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"Working Together for Children"

Summer, 2010

A Message from the Vice President . . .

Hello! I am Sheri Montoye, Vice President and mama to three. My daughters were students here from 2005-2008 and this year my 3 year old son Richard is enrolled on Tues/Thurs afternoons.

You have probably heard from me by now as to your committee assignments for the year. Thank you in advance for doing your part and actively serving on a committee! It is a great thing for your kids to observe your community involvement and hopefully it will be rewarding for your family in many other ways too.

You may not realize it but each person and family

brings a variety of amazing resources to our school! We may not always know what those resources are; so, although families are assigned to one committee, please offer additional help as you are compelled. Our Co-Op families truly are the infrastructure that help our school function and grow each year.

Please read this newsletter carefully as there are many summer dates and events in which you can participate and get to know your fellow families. These will be lifetime friends!

I look forward to knowing each and every one of you soon. Please contact me anytime if you have even



Building friendships on a Co-op field trip.

the tiniest question about your new volunteer role or additional volunteer opportunities.

Email: sherimontoye@yahoo.com
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Check out the new Co-op website!

Co-op families can now access more information on the new and improved website. Here is what you can expect to find online:

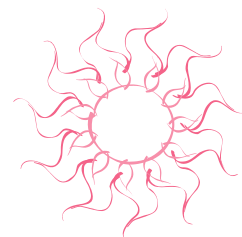
- Schedule info
- Tuition and due dates

- Contact info
- Upcoming Events
- T-Shirt order forms
- Co-op photos
- Assist info
- Arts-Go-Round info
- Committee info
- And more!!!

Please check us out at www.chelseacoop.org. If you have photos or info you would like to see on the website or in the newsletter, please contact publicity chair: Lisa Hinz-Johnson at lisahinzjohnson@gmail.com

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Summer Reminders!

- *Duck Pond at Sounds & Sights—July 30 & 31*
- *Trike Pull—Chelsea Community Fair, Aug. 24*
- *Chelsea Fair Parade—Aug. 28*
- *Farmers Market—2nd Saturdays in Aug. and Sept.*
- *Tuition Due—Aug. 15*
- *Register for Arts-Go-Round!*

Summer Volunteer Opportunities and Fun Dates to Remember

Duck Pond: A super splashy kids' prize booth when we market our school during the Sounds and Sights Festival – Friday, July 30/Saturday, July 31, 10am-6pm in the KidZone near the Teddy Bear Factory. There will be 3-hour volunteer shifts from 9:30-6:30 to allow for setup/clean up.

Chelsea Fair Parade: Saturday, August 28, 1:00 pm (Judging at 11:00 am) Wear comfy shoes and walk with us! [Also See below: "Float Building Begins"]

Trike Pull: Tuesday, August 24, approx. 5-7 pm, A Chelsea Community Fair event

coordinated by the Co-Op where kids use tricycles to pull weighted items. Participants earn an amusement ride ticket and ribbon!

Farmers Market: Chelsea Children's Cooperative Preschool Tent and Kids Tent 2nd Saturdays in August and September. Come and visit, do a craft 8 am-Noon!

To sign up for any of these opportunities contact: sherimontoye@yahoo.com or 734/355-4082



Sign your child up for the Chelsea Community Fair Trike Pull— Tuesday, August 24, 5-7 PM.

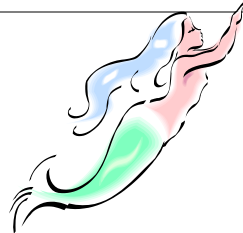
Float Building Begins . . . "Under the Sea!"

With an undersea theme, let the float building begin—complete with mermaids, an octopus, clam shells, and more!

Final Float Planning Meeting - Tuesday, July 20, 11am-noon at Pierce Park play-group,

Float Building Meetings - Each Thursday from July 29-August 26, 11am-1pm at the Westcott home (14166 Harvey Ln., Grass Lake) As we build a float to showcase

"Who would be a mermaid fair, singing alone, combing her hair, under the sea in a golden curl, with a comb of pearl, on a throne?"
—Lord Alfred Tennyson



our programs during the Chelsea Fair Parade, the committee would love to have your help at any or all of these meetings, as well as working on specific items at your own home in between meetings. It is a family friendly project and kids are needed to help with some special crafts on these days. We hope you will jump right in and join the fun!

Pierce Park Tuesdays

Co-op kids can enjoy fun in the sun with Pierce Park Tuesdays. Co-op families are getting together every Tuesday morning at Pierce Park, also known as the "park with the big rock!". Pierce Park is located on S. Main St., right next to Twisters Ice Cream. This is a great chance for families to get together before school begins and for kids to hang out and enjoy the beautiful summer—and maybe walk over for an

ice cream treat to beat the heat. Pierce Park Tuesdays are a long-standing tradition for Co-op families, and kids and families really benefit from maintaining that connection with friends over the long summer. So, pack a cooler, bring the kids and some sunscreen, and come on over to Pierce Park.

Tuesdays, 10 AM, weather permitting.



Young 5's Program Welcomes Debbie Gesell

Debbie Gessell joins Co-op this year as our new Young 5's teacher. Debbie has a Bachelor of Science Degree with a ZA endorsement, and a major in child development. Courtney Aldrich is thrilled to have Debbie joining the Co-op family. "Debbie brings with her a great depth and breadth of experiences working with young children and a very strong background in early childhood education. We hired Debbie because we admired her warm and friendly attitude, her fun sense of humor, her confidence in her abilities to work with 4 and 5 year olds and their families, and her teaching philosophy that will fit perfectly with Co-op."

The Young 5's program is designed to meet the educational and developmental needs of children who will turn 5 years old by Dec. 1 of a given calendar year, but whose parents have chosen not to send them to Kindergarten.

For more information on Co-op Pre-school's Young 5's program or any of the 3 or 4 year old programs, please contact info@chelseacoop.org or visit the website at chelseacoop.org, and click under the Programs tab.



A warm welcome to Debbie Gesell, Co-op's Young 5's teacher!

New Co-op T-Shirts are coming!



Show your support for Co-op with the best advertising possible—a Co-op T-shirt!

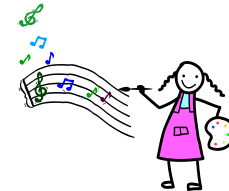
This year's shirt features a vibrant new design, based on the "PLAY. LEARN. GROW." theme. The shirts will be sapphire blue with light green print and will be available in sizes Youth XS through Adult XXL. (Adult XXXL is available in an alternate color shirt) Orders for the 2010-11 T-shirt will be accepted from Sept. 13-Sept. 24,

*What's the new design?!
Check chelseacoop.org
by August 15 for a preview!!*

and you will soon be able to download order forms from our CCA website. Families will also receive an order form

via email, and there will be a stack of forms available during the first week of school. A size chart will be included in your order form and also online.

The T-shirts are reasonably priced at \$12 each, and 5 or more T-shirts are \$10 each. So please consider ordering shirts for the whole family and help spread the word about our wonderful school!



Arts-Go-Round Registration opens Aug. 15

Arts-Go-Round is an extended day arts enrichment class for 4-5 year olds in partnership with Chelsea Center for the Arts. Designed with Co-op families in mind, enrolled Co-op students receive a substantial discount off of the public tuition rates for this series of classes. Children are able to enjoy opportunities in Music, Visual Art, Theatre, and Dance as part of this 12-week Friday series, running Oct. through

April. There is a Q & A section on the website, which answers many questions you may have regarding tuition, scholarship, assisting, and schedule details. Please visit the website at chelseacoop.org to get more information or contact CCA Director of Music and Co-op Publicity Chair, Lisa Hinz-Johnson at

lisahinz-johnson@gmail.com. With only

12 spots available in each of the 2 classes, AGR filled up lightning fast last year, and we expect a similar enrollment this year.

Interested parents are encouraged to register quickly on or after Aug. 15—you will be able to sign up to assist in the CCA office, as well. Spots will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis.

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At Chelsea Children's Cooperative Preschool, we believe it is 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.



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A final note from our Co-President

Happy summer to you, fellow Co-op Families!!

A month, or so, ago my three boys kept asking me when it was going to be summer "for real" and, "is it summer yet?" This past, hotter than hot, week, one of my boys said, "It's summer now, right mom?" Summer is definitely here!! I feel as though our summer has just begun and yet we are already gearing up for school to start in just 2 months!! This will be my family's fourth year with the Chelsea Co-op and I am so looking forward to this coming school year. I cannot imagine sending my children to any other preschool and am so excited to be part of the Co-op family as a parent, board member, and now a teacher's aide. I have learned so much about myself as a mom, a friend

and a wife through our wonderful teachers and awesome families who have come through the Co-op's doors over the past few years. I hope that each of you will take the many opportunities given this Summer and throughout the school year to meet and to get-to-know our teachers and the 65 families enrolled in the Co-op so that you can be as rewarded as I have. There are opportunities coming up to help with the Duckpond during SummerFest, the Trike-Pull during Fair week, the building of the float for the fair parade; there's also an open invite to weekly playdates at Pierce Park that will continue until preschool starts. Invite another family from your son's or daughter's class to the park or to your home for your own playdate! If these summer activities do not work

out with your family, no worries, there will be more to come. I hope that you all enjoy the rest of your summer with your friends and families and I cannot wait to see those of you I know and to meet those of you I don't! If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming school year I would love to hear from you. See you soon!!

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