



# Handprints



*"Working Together for Children"*

## See You Later!

Another Fabulous Year Coming to a Close...

Thank you for everything, Members. It has been a truly amazing and growing experience as your President the last two years. As my family is preparing to enter our last year in the Coop, I am looking forward to making more memories, meeting new friends, and growing stronger with my Coop family. I cherish each year here.

We are all excited about the annual Ice Cream Social at Timbertown Wednesday, May 27th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It is an evening of laughing, playing, eating, and having fun. Rain never puts a damper on the Ice Cream Social either. You will be notified if we have to move to an indoor location the same date and time. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you for the wonderful year,

Shasta Grifka

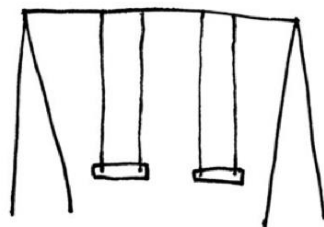
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don't forget to play

Dear Co-op Families,

As we give hugs and fondly say, "See you later!" I want to wish you all a lovely, playful summer. Be sure to save plenty of time for your children to freely explore all that this wonderful time of year has to offer. Maybe enjoy some of the following:

- Walk aimlessly along the nature trails at the [Eddy Discovery Center](#) or any of the other 50+ miles of hiking trails in the [Waterloo Recreation Area](#).
- Take a bathing suit or fishing pole to spend a day exploring lakes in the [Pinkney Recreation Area](#).
- Stroll around town to celebrate our local music, art, and food during Chelsea's [Sounds and Sights](#).
- Arrange play dates at our [Local Parks](#), maybe sending boats downstream at Lett's Creek or catching a vintage baseball game Timbertown.
- Explore the wilderness of your own backyard.

I'd like to pass along a poem that I enjoyed as a child, but recently found that I appreciate it in different way as an adult. When I was young I was attracted to its whimsical phrases, but now I love the message of childlike exploration. Happy summer, everyone!

Kindly,  
Claire

**Foreign Lands**  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Up into the cherry tree  
Who should climb but little me?  
I hold the trunk with both my hands  
And looked abroad on foreign lands.

I saw the next door garden lie,  
Adorned with flowers, before my eye,  
And many pleasant places more  
That I had never seen before.

I saw the dimpling rivers pass  
And be the sky's blue looking glass;  
The dusty roads go up and down  
With people tramping into town.

If I could find a higher tree  
Farther and farther I should see,  
To where the grown-up river slips  
Into the sea among the ships,

To where the roads on either hand  
Lead onward into fairyland,  
Where all the children dine at five,  
And all the playthings come alive.

# Ice Cream Social

## Come Celebrate a Great Year!

Timbertown  
Wednesday, May 27th  
5:00-7:00pm

Please bring a dish to pass for a potluck before the ice cream.  
The preschool will supply all paper products as well as the ice cream and toppings.  
Please remember to bring water or a beverage for you and your family.



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## Ways and Means Final Report

Thank you so much for your contributions, time, and energy this year.

Through your efforts we brought in another \$315 from the rummage sale bringing our yearly fundraising total to \$5,815.

We rely on membership fundraising to replenish our scholarship fund and to help augment our preschool programs. Your hard work and commitment to our children has really paid off!

Many thanks and have a lovely summer!

Tess Eastment  
Ways and Means Chair



Dear Members,

As our first year in the new school comes to an end, I would like to take a moment to say “thank you” to Shasta for all that you have done for our preschool. The work she put in researching spaces and finding the best spot for the co-op was a big job, and she handled it with a smile and got the job done. We have had a wonderfully successful year in our new space and for this I would like to acknowledge and thank our director and teacher, Claire. Claire has done a fabulous job transitioning into her position and getting us all used to our new home.

There are still a few positions open for the board for the 2015-16 school year. We are seeking individuals to fill the positions of Room Manager, Ways and Means and possibly AM 3's Session Rep. Please consider stepping up and playing an active role in your child's school. This is a great way to build stronger relationships with fellow preschool parents, as well as play a roll in the decision making for the preschool. Being a board member has been fun and rewarding and I invite you to join us! If you think you may be a good fit for one of these positions, please contact myself or our new President, Brenda Fineman.

We have made so many new friends and memories this year and my family is looking forward to one more great year at the Co-op! I hope to see you all at the Ice Cream Social and I hope everyone has a great summer!

Jenny Bollinger  
Chelsea Children's Co-op Co-VP



## Kid Quotes

*from Mrs. Hubbard*

Here are my favorite kid quotes from the past year:

During a Try It: “Are chick peas made from chickens?”- Beck

In preparation for our trip to the post office, Mrs. Bauschke has written a letter to Mrs. Hubbard and is showing the kids how to put it in an envelope. Right before she seals it, Logan P. says, “Don’t forget the check!”

On Halloween I am dressed as an American Indian, complete with a wig of long, black, braided hair, much different from my usual short cut. Brody is pretty impressed with how this has transformed me and says, “You’re a lady now Mrs. Hubbard!”

Your children make me laugh and smile every day.  
Thank you for sharing them with me!  
Mrs. Hubbard



## 2014-2015 Board Members

President: Shasta Grifka  
Vice Presidents: Jenny Bollinger and Erin Beatty  
Treasurer: Jen Underwood  
Assistant Treasurer: Amy Danielson  
Membership Chair: Amanda MacDonald  
Ways & Means: Tess Eastment  
Secretary: Susan Orlandi-Johnson  
Room Manager: Jon Van Hoek  
Publicity Chair: Jocelyn Webber

### Session Reps:

AM 3s: Cahty Kattula-Klink  
AM 4s: Alecia Hickman  
PM 3/4s: Carrie Rimkus  
Y5s: Nicole Warriner

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Ways and Means Chair: **OPEN**  
Auction Committee Chair: Katie Wyss  
Secretary: Casey Keilman  
Room Manager: **OPEN**  
Publicity Chair: Shasta Grifka

### Session Reps:

AM 3s: **OPEN**  
AM 4s: Susan Adam-Rita  
PM 3/4s: Caleb Coon  
Y5s: Anne Dell

**Thank you to our Board Members!**



## Playdates at Pierce Park

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

## Chelsea Monitors Vintage Baseball

*Matches are all 100% free and family-friendly. Bring lawn chairs/blankets and some refreshments.*

Sunday, June 7th, 2pm @ Timbertown

Monitors & Merries (our sister club) playing our 2nd annual "Tallies For Charity" match  
Benefits Faith in Action

Saturday, June 20th, 2pm @ Timbertown

Monitors v. Bay City Independents

Saturday, July 18th, all day. First-ever "Ironclad Vintage Base Ball Festival"  
at Chelsea High School, featuring 10+ mens & ladies clubs from MI and OH

Saturday, August 29th, 2:30pm @ Timbertown

Monitors v. Dexter Union after marching in Chelsea Fair Parade

Fun Fact: About 1/3 of the players have some current or past connection to the Co-Op!

## Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights

Runs June 4 – August 13 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

\*We'll need volunteers to help at the CoOp table this year!

## Sounds and Sights Festival

July 24 - July 25

Come Visit the CoOp at the KidZone!

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**PLAY. LEARN. GROW.**

*At Chelsea Children's Cooperative Preschool, we believe it our responsibility to provide multifaceted opportunities for preschoolers to explore, experiment, and grow in a safe, nurturing, and age appropriate arena. Valuing the family as a unit as well as the individuality and worth of each of its members is our philosophy and practical approach to preschool education.*