

BHCP NEWS

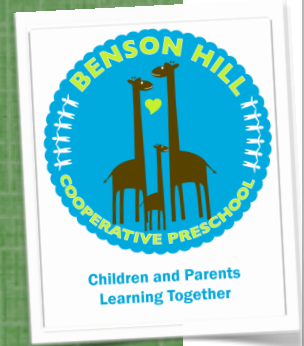
FALL/WINTER 2011

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * 12/20/11 - ORDER BHCP T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS
- * 1/9/2012 - BOARD MEETING AT THE SCHOOL.
OPEN INVITATION TO ALL CO-OP MEMBERS.
- * 1/12/2012 - THURSDAY 2'S CLEANING NIGHT



GET EXCITED ABOUT FUNDRAISING!

Fundraising in this economy can be a daunting task!

Many parents have found creative ways to fundraise for BHCP. This month Emily Paraskeva shares how she achieves her fundraising goal.

"Last year I met the entire \$150 goal by shopping online for things I buy ANYWAY. Seriously. In 3 years, I have made close to \$500 for our school buying my regular household goods.

Before you buy anything from amazon, diapers.com, drugstore.com, stride rite, pottery barn, macy's, nordstrom etc etc etc, simply go to onecause.com first and click on the retailer from there. If you have not set up an account with onecause, do it today. It

takes 3 minutes and you will not be bombarded with junk email. (You will occasionally get a few great offers.) The percentage of your order that is credited to BHCP from each retailer varies. I made a purchase this week and the retailer contributed 8% back to Benson Hill. Amazon's contribution is 2%, which does not seem like a lot, but each 40 cent increment adds up. It could add up to far more than you imagine by April, which can save you writing a check at the end of the school year. This works even if you are ordering online and having items shipped far away (think holiday gifts). There are many more participating retailers than I mentioned...those are just my favorites.

You do not have to keep track of these contributions. One cause sends a check every few months to Benson Hill and your

wonderful executive fundraisers or one of their appointees will do the tally work for you. It could not be easier. Whether you shop online daily, like me, because you do not want to take your

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children into a store for any reason, or once in a while ...it will still help our school, and your family.

JOIN THE TEAM !!

Everyone is part of the **fundraising** team!!
This year our executive Fundraisers are
Maria Estigoy and Kristina Jordan.

In addition, each class has a parent who is in charge of communicating fundraising opportunities to the class. If you have any fundraising ideas please contact one of these parents.



ANNUAL AUCTION UPDATE

Save April 28, 2012 as the date for the annual BHCP auction. Some volunteers are checking to see if we can get the church for May 5 or May 12. Tentatively mark out those weekends for now. It is a super fun event and should not be missed! Also note that is not necessary to pay a sitter if both parents are not into the auction scene.

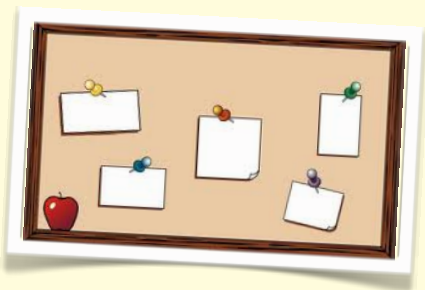
Also, be thinking of any businesses that you think might be willing to donate something to our auction. Your hairdresser, massage therapist, manicurist? Also, Restaurants or Bakeries which you frequent.

CO-OP FAMILIES RAISE \$430 FOR PAC SCHOLARSHIPS!!!!

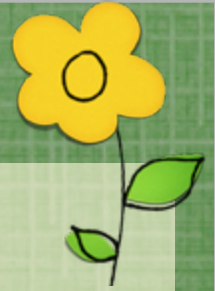
Your current PAC (Parent Advisory Council) focuses on fundraising and scholarships in order to make sure that all families in our community have the option of choosing a cooperative experience for their children. The funds raised help to provide scholarships and alleviate some of the financial burden on struggling families. Currently PAC awards scholarships of up to 1/4 of the GRCC tuition for Co-op families facing financial difficulties.

New Fundraising Bulletin Board

The bulletin board over the fish tank is the new space for the Fundraising Team to keep families apprised of upcoming fundraising events. Thank you to the teachers for sharing their bulletin board space!



****Special Person Awards****



EXTRA SPECIAL PEOPLE

*Joanne Garrott and her mom, Judy Frese, for thoroughly cleaning the older class classrooms.

*Carpinito Family for donating and delivering pumpkins for our classrooms and hay bales for the playground.

*Aaron Jensen, for hooking up the children's water pump outside.

*Desiree Colborn, for sewing the sit-upons for the Pre-K class.

*Amy Smith, who helped created the t-shirt order form.

*Lesley Robinett, for fixing the fish tank.

SPECIAL THANKS!

For attending class cleaning night on 11/10/2011, Courtney Johnson, Duncan McManus, Lesley Robinett, Jerusalem Gebrekidan, Amy Plumlee, and Leslie Dixon

For attending class cleaning night on 10/13/2011; JESSICA VALENCIA, Andrew Schmelzer, Natasha Walker, Aaron Jensen, Vanessa Lopez, Steve Elmendorf, Jolene Irons, Nguyen Staley, Desiree Colborn, Lindsey Goodman.

To BHCP family, Jeremy and Noni Wilson for spear heading the recent PAC fundraiser. The Wilson's donated Seahawks tickets and media guide! Jeremy's brother donated Root Sports Caps which made 9 winners in all!

Fundraising Keeps BHCP Growing Strong!

BHCP's financial strength has enabled the preschool to continually enhance the learning environment for the children. The dollars raised through fundraising make up about one quarter of the school's budget. As a non-profit school, we rely on this income to help purchase supplies and equipment and to pay operational expenses.

As a BHCP parent, you have a responsibility to meet the following annual fundraising requirement: \$100 per child or \$150 per family of two or more children.

There are a number of different options for you to meet your obligation. Participate in fundraising events, such as **Poinsettia and wreath sales (late Fall); Hop-A-Thon (February); and Raffle tickets at the all-school auction (Spring).** You can also donate money directly to BHCP or Donate through your company's United Way campaign.

If you have questions about your fundraising requirement please contact the Executive Fundraisers: Maria Estigoy or Kristina Jordan.

Welcome to our 2011/2012 BHCP Board!

Director: Stephanie Ly

Co-Director: Nicole Schlutt

Secretary: Lisa Templeton

Registrars: Michele Duppenthaler and
Misty Carpinito

Treasurer: Noni Wilson and
Amy Plumlee

Fundraisers: Maria Estigoy and
Kristina Jordan

Marketing: Faith Gallegos

Health and Safety: Jennifer Linstad

Class Chairs

Toddler: Louise Culham

Wednesday Twos: Emily Paraskeva

Thursday Twos: Jesma Greenstein

Threes: Auri Burtis

PreK/Explorers: Lindsey Goodman

All-School Positions

Housekeeper: Katie Hardin

Buyer: Patricia Hu

Librarian: Courtney Johnson

Communications Coordinator:
Fuchsia Dulan

Teachers

Toddlers & Two's: Kristin Hansen

Three's and Pre-K/Explorers: Joanne
Garrott

Parent Educator: Bonnie Lee Cleverdon



Benson Hill Co-op Preschool Cleaning Calendar 2011-2012

CLASS	DATE	TIME
Pre-K/Explorers	10/13/2011	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Threes	11/10/2011	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Thursday 2s	1/12/2012	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Toddlers	2/9/2012	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday 2s	3/8/2012	7:00 - 9:00 PM
MAKE-UP DAY	4/9/2012	7:00 - 9:00 PM

Don't worry if you missed your cleaning day! Simply choose another class cleaning day as your make-up day.

*If you cannot attend your scheduled cleaning day or the scheduled make-up day, please notify your will be asked to choose make-up day. Cleaning you have one child in class, you are required contact your class chair



class chair as soon as possible. You another class' cleaning day as your days are counted per student (i.e. if the 2s class and one in the Pre-K to attend both cleanings). Please if you have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vanessa, Amy and Leslie who all won a \$5 Starbucks gift card door prize at the cleaning nights!

SPECIAL ATTENTION....

Parking at BHCP

When you arrive at school for class or meetings, you can park anywhere in the front parking lot. However, please do not block the garbage dumpsters by the basketball court or the area that is reserved for church staff parking (marked with a red curb), or the first two parking spaces closest to the school entrance.

BHCP Communication

Each family will have a mail slot in the parent work room. This will be a primary way for you to receive information from the school. Please check it after every class.

Most classes will also rely on e-mail to communicate. Your class chair will let you know how your class will relay information.

Tuition

\$

Remember that tuition payments are due on the 5th of each month. You can put a payment in the tuition lockbox, pay by Paypal, or mail it to the school PO Box at:

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

FREE

- Story Time at the Library
- Mall Play areas: Southcenter Mall (Tukwila), Bellevue Square, SuperMall (Auburn), The Commons (Federal Way)
- Indoor walking at the Showare Center. (9 - 11 am on Mon. & Wed.)
- Play area at IKEA in Renton. (Ages 3+)
- Play area in McDonalds at 10715 SE 240TH ST
- Ride the carousel in Town Square Plaza on the corner of 2nd Avenue and Harrison Street in downtown Kent. (Free but suggested donation is \$1)
- Attend a church Christmas Program (various churches in the area)
- Build a Snowman or go sledding.

FOR A FEE

- Kids Quest Museum in Factoria (\$7, free for all ages the first Friday of each month from 5 to 8.)
- Ice Skating at Kent Valley Ice Center (\$8, \$3.20 skate rental, 3 and under free)
- See a Thunderbirds Hockey Game at Showare Center (\$16 to \$40)
- Go Swimming at the Federal Way Community Center. (\$4 - \$8)
- Sit by the fire and enjoy hot chocolate at Kent Station. (\$2+)



T-Shirts & Sweatshirts Now Available To Order

Benson Hill Co-op T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available in youth and adult sizes! What a great way to show school spirit and to get the word out about our great pre-school! The items available are either in black or white and have the Benson Hill logo on them.

*****Order Deadline is 12/20/2011*****

Make checks out to BHCP and return with form to Faith/Ava Galleos mailbox



ADDITIONAL PARENT CLASSES

The toddler and two's classes are invited to the monthly parent education classes held on Monday evenings at Kent station geared for the 3's and Pre-K classes.

PLEASE REMEMBER... there are no children allowed at the Kent station green river campus, not even nursing babies, so please plan accordingly if you plan to attend any of these sessions.

****New Enrollment Procedure for Winter Quarter at GRCC****

To register for winter quarter at GRCC Co-op parents will call Mary Singer, the registrar, at _____. After speaking with Mary she will connect you with the Cashier's office for credit card payment. Other payment options are: pay online through the GRCC website or mail a check. Bonnie will send an email to Class chairs to remind parents of the new registration procedures.

***GRCC CREDIT *** GRCC CREDIT ***

GRCC fall quarter tuition was \$28 rather than the \$30 most people paid. The difference will appear as a credit on your account with GRCC.