

NOD Newsletter

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A monthly publication for the parents and students of North Orchard-Delong Cooperative Preschool
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HELLO NOD FAMILIES!

LET LEARNING BEGIN



Photo from Wikipedia

Sunflowers are in our syllabus. NOD students will be taking an up close look at the seeds and patterns in these natural wonders.

During the month of September, the children will start to learn the classroom routine. They will start to become friends with new and returning students. They will be exploring the classroom and materials in the school, learning how to ask for things and ask for help. The children will start to settle in and our parent helpers will also be-

come more comfortable in the class as well as we all learn the routines. We forget that not only are our children here new but our helper parents are new as well! There will be a lot of learning happening for everyone!

Remember tears are normal at farewell time. Now is time to start conversations

and help remind children that mommies, daddies and families always come back. We are also here to help ease those transitions and make those times less hectic for all. Please allow your children and yourself some time to start this new transition at our school but remember tears are OK. Big feelings are OK. We're all here to help each other learn and grow.

I have many fun lessons planned. The children will have the opportunity this month to take a closer look at giant sunflowers. We will be pulling out seeds with tweezers, looking at the lines in the sunflower seeds through magnifying glasses and seeing up close the patterns in the sunflowers as well. I hope they also enjoy listening to the story of Pete the Cat. I have the book, the flannel board and story rocks that will help them learn this story. It's a fun jivy story and will quickly become a classic on your home shelf. I will be talking to the children about nature's treasures and I hope they will be encouraged to bring in some interesting things for us to look at. We've seen some chestnuts and acorns in the past and

IMPORTANT DATES

BOARD MEETING
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
Thursday, Sept 19th, 7-9 pm

Trike-a-Thon Fundraiser
Saturday, Sept 28th
10am - 1pm

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the weather is beautiful this time of year so it's easy to find lots more nature treasures. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help our classroom become more interesting.

I'm working on our September/October field trip right now. I have contacted Wild Hare Organic Farm. I was hoping to have details ready before this newsletter, but I have not got enough information yet to pass on. I'm just waiting to hear back and then I will give everyone details as soon as I know where and when and if there's a cost.

I'm excited to get our year started and remind everyone that children

learn best when they learn through play. We will continue to explore natural things that the children bring in and start to look at pumpkins. I would like to ask a couple of interested parents in each class to possibly help me come up with some fun Halloween ideas too for our harvest fest and possible classroom parties. Maybe help me plan some fun activities. Interested parents just need to talk with me before or after class and we can plan some fun.

- Teacher Diana

P.S. Here's my phone number, I appreciate if you can text a quick note if your child is sick and cannot make

it to school. Please respect that I only answer my phone from 7am to 9pm. #253-961-1825

Also, here's my email address:

dianawendlandt@yahoo.com

I check my email several times a day so if you leave me a message, I will try to get back with you as soon as possible.

One Last...
SUMMER PARK PLAY DATE
(psst... a good chance to get your paperwork in)

Thursday, Sept 5th
Puget Park - 10am

Hello NOD Families!

My name is Celena Kathan and I am the 2-3 Class Rep this year. This is our 3rd year in the NOD family with Josie in the Pre-K class and Finn starting out in the 2-3 class. You should have gotten a Welcome Email from me a couple of days ago—please let me know if you did not receive it. I know it is A LOT of information so please reach out if you are feeling overwhelmed or confused at all. Remember we are a community here at NOD and are all navigating this early childhood education/pre-school co-op process together.

In order for your child to start school in September you must submit your child's immunization record by the first day of school. Please also make sure your child's immunizations are up to date. If your child's records are in Washington State (and your doctor has updated their system!), you can use this link to access your child's records for an easy online record that you can then print and bring the school.

<https://wa.myir.net/>

- Celena Kathan

Back to School Checklist

- Fill out and turn in all registration paperwork
- Turn in updated immune records (see <https://wa.myir.net>)
- Log into Jovial and pay tuition and fees (see email from treasurer)
- Sign up for class helper shifts with your class rep
- Attend a parent training session **and** the parent orientation
- Bookmark the NOD website (<http://northorchardcoop.com>)
- Have fun and don't be afraid to ask questions ;)



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



What: The cutest, funnest fundraiser you have ever witnessed. 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 suddy wash station for their wheels, a crafty make-your-own license 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