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South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-Op

Time for Kindergarten

ALREADY?

We know that it's hard to believe the day is coming, however, let's take the first step together. Kindergarten registration begins on **Wednesday, April 19th** for all Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and **Monday, April 11th** for Prince George's County Public Schools. Each school sets its own hours or suggested guidelines for registration windows. You are encouraged to either visit their website or phone your area school to find out more details.

AACPS: <http://www.aacps.org/earlychildhood/kindergarten.asp>

PGCPS: <http://www.pgcps.org/kindergarten/index.aspx?id=9434>

Required items to register:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of up-to-date Immunizations and 5 year old well visit
- 2 proofs of residency:
 - Current mortgage statement, signed rental/lease agreement or tenant verification
 - Current utility bill, bank statement, paystub, Social Security check or voter registration card
- MD Drivers License may **not** be used as a form of proof, however a copy of your drivers license is required.

OUTDOOR PLAY

While the weather will be warmer, please remember that it is always windy up on the hill. Even when it seems warm at your house the children may still need a jacket to go outside.

Flip-flops and sandals may be cute and comfortable but they are not appropriate footwear for school. Please encourage your child to wear real shoes to school. Tell them Miss Barbara says so.

From the Board President

I can't believe this is the second to last newsletter of the school year! While we had a mild winter, it is still nice to see the signs of spring. The trees have begun to bloom and the daffodils in front of the school somehow survived the ice and are looking beautiful.

We are approaching the end of the school year and sadly, the end of our Co-Op experience for many of us. There are many more school events coming up, so check the calendar and the newsletter for those dates. Also keep in mind that we pay tuition a month in advance. As such, you should have paid April's tuition in March and May's tuition before school started. So unless you are behind, you don't owe anymore tuition for this school year.

The fundraiser was a tremendous success thanks to Mandy Watts and Beatriz Brown, the Events & Fundraising team, Amanda Schneider and our wonderful membership. We raised a lot of money for the school and had a lot of fun. With the teamwork and effort that we expend, we out raise many larger private schools in the area. Thank you to everyone who provided donations, participated, invited guests and bid on many incredible donations and school treasures!!

School evaluations will be sent out soon. Please take time to complete them – we really do read everyone's comments and suggestions and truly appreciate your input. The Nominating Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th @ 7:00pm at school. This

meeting is where we analyze and place people in committee assignments for next year. If you have had some time to think about positions for next year and would like to amend your committee preferences, please let Katie Pinkham know and she will update the spreadsheet.

We have many Board position opening up for next year and it's imperative we fill those positions. Meeting attendance is not required, but this is the best opportunity to get your desired position for next year. We cannot guarantee everyone gets their first choice, but we do the best we can! If you have a question about a specific position, please contact me – happy to chat and convince you that you can do it.

Please spread the word about our school – we have openings in all of our classes and it would be nice to fill them before summer! Word of mouth has ALWAYS been our school's greatest marketing tool, so share your love for our school!! Our next Board meeting will follow the Nominating Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 20th at school. Please plan to attend both if you are able!

Enjoy the warm weather!
Jennell Connelly, 617-285-0296, Jennell@gmail.com



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HAVE A WHALE OF A TIME

2016-2017 CALENDAR

APRIL

- 6 3AM & 4PM Easter Celebration and bonnet parade
- 7 4AM Easter Celebration and bonnet parade
- 10-17 School Closed - Easter/Spring Break
- 16 Easter Sunday



- 20 Nominating Committee, 7PM @ SCPC
- 20 Board Meeting 7:30pm (following committee meeting @ SCPC)
- 20 3's Teddy Bear Picnic, 4PM Bear Hunt
- 21 4AM Bear Hunt
- 25 3AM Pet Day
- 26 4AM & 4PM Pet Day
- 27 3AM (10AM) & 4PM (2PM)
Grandparent's Day
- 28 4AM (10:30AM) Grandparent's Day

MAY

- 1 **MANDATORY GMM 7pm @ Ford Hall, no children please**
- 4 3AM & 4PM Mother's Day Tea, no siblings
- 5 4AM Mother's Day Tea, no siblings
- 9 3's Field trip to Old Maryland Farm
- 16 5th Grade Reunion!
- 17 Paint Night Fundraiser

- 18 Board Meeting 7:30pm, Location TBD
- 19 4's Field trip to Baywood Farms
- 24 4AM LAST DAY of School
- 25 3AM & 4PM LAST DAY of School

JUNE

- 3 Spring Cleanup - **MANDATORY** for all **NON-Graduating Families**
- TBD Transition Meeting 7PM

April

Happy spring! It is delightful to see all the daffodils and baby leaves on the trees. It was a very unusual winter with cold weather alternating with unseasonably warm temps. Despite the late snow/ice event we were still able to find a lot of spring as we walked around the school last month. Let's hope the warm weather trend continues.



Ann and I enjoyed visiting with all the dads for Fathers' Day last month. It's always fun to watch the children play with their dads. It's especially fun watching the dads sit on our small chairs having tea parties in the house together! Everyone also enjoyed making pictures and donuts together. It really is a special day when you have Dad all to yourself - if only life could stay so simple.

Thanks to Mandy Watts and all the parents that put so much thought, effort, energy and love into our fundraiser last month. It was fabulous! Ann & I enjoyed seeing everyone have a good time and it was also fun to see so many alumnae at the event. It didn't hurt to make a lot of money either! Thank you, thank you.



Seeds, pets and baby chicks will be our themes for both the 3's and the 4's this month. We will plant several different types of seeds and watch them grow in the classroom, along with the traditional "Hairy Harry" that will come home the beginning of the month. We will wait until after Easter to put the eggs in the incubator and with a little luck we will have baby chicks on May 8th.

3's

The 3's enjoyed the many science activities this past month, particularly "sink and float", mixing "concoctions" and magnets

With Easter so late this year and our Mothers' Day celebration early, we will take our first (and only) trip of the year to Old Maryland Farm at Watkins Park on May 9th. We will meet at school at the regular time. Siblings are welcome. We will just visit the farm. Their new playground area is fabulous so parents may want to stay when the trip is over to visit the playground. Alas, Ann and I will have to head back to school for the afternoon class.

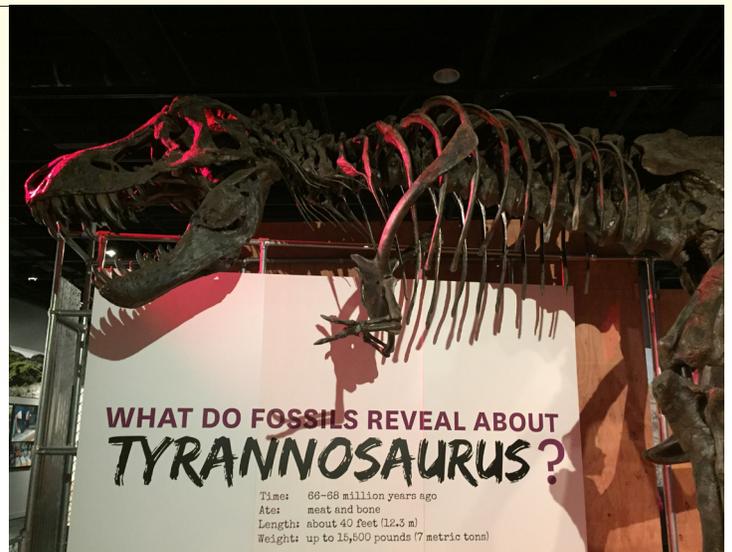


4's

The fours enjoyed the dinosaurs this past month and all the different art activities that accompanied them. They also had the opportunity for several language activities. Ann and I always enjoy their creative stories and the making of the mural. Thanks to the parents who helped with the messy art projects - especially the paper-mache dinosaur eggs. We had a fun trip on the Metro to see the dinosaur exhibit.

Our star of the day activity has returned with Fred and Buster.

Our annual spring bonnet parade will be held on Thursday, April 6th for the afternoon class and Friday, April 7th for the morning group. More details to follow.



There are several special events this month for both the 3's and the 4's:

April 6th or April 7th: Easter celebration - We will be dyeing eggs and making biscuit bunnies. Each child needs to bring in two hard-boiled eggs at the beginning of class time. We also will be making a special snack that day. If you are the snack parent, please talk with Miss Ann.



April 20th (4's p.m.)/April 21st (4 a.m.): Bear Hunt – Everyone should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal along with a flashlight. The snack parent need to talk with Miss Ann about what to bring for snack that day. Weather permitting, we will take our bears outside to picnic.

April 20th (3's only): Teddy Bear Picnic - Everyone should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal. The snack parent need to talk with Miss Ann about what to bring for snack that day. Weather permitting, we will take our bears outside to picnic.

April 25th (3's) or April 26th (4's): Pet Day - If you have a pet that would be a good guest, you may bring them in at the beginning of class. Small animals should be in cages, dogs and cats should be leashed or caged. Each child will have an opportunity to talk about their pet. After your pet has had their turn in the spotlight, you may take them home. Small caged animals can remain for class time if desired. If your pet is unable to travel, your child may want to bring a picture of their pet. For children that do not have pets they may bring in a favorite stuffed animal. My son was quite pleased to bring in a jar full of worms he found in the backyard one year!

April 27th or 28th: Grandparents' Day - Grandparents, or a special friend, are invited to visit our classroom and spend some time with their grandchild. Grandparents should arrive as follows: 3 a.m. – 10:00, 4 a.m. - 10:30; 4 p.m. - 2:00. Don't feel badly if your child does not have a grandparent to visit with them. Grandparents are very good about "sharing" themselves and no one has ever felt left out. We will also be asking parents to send in extra snack donations, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the front bulletin board.

May 4th or 5th: Mothers' Day Teas - This is our social event of the season. We ask that all moms return to school for the last 45-60 minutes of the day for a special snack/lunch. Sorry, no siblings. More details will follow, just wanted to give everyone a heads up about the date.

May 9th: 3's trip to Old Maryland Farm

May 17th: 4's combined trip to Baywood Farms.



The Events & Fundraising Committee is happy to announce that the **80's Night Auction & Dinner** on March 11th was a HUGE success! With over 150 attending, the 'totally rad' evening included over 300 Silent and Live Auction items that totaled over \$40K in value. Thanks to the support of our current families, alumni and friends of the Co-Op, the Auction was able to raise approximately \$20,000 for the school! Thank you all so much for your hard work, generous donations, and continued support of our awesome little preschool.

The end of the school year is fast approaching, so be sure to mark your calendars for these last few ways to help support the Co-Op:

Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar at Annapolis Towne Center

- Restaurant fundraiser on *Tuesday, April 25th* any time from 11am - 11pm
- 20% of your check will be donated to the school, but be sure to bring your flier & share with friends and family!
- This colorful restaurant & rum bar, serving Latin American cuisine, offers a unique variety of dishes including gluten-free options & an affordable array of Happy Hour cocktails and appetizers. Great for the whole family, a 'Mom Night Out', or Date Night!

Join us at Paladar

in support of SOUTH COUNTY PRE-KINDERGARTEN CO-OP

20% of your Paladar check will be donated to South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op during your visit on Tuesday, April 25.

For your contribution to be recognized, **please bring this flyer with you** and present it to your server when ordering.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar
1905 Towne Centre Blvd. Suite 100
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 897-1022

www.PaladarLatinKitchen.com

Reservations are strongly recommended by phone or at OpenTable.com.

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Please know that the donation amount excludes proceeds from tax, gratuity and gift card purchases. Distributing these flyers in or near the restaurant is not allowed. More info at: www.paladarlatinkitchen.com/fundraising.

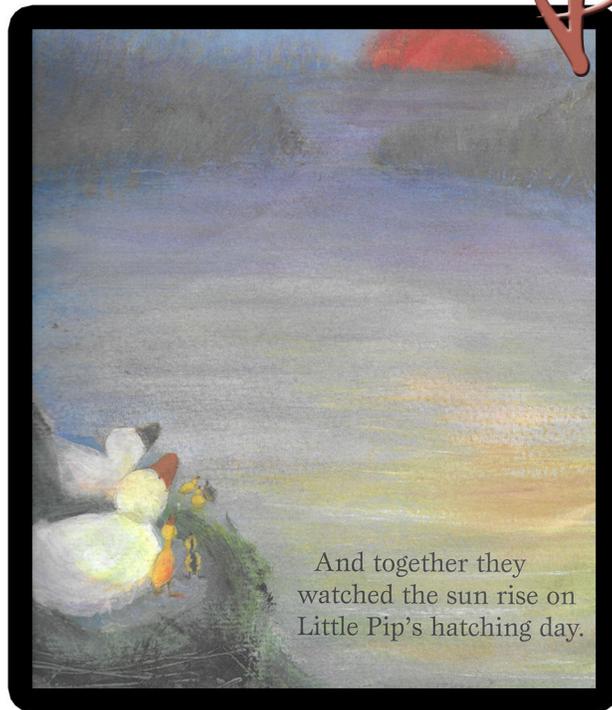
Paint Night with Miss Ann at Glen Isle Clubhouse in Riva

- Save the Date for this awesome fundraiser on *Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm*
- Cost is \$45 a person and includes your canvas, paints, brushes, appetizers and adult beverages for the evening
- This fun night is quickly becoming a much anticipated tradition for SCPC! Invite your friends, family and Alumni to join us for a relaxed evening of painting your own unique 'masterpiece'. We'll get to enjoy our own 'story time' with Miss Ann, followed by her step-by-step tutorial on how to create our own version of a beloved children's book painting.
- Limited space, so sign-up soon! Contact Mandy at mandolin.watts@gmail.com or sign-up on the Bulletin Board at school.

~Mandy Watts, E&F Chair &
Beatriz Brown, E&F Co-Chair



Benefitting the
South County Pre-K Co-Op



And together they
watched the sun rise on
Little Pip's hatching day.

Painting from the children's book
Daisy and the Egg by Jane Simmons

Paint Night



with Miss Ann

WHEN: Wednesday May 17th at
7:00pm

WHERE: Glen Isle Clubhouse
2726 Pinecrest Drive
Riva MD 21140

COST: \$45 per person
(appetizers & adult beverages
included)

To register, contact Mandy Watts at
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