

NOD Newsletter

A monthly publication for the parents and students of North Orchard-Delong Cooperative Preschool
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Happy New Year!



Photo credit: Teacher Diana

The end of the year cookie parties were a yummy and special treat for each class.

Hello from Teacher Diana

Happy new year everyone! I hope that 2020 brings you peace, good health and happiness. Last month was a whirlwind of fun. Our Nourish, Nativity house and Tacoma Toy Rescue drive went so well. We collected lots of clothing, toys and food! We raised 4 large barrels of food supplies and toys. Your generosity was huge. Thank you everyone for helping this be a success.

The cookie parties were a blast. Lots of icing, sprinkles, and cookies. Yummy fun and a great way to end our year.

The field trip to the science dome was super intriguing. Learning about weather on our planet and the other planets in our solar system. I like the way they did science experiments in between the fun facts. We learned that there's pink snow on Pluto. Lots of friends came and it was a fun day.

The children made cookie ornaments before the winter break. They enjoyed painting them so much. They really worked hard. We enjoyed singing with bells and hoping for snow to fall. So far it's just been lots of rain. Which makes for great puddle jumping and trench digging to move the water around on the playground.

With the new year starting I need to remind everyone we do try to go outside every day. Even in cold weather. I will cut our time and exposure down by shortening our outside time down some during really cold days or wet days, but we will still go outside. So, bring hats, warm jackets and warm boots for your children to wear when we go out please. I have extra mittens and gloves at school as well for the children to borrow as needed.

Mark your calendars January 25th is Winterfest. Look for announcements from the Winterfest committee about times and details of this fun family event!

Our school auction is getting closer and now is a great time to get your families procurement commitments started. It will come fast now. We hope everyone can find the time and figure out when they can get their items to school or to the auction committee.

Just a quick note about play. We play every day at NOD and it is our main objective that children learn through play. Children's play is more than just fun and games. It is closely linked to children's intellectual, social, emotion-

IMPORTANT DATES

Auction Committee Meeting
 Monday, January 6th, 5:30pm
 at the preschool

Board Meeting
 Wednesday, January 8th, 6pm
 at the preschool

Winterfest
 Saturday, January 25th
 at the preschool

AUCTION SAVE THE DATE
 Friday, March 20th

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al, and physical progress and growth. Child-initiated play lays the foundation of learning. Through play, children learn to interact with others, to recognize and solve problems, and to feel the sense of mastery that results from trying and accomplishing a new task. In short, play helps children make sense of and find their own place in the physical and social world. That's why we play every day at NOD and I hope you find time in your own home and life to play too. It's not just important to children's growth but also beneficial for adults as well. It keeps us young, it relieves our brains of stress, and it makes life fun. And perhaps you might learn something new too along the way.

So, I hope 2020 is full of play, learning, wonder and fun for all of us here at NOD co-op preschool big and small.

Thanks, Teacher Diana

☀️ SPECIAL THANKS!

To everyone for contributing to our Food, Warmth and Toy Drive! It was a big success helping so many families in our community.

To everyone procuring those auction items and sponsorships! Every lit bit helps toward our most important fundraiser of the year. And to all of our auction committee members getting ready for the big event. Especially our chairs Leigh Hensley Seesz and Cara Brebner.

To Teacher Diana and Diana Stone for teaching our kids and us as well. We really appreciate you, the heart and soul of our school.

To absolutely everyone for helping make our school great for our kids!

AUCTION UPDATE

The auction committee is kicking things into high gear as we start the New Year! We ask that all families continue to do as much as they can to help procure auction items and sponsorships!

With only 3 short months until the event, we still have a lot of work to do. Starting this month the auction committee will be meeting every other week. There will be several tasks and auction related jobs coming up soon that we will need your help with!

Our next auction meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6th at 5:30pm, at the school. All are welcome to join us and help make this a successful event!

January Procurement Focus: Reach out to as many local businesses as possible and utilize social media in your procurement efforts!

Please reach out to you class auction representative with any questions
2/3's – Celena, 3/4's – Leigh and Pre-K - Cara

SNOW PLAN



NOD follows the Tacoma Public School schedule for inclement weather. If Tacoma Public Schools are running late then our morning classes will be canceled. If they are closed for the day, we will be closed as well. Teacher Diana and our class reps will try to get the work out if our classes are canceled. Check Band and text messages on snowy days.

NOD'S ONGOING FUNDRAISERS



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