

NOD Newsletter

A monthly publication for the parents and students of North Orchard-Delong Cooperative Preschool
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Autumn has Arrived!



Photo credit: Teacher Diana

Children peek in on baby chicks at the Spooner Farm field trip. Learning first hand about farm animals was a fun part of the pumpkin patch experience.

Hello from Teacher Diana

The month of October flew by so quickly. We spent time exploring leaves, gourds, and pumpkins. We enjoyed exploring the pumpkins up close and learned many things about them. They come in many sizes, colors, and shapes. Some pumpkins are smooth others are rough. Pumpkins grow from seeds and on vines. Inside pumpkins are guts and seeds. You can cook the seeds and eat them. You can hammer nails (golf tees) in pumpkins. So much fun learning about pumpkins!

We also created art with leaves. The children noticed leaves come in many shapes colors and sizes. The fall weather changes leaves from

green into many colors orange, brown, yellow, purple, and red. Our leaf exploration was almost as exciting as exploring pumpkins.

I have asked the children to bring in nature's treasures and they have been bringing in all kinds of things they have found on their walks outside. We've added rocks, chestnuts, acorns, seashells, driftwood, pine cones, and leaves to our nature treasures. I thought it was interesting all the different things the children brought in. I hope it continues.

Each month I take time to talk about the different things I feel are important about preschool. This month it's social skills and conflict that I want to focus on. Learning how to share,

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Shares

Tuesday, November 12th and
Wednesday, November 13th
During class times at the preschool

Zoo Field Trip

Point Defiance ZOO & Aquarium
Thursday, Nov 14th, 10am

Ornament Workshop

Spun Pottery Studio
Saturday, Nov 16th,
3:30-6pm drop in

Auction Committee Meeting

Monday, November 18th, 5pm
At the preschool

Stone Soup

At the preschool
2/3's Thursday, Nov 21st, 10:45am
3/4's Friday, Nov 22nd, 11am
Pre-K, Friday, Nov 22nd, 2:30pm

Thanksgiving Break - No School

Wed, Nov, 27th - Fri, Nov, 29th

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ask for things you want and waiting are not easy. It takes time to learn how and repetition with practice. Doing these tasks creates conflict. The classroom might be the first time these children have tried to share, take turns and use their words to ask for something they want. It's much much easier to take the toy you want. But it creates conflict when you take a toy someone else was using. Although as grown ups we don't like conflict, we avoid conflict, we quickly solve and come up with solutions for any conflicts. In the classroom we need to let our children try to learn how to work through their conflicts. Not by doing what needs to be done and taking over when conflict occurs but by offering solutions, teaching children how to trade, wait for a turn or find something else to do while waiting for their turn. Modeling with another adult how to share and pretending are great ways to help children learn how. Social skills are not easy for all children some need more practice and coaching then other

children. But it's so important for children's eventual success for them to practice and learn how to socialize with others. Collaboration, sharing, and learning how to resolve conflicts are skills we all need in school and in life. This is what we spend the bulk of our day on, learning how to be a friend is not easy. Our children at school will have good days and hard ones. But with lots of practice they all will be successful.

Our first field-trip to the pumpkin patch was great. The children had so much fun riding in the wagon. They learned about bats, and that pumpkins float. They played at the children's farm practicing milking a cow, there were chickens, turkeys, bunnies, Ginny hens, and baby piglets. And they picked out pumpkins to take home.

In November we will be making and eating Stone Soup before thanksgiving break in all our classes. The stone soup activity really brings the value and importance of everyone

contributing and working together to make something special. I will have a sign-up sheet for every class with items that the children can bring in and contribute to the soup meal. We will cook the soup the day before in a Crockpot and eat together with everyone. Parents and siblings are invited to join our feast. We will eat stone soup on Thursday and Friday November 21-22 during class times. I will send out more info as we get closer to the date.

With the weather getting wetter, please make sure children have coats with hood and boots for the yucky muddy playground do wet weather.

Also if you ever have questions, concerns, or info you need to talk to me about please call or email me anytime. Or if your child is sick or unable to come to school or running late please let me know via text. My phone #253-961-1825 my email, dianawendlandt@yahoo.com

Thank you, Teacher Diana



FIELD TRIP
Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium
Tacoma Resident Free Day!
Thursday, November 14th, 10am

You need proof of residency in Tacoma to get in free. If you live outside of Tacoma and do not have a membership, let Jenny Lantz know so that we can coordinate NOD parents who have memberships and get visitors in for free with anyone who needs entry.

Meet: 10:00 am by the Walrus in front of the entrance. We can explore together or in smaller groups, and meet up at 11:45 for the 12:00 Wild Wonder's Outdoor Show. If you arrive late, feel free to text teacher Diana, or Jenny Lantz at 253-792-1077 to meet up with the group!

You're welcome to bring snacks and a lunch.

Please note, as winter approaches we might be in for some snowy days. NOD follows the Tacoma Public School schedule for inclement weather. So tune in to the news on frosty mornings. 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.



Make Your Own Ornament Workshop
Spun Pottery Studio
1307 Martin Luther King Junior Way
Saturday, November 16th
3:30-6:00 drop in



Come and make ornaments with us! This will be in addition to the regular monthly field trip. We did this last year and it was a great way to make holiday keepsakes for yourselves or gifts for family!

Register on their website at this link to reserve your spot and pay in advance. Space is limited so register soon to save your spots!
<https://www.spuntacoma.com/book-online/ornaments>

\$15 for 2 ornaments, extra 2 can be purchased day of for additional \$5.



Sharing the Resources

By fellow parent, Erin Morrison

Hi families! I'd like to take a moment to talk about one of the free resources available to all of us as members of a Bates-affiliated cooperative preschool -- the Resource Center!

The Resource Center is located at the Bates South campus, inside Building E, in room 120. It's a space full of helpful resources for both teachers and parents. There are physical resources we as parents can make use of, including huge rolls of paper, a comb binding machine for making books, two laminating machines that staff are happy to help operate, and a massive die cut shape library you can use with their presses.

The Resource Center also has all sorts of examples and displays accompanied by handouts that fit the theme which changes quarterly. The current theme, "The language of visual art," will run through December 5th. Stop by to see ideas for art you can make with your kids with all kinds of unconventional materials. I just picked up instructions for making erupting baking soda paint which I'm excited to try with my boys.

The Resource Center is open most Tuesdays from 3:30 - 7 pm,

Thursdays from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm,

Fridays from 9 - 11 am, and

Saturdays from 9 am - 3 pm.

For holiday closures check the calendar included in your orientation packet, or call the Child Studies department at 253-680-7525.

Please be aware that for safety reasons children are not allowed inside the Resource Center.

The South Campus is located at 2201 S 78th St., Just off I-5 exit 129.



Get Your Fresh Auction Ideas

It's that time of year to start thinking about what you would like to donate to the annual NOD auction. Last year, one NOD family donated 2 fishing trips on the high seas! The hot Coho Salmon action took place in late August in Sekiu, Washington. Plenty of salmon were caught but more importantly, everyone had a great time! So instead of only thinking of "things" you can donate, don't forget you can donate experiences too and probably make some new friends to boot.

THANK YOU!

Trike-a-Thon raised \$2k!

Wreath Fundraiser made big bucks!

Harvest Fest was a blast!

NOD's ONGOING FUNDRAISERS



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