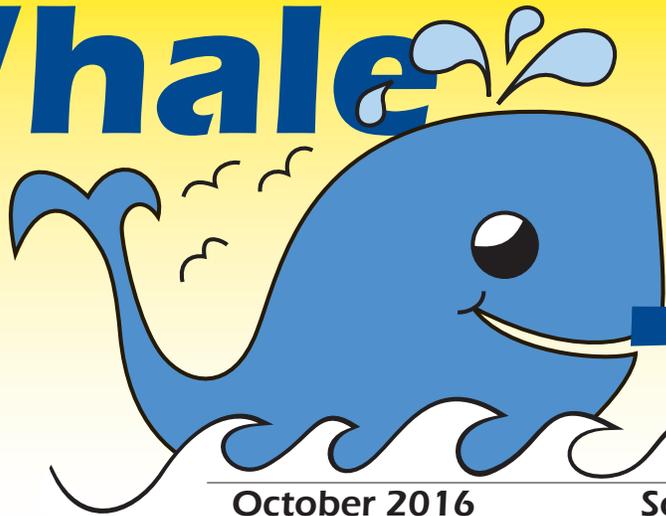


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# Tales

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### Parent-helping tips:

Solo parent-helping can be a bit of a challenge. Here are a few tips to make your day a little easier and preparing snack go more quickly:

- Stuff tote bags during arrival time.
- During arrival time, cut up any snack items (apples, oranges, etc.) and place in baskets and/or refrigerator.
- Sanitize tables at the end of clean-up, before you return to circle time.
- Hold off on any other cleaning until after snack.
- Relax and have fun! It will keep easier after a few parent-helping days!

### Play-doh Recipe

1/2 cup salt	2 tbsp. cream of tartar
1 cup water	2 tbsp. oil
1 cup flour	

Combine ingredients in pan. Add food coloring if desired. Stir over low heat until dough leaves sides of pan. Work dough until cooled. Store in an air-tight container. We double this recipe for school.

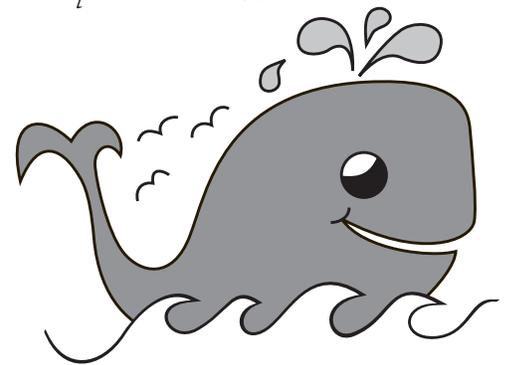
### THINGS YOU MAY HAVE that We May Need

- Baby food jars
- Paper towel/toilet paper rolls (empty of course)
- Butter/margarine tubs

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# From the Board President

Somehow it is October already! We have made it through our first month of school and are heading into fall. The kids are getting excited for all the fall season and Halloween crafts, songs and activities that come this month. Our big event this month is Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 29th - a great day to come together and have fun as a co-op family, meet some new friends and hang out with old ones. Plus, the older kids love to come back to preschool for a day. If your kids have their Halloween costume or a favorite dress up, have them wear it for the costume parade. There will also be a sign up for your potluck dish shortly. I'm sure it will be a fantastic day!

I also wanted to thank everyone for attending the GMM and New Parent Orientation. In particular, attendance at the GMM was excellent and we didn't have to issue any fines for missing the meeting! Just remember that the board is available and willing to work with you should situations arise. Our next board meeting will be at the BOQ, which is in the same building as the GMM, on October 27th. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings, the school belongs to all of us!

With fall upon us, illness is likely not far behind. Diligent cleaning and keeping sick kids home are our best ways

to prevent illness. If you not already wiping down the bathroom door handles and light switch as part of your cleaning routine, please start now! If your child does get sick make sure they are fever free for 24 hours (without medication) before sending them back to school. The same 24 hours applies to vomiting too.

Please tell your friends, family and acquaintances with preschoolers about our Open House on November 3rd at 9:30am. There will be flyers available, so please take a handful to pass out or post at local shops (with permission of course).

Happy fall and see you at Family Fun Day!  
~ Jennell Connelly  
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# HAVE A WHALE OF A TIME

## 2016-2017 CALENDAR

### REFER A FRIEND BONUS!!!

Beginning Oct. 1 you will be rewarded for bringing in a new student!!

New families will receive 50% off of registration and you will receive your choice of:

- 4 free enrichment programs (includes Lunch Bunch and Fantastic Fridays) OR
- 1 free auction ticket

Make sure to tell your friends and tell them to tell their friends about our great preschool!

In order to receive your bonus, your referral should note they were referred by you when they register. Applies to the 2016-2017 school year.



### OCTOBER

- 1 Tuition Due
- 12 School Closed - AACPS closed (Yom Kippur)
- 18 Restaurant Night @ The All American Steak House, Edgewater 4-9pm
- 19 4's Trip to Homestead Gardens 10am-1pm
- 20-21 School Closed - AACPS Conferences/MSEA
- 25 3's Great Pumpkin Hunt
- 27 3's Halloween Costume Parade  
Board Meeting 7:30pm
- 29 Family Fun Day 11am-1pm @ SCPC
- 31 4's Halloween Costume Parade

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Tuition Due
- 3 Open House
- 8 School Closed - AACPS Closed (Election Day)
- 10 Scales & Tales Presentation 10:30am
- 15-16 3AM Conferences (Afternoon & Evening)
- 17 Board Meeting 7:30pm
- 21-27 School Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Native American Presentation 11am-12pm

### DECEMBER

- 1 Tuition Due
- 2 School OPEN - AACPS Closed
- 15 Board Meeting 7:30pm
- 23-2 School Closed - Christmas/Winter Break

## October

The first month of school passed quickly although we had a few more tears than normal with the threes. Fortunately, everyone seems to be settling into a routine as we begin a new month. We are appreciating the cooler weather. It was pretty toasty the first few weeks of school!

Ann and I have enjoyed meeting all the new families and getting reacquainted with returning members. We hope everyone has enjoyed their first parent helping days. After a time or two in the classroom, everyone will feel like a parent-helping pro!

Thanks to everyone who pitched in for my extended trip to Florida. It was very exciting to be there when Jack Thomas was born. He is quite adorable. I am still amazed that it actually happened. Usually the best made plans rarely work out. I am looking forward to another visit there in a few weeks.

October is a busy month for the threes and the fours. The art projects and finger-plays for the month are always favorites.



## FINGERPLAYS

We do some of our favorite finger-plays in October. Listen and see if you hear your child singing them at home!

### GRAY SQUIRREL

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel  
Swish your bushy tail.  
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel  
swish your bushy tail.

Wrinkle up your little nose,  
Hold the nuts between your toes.  
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel  
Swish your bushy tail.



### PUMPKIN

Pumpkin, pumpkin round and fat,  
Turned into a jack-o'lantern  
Just like that!

# 3's

To continue a smooth transition, we will slowly add new routines to the program and expand our together times over the next several weeks. The threes are also very busy playing the first month or so of school. Don't be discouraged if they don't always want to participate in all the activities. It takes a bit before they realize they have time to play and do art projects, games, etc. Feel free to change your activity if you are parent-helping and the children have finished with your activity early. They always enjoy being read to or having someone play with the manipulatives with them.

October is a month of various themes for the threes. We will talk about fall and take a walk around the school to look for changes in the world around us. If you have any interesting nature items - seed pods, cocoons, leaves, etc., please bring them in to share with the classroom.

Since Halloween can be a scary time for some threes we will celebrate in a low key manner. We will have our "Great Pumpkin Hunt" up on the hill October 25th. Our costume parade will be held

on October 27th. Children should arrive in costume if they wish to wear one. Parents and siblings are invited to stay the first half hour and watch the children parade in their costumes and do some finger-plays and songs. At the end of the parade they will remove their costumes so please bring a change of clothes.

We will begin Touch and Tell with the 3's week of October 18th. Please check the Touch and Tell schedule to find your child's day.

We will continue with Color Days on Tuesday or Thursday during the month of October as follows:

October 6th (Thursday): Orange Day

October 11th (Tuesday): Green Day

October 13th (Thursday): Purple Day

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school or at home (798-6612) or email me at [tombarb.freeman@verizon.net](mailto:tombarb.freeman@verizon.net).



## TOUCH AND TELL SCHEDULE FOR 3's

### TUESDAY

Evan  
Harper H.  
Harper T.  
Henry  
Will  
Seraphina

### THURSDAY

Ian  
Eleanor  
Luke  
James  
Alexa  
Brady

# 4's

"Exuberant" is a word often used to describe four year olds. Most parents that have been into parent help would probably agree there is a big change from last year. Everyone came back to school excited to be here and to see old friends. They are a talkative, imaginative group and will certainly keep us on our toes!

October will be a very busy month for the fours. Fall, Halloween and shapes will be our focus. If anyone has any interesting items for the science center, please bring them in.

Halloween is a fun time for most fours (and Miss Ann!). A lesson on shapes and shadows will be incorporated into the Halloween unit along with several language activities. We will celebrate Halloween on Halloween, Monday, October 31st. Children should arrive in costume if they wish to wear one. Parents and siblings are invited to stay the first half hour to view the parade. After the parade we will remove our costumes. Children should bring a change of clothes if needed.

We will take a joint trip to Homestead Gardens on October 19th from 10-1. Siblings are invited. We will take a ride on the hay wagon and see the animals. More details later. Siblings are invited and the cost of the trip will be \$10 per person.

Touch and Tell has begun for the fours. Please help your child remember their day. The schedule is repeated below.

We have also begun our "Star of the Day" activity. This is a favorite activity yet it takes a long time for everyone to have a turn. Please help to reassure your child that their turn will come!

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk with me. Please feel free to call me at home, 798-6612, or email me at tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

## TOUCH AND TELL SCHEDULE 4 AM

### MONDAY

Olivia  
Alexa  
Devin  
Miriam  
James

### WEDNESDAY

Joshua  
Ellie D.  
Reagan

### FRIDAY

Ellie C.  
Otis  
Makai  
Franklin

## TOUCH AND TELL SCHEDULE 4 PM

### MONDAY

Nate  
Nathan  
Cohen  
Eli

### WEDNESDAY

Mylie  
Addy  
Gwen



# Events & Fundraising

## Hooray! Fall is here...

and our kids are happily settling  
in to their school days!



**We would like to say a huge “Thank You” for all you’ve done to help support our amazing little preschool so far this year.**

What a fun time we had at the Greene Turtle ‘Funds for Friends’ on 9/28, raising over \$237.32 thanks to YOUR support! We also raised \$85.15 from the Wee-Sale fliers in early September.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

Our “80’s Night Auction” will be taking place on Saturday, March 11th 2017. So dust off your neon head bands, shoulder pads, leg warmers and lace gloves, cause it’s gonna be, like, totally righteous!

Keep checking your child’s tote bags, emails and the school’s Facebook page for more ways to support our school. Here are some fundraisers coming up in October:

The All American Steakhouse, Edgewater [October 18th 4-9pm]

Punkin’ Chunkin’ pledges for Family Fun Day, SCPC [October 29th 11am]

*(Pledge sheet attached to this newsletter but will be sent home in your tote bag later this month.)*

### Don’t forget,

you can also support our school year-round while doing your shopping! Here are a few ways:

**Amazon Smile** ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) & select “South County Pre-kindergarten Co-Op”)

**CertifKID Gives** ([www.certifikid.com](http://www.certifikid.com) & put in promo code: SCPC when checking out and for every \$30+ you spend, \$5 will be donated to our school and YOU will save \$5 on your deal purchase)

**Safeway** (pre-register online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) with the SCPC group ID: 6565463)

~Mandy Watts, E&F Chair

& Beatriz Brown, E&F Co-Chair



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