

# Community Preschool

## Press



February 2011

Peggy's Paragraph..

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Thank you for parking in the upper lot in this cold and snow the last two weeks. Please do not hesitate to call the school to have someone meet your child outside. It is no problem for a teacher or an aide to bring your child into school. I know that many of the parents are very upset about the West Geauga's decision to only have 1/2 day kindergarten next year. I do believe that if enough people make their opinions known that this may be changed. Enclosed in this packet is a guide in making your voice heard. If you are supportive of all day kindergarten, each parent must take the time and write a personal letter or call to give your support for this issue. You are your child's advocate and must stand up for this and be heard. Don't ignore this and think someone else's letters will get it done. Do your part in getting your child the best education that is available and affordable. Take the time and write your letter TODAY!

### VIK Program Begins

Community Preschool participates in the VIK program sponsored by the Geauga County Board of Mental Health. The VIK (Very Important Kid) program emphasizes the uniqueness and the importance of every individual. Many children struggle with self-esteem issues as they get older, so this program is designed to instill a positive feeling in the younger child. Each 4 year old and Pre K child will have a VIK day in February. Please read the flyer and the booklet that is in this packet. It gives a more detailed explanation of the program.

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Scholastic Book Orders  
Scholastic book orders are due by Friday, February 11th.  
You may order online or send the orders into school.

### REGISTRATION FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Open registration has begun for the next school year. We appreciate you recommending Community Preschool to your family and friends. Remember, you, the parents, are our best advertisement.

To thank you for your recommendation, you will receive "Community Cash". If a new family enrolls for next school year and writes your name at the bottom of the registration form, you will receive \$10 in Community Cash. This certificate can be used towards Noontime Nibblers, Enrichment, Scholastic Books or the Toddler Class. Unfortunately, it cannot be used towards tuition payments for the 3, 4 or Pre K class. Thank you for your help in spreading the word about Community Preschool.

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### Save for Us

egg cartons  
paper towel rolls  
empty rectangular Kleenex boxes  
pringle cans  
frosting containers

### 3's

February is always a fun month for children. The color of the month is pink. The shape is a heart. The children will spend the beginning part of February preparing for Valentine's Day. The children will have their party on Friday, February 11th. Please have your child wear pink or red that day. Each child is asked to bring in a Valentine card for each classmate. If your child is able to write his/her name, do a few cards each day so the task is not overwhelming. Do not worry if your child is not able to write his/her name. All in good time! Please sign your child's name on each card. DO NOT put names on the envelopes! This makes it very difficult for distribution. The children will have Pajama Day on Thursday, February 17th. They may wear pi's to school

### 4's

The fours start the month discussing the VIK program. After each VIK day, the children will post his/her ME board on the bulletin board in the social hall for all to enjoy.

The four year olds will prepare for Valentine's Day.

All 4 year olds need an empty cereal box by Tuesday, February 1st.

All 4 year old classes have their party on Monday, February 14th.

Each child is asked to bring in a Valentine card for each classmate.

The four year olds are able to write their names on the back of each card. It is best to start early so your child can do a few at a time. Please DO NOT write names on the envelopes. This will make easier distribution for your child.

The four year olds will be introduced to the the letters N O, and P.

The children will have visits from the librarian and the Health Department to talk about Dental Health.

Please check reminders on the 4 year old bulletin boards.

### Pre K

The Pre K class will

prepare for the upcoming Valentine celebration.

Each child needs an empty cereal box by Tuesday, February 1st.

They will be making a surprise for their parents. The Pre K class will celebrate Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th. Each child will need to bring in a Valentine card for each classmate.

The Pre K class is able to write their name on each card. They are able to write their friends' names on the outside of the envelope as well.

The children will learn about the Chinese New Year and the year of the Rabbit.

It is a a patriotic month and they will be introduced to George Washington and Lincoln. The Pre K class will learn the letters O, P, Q, R and S.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Malley's Candy Fund Raiser

Community Preschool's

Please plan ahead for the Annual Candy Fundraiser . It will run March 3 -March 25th. The catalogs will be distributed at the end of February. You may order candy on the internet. Please read the flyer and it will explain the procedure and gives the password.

The family with the highest sales will receive a month of free tuition! Ask your family and friends! They can order even if they live out of town!

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## Kindergarten Readiness Talk

Speaker: Mary Beth Alley

Kindergarten teacher at Westwood

Date will be announced shortly!!

. You will hear what your child needs to know to have a successful kindergarten experience. This is for all parents. If you plan on attending, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. Indicate if you would need child care and arrangements will be made to have someone watch the children in the pretend room. Come and get ideas to help your child have a positive transition into a new challenging environment.

## 20th Anniversary Celebration

Tentative Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

An afternoon of fun, games, craft activities and a Chinese auction. More help is needed. please sign up on the bulletin board. Thanks!

## Help for Haiti

Everyone feels helpless as the pictures of the devastation of Haiti are seen on the television. Mr. Schulz, a new parent in the Pre K class, is an active volunteer with MedWish International. There are brochures on the table that explains the organization and the items that they can use. They are in need of bandages, gauze, neosporin and monetary donations. We will have a box and envelopes for any donations that you would like to make during the week of February 1st. Mr, Schulz will take our donations to MedWish.

Thank you!