

September 2017

# NOD Newsletter

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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## Important Dates

**Park play date September 7, Thursday at 10am** at Jane Clark Park

**Ice Cream Social & Open House September 9, Saturday from 4:30 - 6:30pm at the school.** Enjoy some ice cream with other NOD families and Board Members.

### **MANDATORY Training at the school. No children.**

Every parent, guardian or relative who will be working in the classroom must go through training! Please choose one date to attend from the following:

**September 12,** Tuesday 6 - 7 pm

**September 13,** Wednesday 9:15 am - 10:15am

**September 14,** Thursday 9:15 am - 10:15am

**Board Meeting September 14, Thursday 6 pm** at school.

### **MANDATORY Orientation at the school. No children.**

One person from every family must attend.

**September 21,** Thursday 7 - 9 pm

### **Trike-a-Thon & Bake Sale September 30, Saturday from 10 am-1pm.**

Bring bikes and baked goods to Sherman Elementary. Pledge sheets and bake sale sign up available at orientation.

### Phone numbers

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HELLO NOD FAMILIES!

## Come together to celebrate new school beginnings

Summer is coming to an end faster than we want it too. Its time to start getting ready for the start of preschool. I hope you have gone to the doctors for the immunization forms or looked on line on <http://wa.myir.net/login/> you can now download and print immunization records from home. **All paperwork must be turned in before the first day of school.** There are plenty of opportunities to drop off paperwork before school starts. Our last play date is September 7th at 10am at Jane Clark Park. We also invite you to turn in paperwork at the Ice Cream Social/Open House on Saturday September 9th between 4:30-6:30pm. I will try to be available in the mornings from now until school starts 9am-1pm so you can drop off paperwork then as well. My number is listed on the right side if you need to contact me for any reason.

I'm so excited to get school started! I've been pouring over the teacher supply catalogs and gathering supplies for the start of school. Making cubby tags, and coming up with tons of fun ideas for us to do this



Fable, Arya and alumna Scarlett enjoyed the newly fenced playground at Bethany Church's picnic Sunday, August 27.

year.

Our NOD families volunteered and worked together with the church to build a fence for the playground space. This was much needed improvement and is very appreciated. We will enjoy having a safer fun space for the children to play without fear of escaping!

Our preschool garden plot has produced some nice veggies and a few things have not grown so well but that's all science and a great thing to learn about how things grown. Many families signed up and help take care of the garden for a week at a time. Thank you! I hope liked

your garden weeks as much as I've loved watching the photos and hearing stories about the garden. We will be planting some more seeds when school starts: lettuce, spinach, radishes, can be planted for fall crops. So we will be continuing growing things throughout the fall.

I'm always looking for 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, unusual from nature anytime. You will hear me say this a lot

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throughout the year. So start having nature walks with your children and bring in what you find. I look forward to seeing what you bring our school.

The first few days, 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, 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.

Please 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 out new parents. We are all here

to help your children learn and grow. We are a team and together we make a great school. A fun happy learning environment where children's ideas and thought grow as they learn how to interact with others and 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.

The month of September is busy please check online at our new updated and super cool website <http://northorchardcoop.com> and join or Facebook pages (we have a public [business](#) page and [private group](#) page to post photos we don't want to share with the world) to help keep track of all the important upcoming dates. Now is also a good time to

figure out what extra jobs, committee and board positions you may be interested in. You as parents run this school, so the more you put in, the better we can be!

Teacher Diana

## 2017-2018 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Please consider signing up for the executive board.

E-mail Bates Director Diana Stone at [dstone@bates.ctc.edu](mailto:dstone@bates.ctc.edu) for more information about the following positions:

PRESIDENT/CO-PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY

## AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello NOD! It's that time of year again! NO not school time, AUCTION time!! Last year was our best year yet and my goal is to do it again this year! So if you have a creative flair, a knack for planning, or have resources that would benefit our school and your child, joining the Auction Committee.

We will meet once a month starting in October. A Sign Up sheet will be available at Parent Orientation or you can contact me directly at our new NOD Auction email or via phone!

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## Jovial: Your parent portal

We are excited to be adopting Jovial, a new web-based program for cooperative preschools! Jovial tracks enrollment, tuition and fees, and more on a family-centered model. Written and developed by a computer guru who wanted to simplify his job as Treasurer at his co-op preschool in California, it quickly took off as it filled a need for co-ops across the country. I'm super psyched about it streamlining Treasurer and Membership tasks, and offering an easy and secure way to offer families the option (at last!) to pay tuition by credit card or bank draft.

Every month each NOD family will receive an email with a hyperlink to their personal Family Portal on Jovial (no password – just a link that works for 30 days). From the portal you can look at current balance due (plus billing history and future charges). Class roster will be available from the portal as well. A school-wide Calendar feature is in development and should be up and running soon.

Look for a "Welcome to Jovial" email in your inbox soon, and please contact me, your friendly Treasurer, with any questions you have.

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