

KEY PENINSULA CO-OP NEWSLETTER

November Events

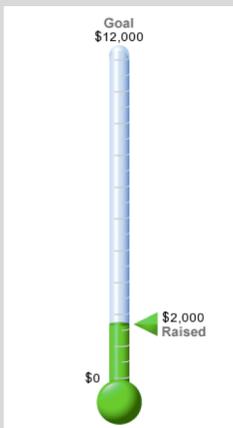
Nov 7th-16th – Younique Fundraiser

Monday, Nov 12th– No School

Nov 21st-23rd – No School

Nov 30th – Explore Penrose (details below)

Fundraising Update



The El Sombrero was big success and they donated \$525 to the preschool. Including some every generous donation, we have raised \$2000 of our \$12,000 goal! Great work guys!



Announcement:

- We are saddened to say Robyn McGilvrey has stepped down as from the Parent Ed Board Position. Erin Welch has generously stepped up and is our new Parent Ed. Moving forward, please send your Parent Ed emails to her at eeeeeeee231@msn.com.
- We still have **2 spots open** in the preschool so if you know of anyone looking for preschool please have them contact us by email.
- Jovial Report: Our trial run of Jovial is going well. Almost all those who utilized it last month have donated the processing fee. We need 100% of those paying through Jovial to donate the processing fee to continue offering it past Dec. Thank you!
- We got our Box Tops and Food Markets Receipts turned in! We should see about \$125 go in to fundraising for those. Moving forward, we will be doing a mass collection in February and May so keep saving them!
- Jennay, one of our preschool Mom's, has generously offered to throw a fundraiser for the preschool. It will be running from Nov 7th to 16th through a Facebook group. To participate, please search for **Key Peninsula Co-Op Younique Fundraiser** on Facebook. This is a great opportunity to start buying Holiday gifts and supporting the preschool in the process. Thank you!
- Blending Event: Explore **Penrose State Park** with us Friday, November 30 at 12:30. With trails, the beach, and the fallen leaves we will go where the kids lead us! Pack a water bottle, snack, and boots. Meet us near the restrooms by the main parking lot. Discover Pass (or \$10/day pass) required. Questions? Contact Carrie @ 253.732.9304

November Parent Ed Opportunities:

**Electronic Parent Ed –
Emailed by Karen Nov 1st**

Nov 12th - 1pm at the Key Center Library “Grossology with the Science Lady”

Nov 17th - 1pm at the Key Center Library “STEM Saturday: Gears”

Nov 29th – The Nutcracker (form and paperwork due Nov 9th)

Parent Shares --->

**Play to Learn at Key Peninsula Civic Center
Mondays and Fridays**

10am -11:30am

Email Erin Welch at eeeeeeee231@msn.com to let her know when you have completed a Parent Ed credit

***Reminder: you need to have earned 4 Parent Ed Credits by Feb 1st 2019**

Reminders:

•Tuition is due the first day of the month. We offer a 10 day grace period but please try to get your tuition in on time to avoid late fees. If you are having an issue getting your tuition in on time, please contact Sophie as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Parent Shares: November’s Topic: Sleep

Monday, Nov 19th

❖ 9:30am for Vaughn 3 Day and Grace Families will be held at Grace Church’s Annex Room. Vaughn families are encouraged to carpool

❖ 1pm for Both 2 Day (M/W) (Tu/Th) and 4 Day Evergreen families held at Evergreen (children are welcome to attend but please bring something to keep them busy)

Tuesday, Nov 27th

❖ 9am for Vaughn 2 Day families will be held at Vaughn



From your Bates Instructor:

Halloween is over and the holiday season is upon us with all its fun, beauty – and stress. However your family celebrates this season, all too often we feel stressed by the expectations placed on us by family, friends, work and ourselves. We often see this stress reflected in our children as well. They are grumpy, hard to get along with, fight more than usual with their siblings, and are really just trying to get some of your attention. Parents often have unrealistic expectations during this season. Children are no more likely to stand or sit still now than they are at any other time of year. The time waiting in that long line to sit on Santa's lap can seem like a lifetime! No wonder they are fussy and grumpy when they finally get there. My pet peeve is the parent who tries to "scare" their child into behaving with the line "if you're not good, Santa Claus will not bring you anything!" Is that really true? In most cases, no. Does it change your child's behavior? Maybe for a few minutes, but not in the long run. Use your usual discipline techniques; distraction, changing the situation, or just a short time to calm down and take a deep breath (this works for you too!).

Try not to get caught up in the holiday commercialism. Pick out the meaningful parts of the holiday that are important to your family and concentrate on those. Maybe it's getting a tree as a whole family, lighting candles together, or reading those stories that are popular this time of year. Those are the times your children will remember as they grow older and that they will carry on into their own families. I shared with some parents recently that I stopped sending Christmas cards when my children were young. It really stressed me out trying to get them out on time. The fallout from that was I didn't receive as many cards, so now I try to send to cards to a few, select, friends and family members.

Choosing presents for your children can be stressful too. There are so many toys to choose from! Toys are getting more and more technical or based on a TV show or movie and are less and less creative. So many children play with those TV or movie based toys, but the words they use in their play are straight from the dialog of the show! I guess it shows a great memory, but not much creativity. Toys should be open-ended and encourage children to use their imagination. Ideas such as building blocks, Legos, wooden train sets, art supplies, board games that are age appropriate and can be played together, dress up clothes and of course books! These toys will teach your child the same skills as all of those toys advertised on TV as "educational".

This season is a hectic one, but it doesn't have to be that way. Remember, the idea is to spend quiet time with your family, reflecting on the good things you have. Your children are only this age for a short time, enjoy the holidays through their eyes and you'll be well rewarded!

Good luck, and have a joyous holiday!
Karen Ford