the milk, let stand 5 minutes.
2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg, then stir in the zest and milk mixture. Combine the flour, baking powder and baking soda, blend into the creamed mixture. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, until the edges are a light brown. Allow cookies to cool 5 minutes before transferring to wire rack.
4. To make the glaze, stir together the remaining lime juice and sugar. Brush onto cooled cookies. Yield: approx. 24 cookies.

For more cookie recipes go to: Allrecipes.com

Editor's Page

Happy Mother's Day!

Thanks for all you do and all the love you give!



THANK YOU!



We would like to thank the parents who contributed to the Creative Corner pages. Jill and Holly, thank you for keeping us well-informed and making sure we had everything we needed. We truly enjoyed putting the Kaleidoscope together. Thanks for making our job fun!

Brian McGuire & Marta Coffey

Did You Know?

“Memorial Day was first enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the Civil War. The first known observance was in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866. The friendship between General John Murray, a distinguished citizen of Waterloo, and General John A. Logan, who helped bring attention to the event nationwide, was likely a factor in the holiday's growth. On May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic – the organization for Northern Civil War veterans – Logan issued a proclamation that "Decoration Day" should be observed nationwide. It was observed for the first time on May 30 of the same year; the date was chosen because it was *not* the anniversary of a battle” (Wikipedia.org).

Thank you, veterans!

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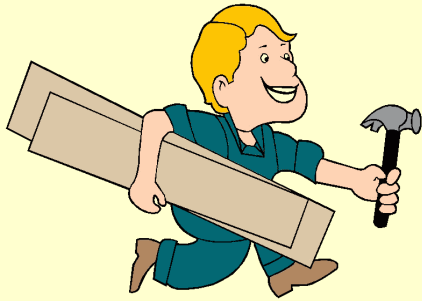


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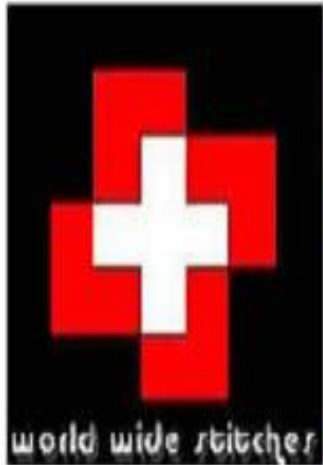
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