

The DCP Bee

Delaware Cooperative Preschool

Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction Update

By Jen Gorz, DCP treasurer and Cook-off committee member

The DCP Fundraising committee has been hard at work planning the 2013 Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction. This year's event will be held on **March 9 from 5:30-7:30pm at Asbury United Methodist Church**. We encourage all families to attend and help make this fundraising event a success! If you have not shared in the Chili cook-off experience before, this is a great way to meet new families, have a good meal, win some great prizes, and have a fun-filled evening.

Each year we have several DCP members who make chili for the cook-off. Your ticket to this event entitles you to taste every one of those recipes and vote on your favorite. We've had some wonderful chili in the past and choosing one favorite can be a tough task. But the evening's winner takes home the coveted chili cook-off trophy and bragging rights for the entire year! April Chadwick and Rene Villanueva have been past winners. Will their chili hold out for first place again or will someone else steal the trophy? Come on March 9th to place your vote!

The second part of the evening's events will be a silent auction and raffle. The fundraising committee has begun collecting donations from area businesses to include in the auction. But we need your help too! If you own a business or provide a service and want to include it in the auction, we would gladly take your donation. Do you make jewelry? Donate a necklace and/or earrings. Is your husband a good handyman willing to donate a few hours? Did you get some Christmas gifts you know will not get used? Consider donating them for the auction! And please remember that DCP is non-profit so we can provide you with a receipt for any donations you make. In the past, auction items have included movie passes, gift baskets, spa services, collectable sports paraphernalia, Jewelry, babysitting services, and much, much more. You can score some great prizes for yourself at the auction!

Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at school. We will be asking our families to contribute to this fundraiser by making food donations, helping to set up and tear down, donating auction items, making chili for the cook-off and joining us for a fun evening.

The funds raised at the chili cook-off will go towards the purchase of educational and Montessori materials and supplies for both the preschool and toddler time classrooms. We appreciate all you have already done this year and know that your child's early education is important to you. The Chili cook-off and silent auction will help our teachers continue providing a unique and memorable learning environment.



January 2013

Save the Dates!

Board Meeting

Feb 13, 6:30pm Asbury UMC McCoy Rm

Enrollment for Current Members

February 14th

Parent/Student Outing at Colony Lanes

(451 Pennsylvania Ave) at 1:30 p.m. Friday
February 15th, 2013

General Membership Mtg

Feb. 21 6:30pm McCoy Room, Asbury
Attendance of at least one representative from each family is appreciated. At this meeting we will discuss important school decisions, gather input, and share information.

DCP Open House for Prospective Families

February 28th 6:30-8pm

Open Enrollment for Community

February 28th

DCP Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction

March 9 from 5:30-7:30pm at Asbury United Methodist Church



DCP students enjoy story time.

Looking for prospective DCP Board Members for 2013-2014 school year

By Jim Ambler, DCP Board President

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I am sure the children could not wait to get back to Linda, Anna Marie and Jen. We all look forward to the second half of the school year and what the teachers and Board has planned. The Board has been working on the Chili Cook-off/Silent Auction and the Yard Sale. We will be starting to plan the picnic and everyone's favorite topic: election of next year's Board members.

I would like to remind everyone that a requirement for becoming a Board member is to have attended some Board meetings. This is one reason for beginning the topic of elections this early. Anyone that may be interested has an opportunity to attend a Board meeting and see how the Board's roles and responsibilities are carried out. The success of the school program is always about the teachers, and we have the best, but the business of the school is handled by the Board. Over the past few years, there have been great improvements to simplify each of the Board positions. I encourage anyone that may be interested in a position, attend a Board meeting or talk to one of the Board members.

I would like to apologize for the delay in getting the Board meeting and General Meeting minutes posted. We are still need of a secretary, a role that I have also tried to fill. I will be getting the minutes typed and posted. I will be issuing an updated school calendar for the remainder of the year. Some dates have changed to accommodate church functions and provide more opportunities for our parents.

Thank you and welcome back.

Enrollment Season Begins!

By Gina Breglia, Business Chair

Mark your calendars, enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year will begin Feb 14th for current members. Open enrollment for community members will begin Feb 28th after the open house. Classes offered will be the same as this year with morning sessions available Monday - Friday and afternoon sessions available Tuesday and Thursday only.

There are a few changes being made this year to accommodate the afternoon schedule. 8 spots will be reserved for all day students on Tuesday and Thursday. The morning session will be capped at a maximum of 15 students. Afternoon is capped at a maximum of 12 students.

To enroll please fill out the enrollment form found at our web page <http://www.dcpkids.com/> and submit your \$60 membership fee. Spots can only be reserved with your membership fee and forms will not be accepted until after Feb 14th. There will be a place by the cubbies to put the completed forms.

Please help us spread the word about our **Open House** which is scheduled to be Thursday, Feb 28th from 6:30 to 8 pm. This is a chance for new parents and students to visit the school, talk to the teachers and sign up for classes. If you have any questions regarding enrollment please contact Gina Breglia at [740-707-6247](tel:740-707-6247).



Delaware Cooperative Preschool had their annual inspection on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. All went well. Thank you to everyone for providing updated and accurate paperwork.

Jennifer Bourget, Licensing Administrator

Please join us on the next Parent/Student Outing...

Let's kick the winter blues and go bowling!

Meet at Colony Lanes (451 Pennsylvania Ave) at 1:30 p.m.

Friday February 15th, 2013.

Cost is \$3.00 per person per game (shoe rental is included in this price).

Adults are welcome to bowl and it is suggested if you have a little one that might need help getting the ball down the lane.

Pay at the bowling alley. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the preschool classroom so we know how many to expect.

Questions? Call Mary at 368-9495

Cleaning Committee update

Change to previous cleaning committee note: Please note that the Toddler Time room may not be cleaned on Thursdays as announced earlier. Please check with the preschool teachers if you are cleaning on a Friday. Otherwise, let's just assume it will need cleaned. Again, please grab a friend or a spouse and choose a week to clean! Thanks so much to those who have volunteered!
Mindy Bodenhorn