

# Notes

# From the Playground



Community Cooperative Preschool

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AM 8:45 to 11:30 PM 12:45-3:30



Dear CCNS Families,

This is our final letter as the CCNS executive board presidents. The next letter from the presidents will be from Jenn Adler-Quirk and David Quirk. The name of the school will be changed to Community Cooperative Preschool (CCP), and our new home will be on Main Street in North Andover at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It has been such a pleasure for us to be a part of our beloved school's transition. All that we have accomplished this year would not have been possible without the tireless energy of so many people. From our teachers, to executive board members, to committee chairs, to the many parents who have made their own individual contributions on a day-to-day basis, we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize one individual, in particular. Karen Lunny has been an active at-large board member, hospitality committee member, relocation committee member, editor of the newsletter, and most recently the developer of our new website, [www.communitycooperativepreschool.org](http://www.communitycooperativepreschool.org). The list of her contributions goes on. We have been amazed each time Karen has offered to take on a new task because many have required great organization and follow-up. For example, each month for this newsletter she has gently reminded contributors (especially Steve) that their section was due. We have also been relieved because we knew that the job would get done so competently. Enough cannot be said about how valuable Karen has been to our organization this year. We are so fortunate that she is staying for another year. Thank you Karen for your hours of dedication!

Onward! This Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual beach trip. At this writing it appears that the weather will be nice. What luck! Because so many families will be represented, it was suggested, and we agree, that we should hold our final Corporation Meeting during this trip. It will be a short meeting to receive end-of-year reports and to look at some adjustments we have had to make to the budget since the last meeting. We look forward to seeing you all on the trip.

Now that we have signed the lease with St Paul's, the new board will be setting up a work schedule to allow for our fall work weekend of August 20th. Current families and new families will be asked to help in whatever ways are possible as we prepare the school for next year. This is such an exciting time! The board is grappling with the tough renovation budget issues. Many are already working behind the scenes. We know the school will be beautiful when we open in the fall.

We'll see you this summer with rollers and paint brushes. After that we'll be returning to CCP in the fall of 2006 with our daughter, Mia.

All our best,

Steve Hylan and Lise Knakkegaard  
978-794-3331

## Get Your CCP Summer News in Two Ways...

The first version of our website is done: [www.communitycooperativepreschool.org](http://www.communitycooperativepreschool.org).

Although it's a work in progress, we are using it right now for two important functions: (1) recruiting new families for 2005-2006 and beyond, and (2) keeping both incoming and returning families informed about our busy summer ahead. If you don't have internet access, you can still receive updates through a special July-August issue of this newsletter. Send newsletter and website information and updates this summer to Karen Lunny, [klunny@comcast.net](mailto:klunny@comcast.net), 978-682-1583.



## From the Teachers...

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for a wonderful school year. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of our new children and watching our returning children grow. It has been a year of incredible growth for all of the children as they have explored and discovered throughout the classroom.

The Co-op experience is only as good as the families enrolled from year to year. We appreciate all of the hard work that each family put into the school. Parent assists, in particular, were extremely helpful, dedicated, and engaged. This allowed the teachers plenty of one-on-one time with every child. It also prevented many behavioral issues common to preschool-aged children from

surfacing. The children were provided a fun, safe, loving, positive environment. It is under these conditions that learning takes place. We are grateful for the success of this school year.

In addition, we would like to thank our executive board members for all of their hard work, dedication, and support as we prepare for our move to St. Paul's.

Wishing all of you a safe and enjoyable summer,

—Karen, LouAnn, and Mrs. C

### Lunch Bunch Playground Camp

This is your last chance to register for Lunch Bunch. Our annual outdoor camp is scheduled for the weeks of June 13-17, June 20-24, and June 27-30. Payment in full is due now. See Karen Walsh with questions. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is \$20 per day. Remember, if it rains on a day your child is registered, you may choose a make-up day. Check with Karen or LouAnn for available make-up days.

### Last Week of School Reminder...

During the last week of school, please bring home the following: (1) your child's extra set of clothing, (2) pictures from the hallway, (3) everything in your shoe pocket. Children not returning next year should have their files signed out to a parent.

### Sprinkler Parties Reminder...

There will be no "regular" school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 8, 9, and 10. Instead, our children will meet at a home of a classmate (MWF AM at the Feeney home, TThF AM at the Adler-Quirk home, PM at the Ferguson home) for a fun end-of-the-year party. Bring swimsuits and outdoor shoes. 4-day AM children may choose one or both parties to attend. Parent assists for those days should bring juice and a large box of Munchkins as a special treat for the children. Parents and younger sibling are welcome and encouraged to participate.

#### **Wednesday, June 8, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Sprinkler Party for 4-day AM and MWF AM classes (last day of school for MWF AM class)

#### **Thursday, June 9 12:45 to 3:30 p.m.**

No morning classes/Sprinkler Party for PM class (last day of school for PM class)

#### **Friday, June 10, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Sprinkler Party for 4-day AM and TThF AM classes (last day of school for those classes)

# Updates and News

## The Big Move to St. Paul's

Good news—the building inspector has approved our new, temporary site at St. Paul's, and we have a signed lease agreement with the church. This summer, improvements at St. Paul's will include fencing and building a playground area, installing a walkway to our private entrance, building a safe and convenient entrance area, painting the inside the classrooms, building cabinets and possibly installing an art-center sink, moving our furniture and supplies, and setting up the classroom. We need your help in several ways. If you have special skills, know people with the skills we need, or know anyone who will donate the supplies or services we may need, please contact Jenn Adler-Quirk at 978-470-2345. Second, we will need many helping hands at two or three points in time this summer—particularly Saturday, August 20, our tentative move-in day. Please save the date. More details and firm dates to come.

## Enrollment Wrap-Up

Wow! Really, that is all I can say to sum up the past two years of enrollment. There has been so much work completed by such a relatively small group of individuals. With our enrollment down, the responsibilities of each committee has been so overwhelming! I just want to take a moment to thank the following people for never saying NO to my ever-increasing needs.

Missy Alaimo, Patti Barry, and Jenn Adler-Quirk: thank you for giving so much of your time and energy to doing tours. It just seems like they never stopped coming this year. Every family, even if they did not choose us for their preschool, raved about how incredible and friendly the mothers were that conducted the tours.

Mary Davidson, thank you for saving our Open House when we realized there was not enough food and drink for our guests.

Linda Swartz, you opened your home to us in September so we could start our year on a more personal note, and here you are again ending the year the same way—thank you! You remind us all what a cooperative school offers that traditional schools do not.

Karen Lunny, where do I begin to thank you? You filled in every hole and made so many wonderful positive changes possible for next year. All your work on relocation, the newsletter, the website—I could go on and on! Our school could thrive for 100 years if I could find more people like you.

Will Applegate, you barely moved in and we had you knee-deep in relocation—thank you! And thanks to both you and Leta, we have some storage for the summer!

To the current executive board—Steve Hylan, Linda Swartz, Linda Rethman, Diane Albert, Leta Applegate, Jenn Adler-Quirk, Karen Walsh, and Karen Lunny: thank you for all your support in the many enrollment changes we have needed to make for next year. To the incoming board—Jenn and David Quirk, Mary Litster, Jodi Nichols, Susan Nam, Karen Lunny, Leta Applegate, and Karen Walsh: I wish you all the best for next year. If there is anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call. To the Higher Board members—Kate Anderson, Ellen Arvidson, Patty Kitchen, Kate Cataldo, Betsy Marshall, and Joanie Ellis: thank you for your constant support and guidance. With all the changes this year, we really needed you!

And finally to all the wonderful current families: thank you to all of you who have turned in your paperwork. Never before have we ended the school year 90% ready for the next year. I am currently waiting on only 3 people to give me their paperwork. If you could do that ASAP I would be so appreciative. I will be able to give completed records to the incoming VP of enrollment so she can focus on filling our openings over the summer. With that in mind I am going to ask each family to take two flyers and either give them to a friend or post them at your gym, dance studio, karate studio, grocery store, hair salon, etc., to spread the word about openings in our school. If every family could bring one new family to the school, we would be able to make some pretty exciting renovations to the new school.

To Karen, LouAnn, and Mrs. C: thanks for offering such a wonderful learning environment to all the children. Every family that toured stated that the school had a warm and inviting feel to it. All the credit goes to the three of you for that. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

*Sincerely, Janet Equi*

# Calendar June 2005

- **Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Beach trip (see information below). All parents and children should arrive at the school no later than 8:30 a.m. for check-in. Buses leave *promptly* at 8:45!

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- **Friday, June 10, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Sprinkler Party for 4-day AM and TThF AM classes (last day of school for those classes). Meet at the Adler-Quirk home and be dressed for (wet) outdoor fun.

- **Friday, June 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Family Picnic and final Corporation Meeting, at Linda and Paul Swartz's house—see the invitation in your shoepocket for more details and directions to the Swartz home. Bring your own family picnic and blanket, and we'll supply a few treats and old-fashioned fun.

- **Saturday, June 11**

Clean-up, pack-up, and moving day: All Maintenance Committee members and anyone else who has time to donate should arrive at the school by 8 a.m. for cleaning, packing, and possibly moving the boxes and furniture to temporary storage in the Applegate barn. If you have a truck, please bring it. If you have questions or are unable to attend, please contact Mike Walsh at 978-774-2626.

- **Lunch Bunch Playground Camp**

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## **Wingaersheek Beach Tidepool Exploration: Friday, June 3, 8:20 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

Our Wingaersheek Beach tidepooling trip is this week. Here are a few reminders. Please see the information sheet in your shoepocket for details, sign up for beach essentials on the bulletin board, and ask one of the teachers if you have any questions.

- Buses leave promptly at 8:45 a.m. so please arrive between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. so that we may take attendance, load the supplies, and leave promptly.
- Teachers will be leading the tidepool exploration and other activities; however, each parent is responsible for his or her own child the entire trip. Please do not allow your child to wander away from you, and make sure your child is within sight when at the picnic area. Please do not assume that someone else is watching your child. We want this to be a fun and relaxing day for everyone.
- Please call the school the morning of the trip if something comes up last minute and you cannot attend.
- Children may bring treasures back home from the beach. All *living* creatures must remain at Wingaersheek.
- Please, no siblings.