

### Parents Club Board

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## Sherman Oaks Presbyterian Nursery School Monthly Newsletter September 2011

*Dear Parents:*

*Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 SOPNS School Year! As returning parents know and new parents will find out the first “semester” moves fast! We’ve got a lot of activities and events filling up the calendar providing fantastic opportunities to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. (After all, why should our kids have all the fun?) Here at SOPNS, we strive to give our children the best environment possible. Not only an educational one, but a fun and interesting one too! This can only happen with YOU, the parent! Your input is invaluable and we are always looking for new ideas to keep the coffers full! Fundraising is essential in providing all the super cool activities that keep our kids interested and excited to be at school. A few examples of what our fundraising efforts bring in are: The Mobile Marine Lab, The Reptile Man, The Bubble Guy, The Science Guy (I just realized there’s a lot of guys), The Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Snow Day and.....( Insert your new and fabulous idea here ☺). Please, join the Parent Club every second Friday of the month. As we mentioned, we need your input to keep SOPNS a leader in pre-school education. If you are not available, the newsletter should help keep you apprised of what’s happening each month with your SOPNS child. You can also access the same information from all the following sites below. Feel free to use what you are most comfortable with. And make sure we have your email address!! We will send out email blasts before every event with reminders, general information, etc.*

*We’re looking forward to a fantastic year!*

*-Parent Club*

## ACCESSING SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **[www.Shermanoakspc.org](http://www.Shermanoakspc.org)**
- **Face Book:** (To sign up on Face Book just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and create a profile. It’s fun and easy. Once you’re signed in, search for “groups” and ours is called “Sherman Oaks Presbyterian Nursery School”. Simply “add group” and you’re in.)
- **School Newsletter**
- **Talk to your teachers, your School Director, Denise Peters, or to a member of Parent Club.**
- **Check Your Child’s Inbox!**

# VOLUNTEER TO BE A ROOM PARENT!!!!

- **Blossoms:** \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_
- **Bumble Bees:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- **Little Rascals:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- **Penguins:** Lori Crupi, Ada Cottrell, Caroline Macauley
- **Explorers:** Ann Webb, Julie Ryan and Mary Loo Finnegan

**RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:** Help coordinate class parties; class craft projects for fundraisers; take pictures of class events ; sign-up sheets for events; attend monthly parent club meetings if possible; general teacher support. **It sounds like a lot, but it is really only an hour or two of your time per month!** This is supposed to be fun! And it's a great way to spend time with your child and to observe her/him in their class! If you would like to be a room parent just let your teacher or Denise Peters know! The more the merrier! We need at least two per class.

## FINANCES

We're ready to start fundraising so we can spend our money on great things this year! Last year we reached our BIG goal and purchased the Climb-On Choo Choo Train. Woo hoo!! Kudos to everyone who helped make this happen!

### Fundraising Is Also For:

- **Activities for the kids** (Snow Day, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Wallaby Man, Bubble Guy, Captain Al, Mobile Marine Lab and more!) Our goal is at least one special activity a month.
- **New Bench for the yard**
- **School Camera to document events**
- **Teacher Appreciation Dinner and Gifts**

**\*If parents have any other ideas or comments, please come to the next Parent Club Meeting or give your ideas to Denise Peters. We would love to hear from you!**

## Enrollment / Re-Enrollment in Grocery Store School Proceeds Program

**\*\*This is a super easy way to make money for our school!**

- **Ralphs:** [www.ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm](http://www.ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm) NPO is 82330
- **Vons/Pavilions/Safeway:** [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) sign up and enter group ID # 500001422

Every time you shop at these stores and use your club card, a portion of your money spent goes to our school. Please enroll, or re-enroll! (You must enroll every year.) If you need more information, please contact Denise Peters. **Please note that you must enroll every year. If you signed up last year you need to sign up again this year**

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept 14	10am	<b>Captain AI (Singing Entertainment for the Kids!)</b>
Friday, Sept 16		<b>Focus Group Consent Form Due</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should have received this in your child's in box. Please sign and return to Denise Peters</li> </ul>
Sunday, Sept 18	10:00 am	<b>New School Year Kick-Off Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am Church Services</li> <li>• BBQ and kids activities immediately following</li> </ul>
Sept. 12- Oct. 7		<b>Purchase Your Child's School Tile!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painted by your child (with the help of a teacher/parent) It will be fired and added to the SOPNS "Wall of Fame" before Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Child (and parents) can admire their creation all year long and for all the years to come</li> <li>• Fantastic way for your child to be remembered at their very first school!</li> <li>• \$30 if purchased on or before Oct. 7. \$40 after the 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
Thursday, Sept 22	10am	<b>The Science Guy.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Introductory Class</li> <li>• Parents Welcome</li> </ul>
Tuesday, Sept 27	5:30pm	<b>Restaurant Night at TBD!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located at _____.</li> <li>• 20% of Proceeds go to the school!</li> <li>• No dishes! Fun for everyone!</li> </ul>

## OCTOBER EVENTS

TBD	10am	<b>Mobile Marine Lab</b> (Parents welcome)
Friday, Oct 7	9am	<b>Captain AI (Parents Welcome)</b>
Friday, Oct 7		<b>Last Day To Buy Your Child's Tile For \$30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiles will be \$40 after the 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Tiles must be purchased by Nov. 10.</li> </ul>
Friday, Oct 14	9am	<b>Parent Club. Please come! All are welcome!</b>
Tuesday, Oct 25	5:30pm	<b>Young Family Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Activities for kids and Dinner for all – parents get the night off with other parents while kids play with church babysitters! Get away from the TV and have some fun!</li> <li>▪ Bring a dish or donate \$10/family. Sign up on Face Book or contact Cristen Loeb at cristen.loeb@gmail.com or 818-590-9226</li> <li>▪ Halloween Theme</li> </ul>
Friday, Oct 28		<b>SCHOOL PICTURES</b>
Monday, Oct 31	10am	<b>Halloween Parade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Parties to Follow</li> </ul>

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At SOPNS we offer additional development activities for your child throughout the week. These are fee based activities and families pay the organizer directly. There is no commitment to participate so chose none, any or all extra activities.

- The Science Guy 3:30pm, Thursdays
- Wonderland Dance and Gymnastics 11am, Fridays
- Karate 3:15pm, Mondays
- Computer Lab Fundamentals 9am, Mondays

Parents are always welcome to come and observe. See Denise Peters for sign up information. You should also have received a flier in your child's inbox

## WEEKLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

*Families of SOPNS are invited to our Sunday worship services at Sherman Oaks Presbyterian Church. There is free childcare as well as Sunday School for the older kids. If you have more questions please introduce yourself to Pastor Zac in the Church offices*

- SUNDAYS:**
- 8:30am **Intimate Chapel Service**
  - 10:00am **Traditional Service with Choir and Hymns in the Sanctuary**
    - DISCIPLE SHIP: Sunday school for the kids with arts and crafts, singing, etc. The kids LOVE it!
  - 11:45am **Contemporary Service;** The Fountain (featuring our praise band with well known contemporary songs and original music) in the Sanctuary

## MONTHLY PARENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Second Friday 9:00am Parent's Club (All are Welcome!)**
  - Second Friday of every month unless otherwise stated
- Fourth Tuesday 5:30 – 7pm Family Night Dinner! (Fellowship Hall) Potluck!**
  - Activities for kids and Dinner for all – parents get some peace and quiet while kids play! Get away from the TV and have some fun!
  - Fourth Tuesday of every month
  - Bring a dish or donate \$10/family. Sign up on Face Book or contact Cristen Loeb at [cristen.loeb@gmail.com](mailto:cristen.loeb@gmail.com) or 818-590-9226

***DON'T FORGET TO GET YOURSELF AND YOUR KIDS A FLU SHOT!!!!***

## FUNDRAISERS

Here is a brief outline and description of the Fundraisers we will be having this year. **WE NEED A LOT OF HELP!** We can only be successful if everyone gets involved. We expect parents to help with at least one or more of these fundraisers! You should have received a handout in your child's folder regarding volunteering for each activity. If you did not receive one, please let Denise Peters know (or any member of the Parent Club Board). If you have already signed up, everyone at SOPNS thanks you!! Especially the kids!

- **Innisbrook Gift Wrap Drive – Second week of October (Chair: Ada Cottrell)** Just like it sounds! Gift wrap paper for all types of occasions. Christmas IS coming! There will also be kitchen gadgets and treats to choose from.
- **SCHOOL TILES!** *Immortalize your child at SOPNS! He or she can create their own special painting (with the help of a teacher or parent) on a tile with their name, class and year. It will be fired and put up on the SOPNS "Wall of Fame". Best of all, your child can admire they're creation all year long and for all the years to come! It's a really special way to have your child remembered at their very first school.*
  - **\$30 if tile is purchased on or before Oct. 7**
  - **\$40 if tile is purchased after Oct. 7**
- **Election Day Bake Sale: Tuesday, Nov. 2 (Co-Chairs: Ada Cottrell and \_\_\_\_\_)** One of our most successful fundraisers that requires little effort. Our school is a polling place so we get a very wide and captive audience that gets hungry while waiting in line to vote! We need everyone to bring in a baked good and, just as importantly, people to man the tables! IS THERE ANYTHING COMING UP??
- **Fall Restaurant Night – Sept 27th (Chair: Peter Lund/Ada Cottrell)** A very easy and very fun way of making some money for our school. We have restaurant night where the restaurant will donate a percentage of your bill back to SOPNS. All you have to do is eat there! We'll let you know when and where!
- **Christmas Ornaments (Chair: Cristen Loeb)** Each class makes an ornament with their picture in it and they are sold for \$5 each. It's a really sweet keepsake that you can hang on your tree or use as a magnet on your fridge.
- **Winter Wine and Cheese Event And Silent Auction – February (Co-Chairs: Jeff Loeb and Dante Bartoletti)** This is by far our biggest and most anticipated fundraiser of the year! It is a PARENTS ONLY (hooray!) cocktail party with wine and delicious appetizers and a silent auction. We will be looking for auction items as well as help preparing and managing the evening. We will also be looking for sponsors who might provide wine and food....and a venue?? This is a **BIG** event so please help! Stay tuned for a flyer/handout with more detail.
- **Spring Trike-A-Thon TBD (Co-Chairs: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_)** This is really fun, really cute and really profitable if we do it right! Each class takes a turn riding around the race track on tricycles. The goal is for students to go out and get sponsors who will pay-up per lap! OR donate a flat fee. It's adorable and hilarious! Bring your cameras and invite grandma and grandpa!
- **Spring Cookie Lee Jewelry Sale – TBD (Chairs: \_\_\_\_\_)** Just in time for Mother's Day! Cookie Lee comes to our school and sells trendy and fashionable jewelry. They also sell pretty jewelry for the little girls in the family ;) Catalogues will be distributed in early spring so you can pre-order or just stop by on the day of the sale.
- **Spring Restaurant Night (Chair: Peter Lund)** Just like our fall Restaurant night!
- **WE CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL WITH YOUR HELP! THINK OF YOUR KIDS AND ENRICHING THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR EDUCATION!**