

The DCP Bee

Delaware Cooperative Preschool



December 2014

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction Date Set

Mark your calendars to attend the 5th Annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 28th. This event is a great family gathering where DCP families come together to eat great chili, listen to music, visit with friends, and win some wonderful prizes.

The date will be coming up very soon and we need your help to make this event a success! This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and there are lots of ways to participate. The planning committee will be meeting in January to begin gathering auction items and planning out the food and entertainment. The date of this meeting will be scheduled soon and please plan to attend if you can.

But your first chance to help will be over winter break. If you receive some gifts that you will not use, or toys your kids will not play with, consider donating them for the silent auction. Don't think it's big enough for an auction item? We put many themed baskets together to be raffled and/or auctioned off so we are always looking for small items to put together. Examples of baskets might be a movie or games basket, arts and crafts basket, baby basket, chocolate basket, and we've had lots of other themes as well. Also, do you own a business or provide some type of service? Consider donating your services for the auction. Are you a secret chef in training? Maybe you could donate a dinner for four? Are you handy around the house? You could donate a few hours of handyman services to help someone with their "honey do" list. There are limitless possibilities for items and services for our auction.

The best part of the night? Not only do you have the potential of earning the coveted chili cook-off trophy, but every dollar we raise at this event is put right back into the classroom. This helps us provide Handwriting without Tears materials, new Montessori materials, new toys for the toddler room, and lots more. It's an exciting time to help plan a big school event and we appreciate any help you are able to provide. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Gorz at jenrejcha@yahoo.com.

Save the Dates!

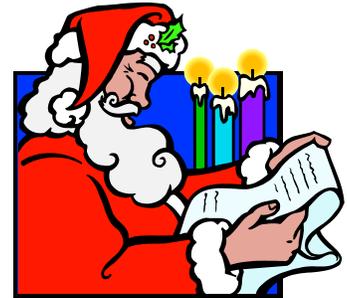
12/22-1/2 – No Classes for winter break

1/8 7pm – Board Meeting

1/15 6:30pm – General Membership Meeting

2/26 – DCP Open House

2/28 – DCP Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction



Important Deadlines

Second Tuition Payment was due Dec. 1st. There are 15 families who still need to pay their tuition. If you missed the deadline, please send in your tuition payment to the school ASAP. If you have questions about your payment, please contact our treasurer, Melanie Pitzen, at kinkermel@msn.com.

Updated Medical Statements Required by State

Christmas break would be a great time to get your child's medical statement updated! I've contacted the parents of the children whose medical statement has expired and need to send in an updated one. So if you haven't heard from me, don't worry about it. The State requires an **updated Medical Statement** every 13 months. Thanks!
Ms. Kristi

Simple Ways to Support DCP

-Kroger rewards - don't forget to sign up!

- Amazon Smile. Sign up and sign in with Smile Amazon in your search engine.

-Use Goodsearch as your search engine! We earn \$.01 for every search done under DCP's name! Also remember to use GoodShop when making purchases online. DCP will get a % of the amount spent!

- Save your inkjet cartridges and turn in at school! We turn in used inkjet cartridges to Office Max and get \$\$ to use toward office and school supplies.

-Delaware Community Market - a % of all purchases made go to DCP!

-Keep and eye out for Scholastic Book orders! This program is a great way for our teachers to earn free books and teaching aides for the classroom. Scholastics Books offers a variety of books in different forms (paperback vs. hardback) and bundles that may not be currently available in local bookstores, a great way to stock up for your child's library or to buy gifts.

-Collect Campbell's Soup Labels and turn them in next to the lockbox.

Are you interested in a board or committee chair position?

Are you interested in taking on a leadership role within the DCP community? If you are interested, please join in a board meeting, email communications@dcpkids.com, speak with any board members or committee chairs. Please remember that to be on the board, you need to have attended at least 2 board meetings. Elections will take place in late winter!

Each family shares in the business operation of the school. We need every child to have a family representative at the General Membership Meeting on January 15th.

The DCP Board wishes everyone a magical and happy holiday.

Thank you,
Janelle Blue, Shannon Brewster,
Sarah Glissman, Abby Kumpf, and
Melanie Pitzen



Scholastic and Kroger Rewards Update from Amy Madden

It was our largest order ever and we were able to get 7 FREE books for the classroom....without using any bonus points. The larger the order, the more books we can receive! So, I will do another order after winter break. Likely with January and February catalogs (for Valentine's Day).

This month's Kroger Rewards was the largest ever check at \$415. If you haven't signed up, please do. The Kroger link is www.kroger.com

2. Find the "Community" tab at the mid-top of the webpage
3. In the drop-down box, click on "Community Rewards"

Teaching at Home

Montessori Activity: Brushing Hair

Age: 12 months +

Items needed

mirror in which the child can see him/herself easily

child sized hair brush or comb

clips (for girls)

small basket or drawer - a special place for the child to have easy access with the brush

The Activity

Sit or stand in front of the mirror and take your own adult sized brush. To brush the right side of your head put left hand over the left side of the head and brush straight down your hair. Repeat on the other side placing left hand over right side of the head. Your arms will cross in front of your head. This is a way for the child to be able to see easily the different sides of the head. Brush your hair deliberately and slowly. After which you can then slowly place the brush back onto the basket. Let them have a turn if they have not asked yet!

<http://www.dailymontessori.com/montessori-activities,Nov.2, 2012>