

# NOD Newsletter

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A monthly publication for the parents and students of North Orchard-Delong Cooperative Preschool located at 4420 N 4 1st St, Tacoma, WA 98407. Website: <http://northorchardcoop.com>

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HELLO NOD FAMILIES!

## GET READY FOR SCHOOL



Photo by Emily Denyer

Teacher Diana is dutifully gathering art supplies for your budding young artists. Make way for colorful masterpieces on your fridge.

Summer is coming to an end faster than we want it to. It's time to get ready for the start of preschool. I'm so excited to get school started! I've been pouring over the teacher catalogs and gathering supplies. I have been making cubby tags and coming up with tons of fun ideas for us to do this year.

A friendly reminder, **we need all paperwork turned in before the first day of school.** I hope you have gone to the doctor for immunization forms or looked online at <https://wa.myir.net/login/> where you can now download and print immunization records from home. There are plenty of opportunities to drop off

paperwork before school starts. There are a couple more summer play dates during the month of August and I will bring extra paperwork to the park play dates so we can get ahead of the rush. The ice cream social and parent trainings are also good times to get paperwork turned in, or you can stop by the school and put it in our mailbox or tuition box.

We will continue this year on improving the outdoor play space. Over the summer NOD families volunteered and worked together watering our garden and keeping it looking nice. Many families signed up and helped take care of the garden for a week at a time throughout the summer. Thank you NOD families! I hope liked your garden weeks as much as I've loved watching the photos and hearing stories about the garden. Our preschool plot has produced some nice veggies. A few things have not grown so well but that's all science and a great thing to learn about how things grow, or not, and why? For example, those darn deer ate the sunflowers again (I think we need to figure out a small

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### BOARD MEETINGS

**Wednesday, August 14th & Wednesday, September 4th 6pm at the preschool**

Let's get this school year started! All are welcome to attend board meetings.

#### Ice Cream Social/ Open House

Friday, Sept 6th, 4:30-6:30

#### Parent Trainings

**(please attend one session)**

Wed, Sept 11th, 6-7:30 pm

Thurs, Sept 12th, 9:15-10:45 am

Fri, Sept 13th, 9:15-10:45 am

#### First Days of School

Mon, Sept 16th: 3/4's class

Tues, Sept 17th: 2/3's & Pre-K

#### Parent Orientation

Friday, Sept 19th, 7-9 pm

#### Trike-a-Thon Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept 28th

10am - 1pm

### PHONE NUMBERS

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**Pre-K Class Rep:**

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fence or something for next year). We will actually be planting some more seeds, lettuce, spinach and radishes for fall crops. We will continue growing things throughout the fall until we can't.

Something to keep in mind is I'm always looking for great natural materials to bring into the school and things found in nature are the best. I want your children and you to bring me anything cool, fun or unusual from nature anytime. You will hear me say this a lot throughout the year. So, start having nature walks with your children and bring in what you find. I can't wait to see what you bring our school this year.

The first few days or weeks of school can be a crazy whirlwind of information and new routines for you and your

child. Please remember new things can be scary and hard to adjust to especially for younger children. It may not go as smoothly as you hoped, and there might be a meltdown or two during this transition period. It's ok, things will calm down and you and your children will adjust. As we get more comfortable and understand the expectations things will work themselves out. Also never hesitate to ask questions. Sometimes information we just learned gets forgotten. Especially with all the upcoming trainings, the information can be overwhelming. During the first few weeks we try to have returning families parents at school to help new parents. We are all here to help your children learn and grow. We are a team and together we make a great school. Together we create a fun happy learning environment where children's ideas and thoughts grow as they learn how to

interact with others, problem solve and negotiate the preschool world. I want our parents, especially new families, to know it's ok to ask anything. We are here to help.

I'm so looking forward to the start of a wonderful preschool year! The month of September is busy. So please check online at our new updated and super cool website <http://northorchard-coop.com>, or join our Facebook pages. (We have a public page and private FB page to post photos we don't want to share with the world.) These places help us keep track of all the important upcoming dates, parent trainings, parent orientation, and upcoming first days of school for your children. Now is also a good time to figure out what extra jobs, committee and board positions you may be interested in.

- Teacher Diana



## Welcome !

I am excited to start my 20th year working at Bates Technical College and NOD. Here are a few FAQ's that I often get at the beginning of the school year.

### Why should I choose cooperative preschool?

The cooperative preschool experience allows you active participation in your child's early education. Your child receives encouragement to become a lifelong learner and you, as a parent, become a more confident teacher to support your child. Moreover, an important reason to choose co-op above other options is the community that is forged among parents and kids alike. Our flourishing community develops through working side-by-side in the classroom and fun and enrich-

ing events such as: special guest days, trunk or treat, school-wide picnics, fundraising events, and more! The bond created at NOD nurtures life-long friendships.

### How does NOD prepare my child for kindergarten?

Children gain the foundational framework for their future educational career. Further, they develop the social skills, self-help skills, confidence, and independence necessary for a successful transition to kindergarten. This includes, organized play, group participation, problem solving, peer and adult interaction, turn taking, asking for help, listening and following directions, lining up, cleaning up, hand washing, preparing for snack time, and much more.

### What are parent education credits?

NOD is affiliated with Bates Technical College to provide continuing education credits for parents and/or fami-

### SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES Thursdays starting at 10am \*\* means it's a splash park

Aug 8 - Franklin Park\*\*

Aug 15 - Jefferson Park\*\*

Aug 22 - Kandle Park\*\*

Aug 29 - Sunset Terrace Park

Sept 5 - Puget Park

ly members. Continuing education credits help you acquire parenting and family management skills, develop realistic age-appropriate expectations, and form knowledge of childhood behavior and growth.

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Options for attaining credits are:

- Meetings during school hours with a Bates College Child Studies Instructor (Parent Shares)
- Parent Education seminars and training sessions
- Fun family events scheduled throughout the year

**8 earned continuing education credits are required per family, per school year.**

I look forward to working with all the NOD families for this coming year, both new and returning. I am here as a resource for you. Please let me know if you any questions or have requests for particular parenting topics.

– Diana Stone



**Save the Date**  
**Gather Your Pledges**  
**It's the Annual NOD Preschool**  
**TRIKE-A-THON!**



**What:** The cutest, funnest fundraiser you have ever whit-nessed. Bring your child and their tricycle, bicycle, scooter or any form of wheels plus helmet. Children will attempt as many laps as they can around the local Sherman Elementary School track. We will set up a suddzy wash station for their wheels, a crafty make-your-own licence plate table and a bake sale. Now is the time to start asking friends and family for pledges. (Flat donations work best. Your child might not complete as many laps as you think.) See attached pledge form.

**Where:** Sherman Elementary School 4415 N 38th St. Tacoma (one block south of the preschool)

**When:** Saturday, September 28th, from 10am - 1pm

## Ongoing Fundraisers



### Amazon Smile

You don't have to sign up for anything new. Just link your current Amazon account through AmazonSmile and 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases go to support NOD.



### Primary.com

Shop Primary with our school's unique link below and 10%-15% of that sale goes directly back to our school. Plus new customers get 2 0% off first order with code: NODCOOP



### Fred Meyer

#### Community Rewards

Apply for a rewards card and let them know online that you want **NOD Preschool** to be your charity of choice.

Click on the logos to sign up and start shopping

