



# Mt. View News

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## Amy Orm-Presidents Message

Welcome to Mt. View Coop. I am looking forward to a wonderful year getting to know our new families, catching up with familiar ones and seeing our children learn and grow. We are so fortunate to have two talented teachers, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Eakin. I know they have many fun learning activities planned. We also have a great resource in Sandy Manthou, our Bates Coordinator. This school year is sure to be filled with memorable activities for all.

Families are what make Mt. View such a great place to be. As co-op families we have the opportunity to be involved in our children's early education.

This is a privilege and a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. At our upcoming Parent Orientation on September 10th, you will receive your committee position notebook as well as the family resource handbook. In it you will find everything you need to know about Mt. View Co-op. You will also hear valuable information from the teachers, your class representatives, our Bates Coordinator and the school board. Please no children at this event.

Your first opportunity to get involved is on September 12th at the Set-up Work Party. Join us at the Milton Mini-Storage behind the Safeway in Milton

to load up trucks, trailers and minivans. This is a great opportunity for dads to help out! Once we are loaded we will head to the school to start setting up the classroom. This is a no-children event.

See you on September 10th for Parent Orientation!

### Dates to Remember

**\*Parent**

**Orientation**

September 10th

7:00 PM

**\*Set-up Work Party**

September 12th

9:30 AM

**\*First Day of School**

2s– September 25

3s & 4s– September 28

5s– September 29

## Mt. View Co-op Walks in the Milton Parade

Hello Mt. View Parents,

We have a great opportunity to participate in the community and advertise our great co-op preschool. I invite all parents and kids to walk in the Milton Parade, BYOB – bring your own bubbles, and wear your Mt. View Co-op Preschool t-shirts. If you don't have a Mt. View t-shirt, that's ok, show school spirit and wear your

class color.

2's class = blue

3's class = yellow

4's class = red

5's class = green

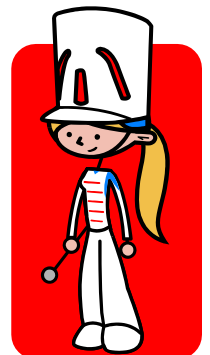
We will meet at the staging area on Saturday, August 15th at 9:30am between 19th and 23rd street. The parade starts at 11am. Come join the fun and

support our terrific school, see you there!

Sincerely,

Desiree Bush –  
Publicity chair

Logan (4s class)  
and Zac (2s class)



## Dates to Remember

### Parent Orientation

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm Required.

### School Set Up

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

### Meet The Teacher (Mrs. Eakin)

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Three's & Four's class

### Meet The Teacher (Mrs. Eakin)

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Five's class

**Sign up for meet the teacher at Orientation.** This is for both parent and child, (siblings are welcome)

I will personally meet each child and his/her parent during a 10 minute time block. Your child can see the classrooms, pick out their nametags and cubby stickers

### CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Capture the moment  
Follow their lead  
Build on the wonder  
Build on the need.

Look for beginnings  
For reasons to know  
Capture the moment  
And knowledge will grow!

By: Jean Warren

I love this poem by Jean Warren. I think it says it all about preschool years and working with children.

See you all soon!

Mrs. Eakin

## 3, 4 & 5s Teacher- Mrs. Eakin's Message

Hello and welcome to Mt. View Co-op! I am Cindy Eakin and I teach the 3s, 4s & 5s class. I am married with three grown children and four terrific grandchildren. I have taught preschool for 27 years. You have chosen a wonderful school filled with fantastic par-

ents and fun, energetic children. We will all learn many things from each other.

I can't wait to see all the new and returning children and their families. Enjoy the long lazy days of summer and I will see you all in the Fall!

I also want to welcome Amy Orm our new Co-op President and the entire 2009/2010 board. Thanks for all the hard work over the summer preparing for our school year.

Mrs. Eakin

## Parent Training

Parent Training – This is for all parents, nannies, grandparents ect... to learn how to work in the classroom. Anyone that will be working for their child in our program needs to attend. This training is filled with information on safety, and anything you need to know to be comfortable working with children. This is required! **NO CHILDREN PLEASE!**

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

**3s class parent's 9:30-12:00**

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

**4s class parent's 12:30-3:00**

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**5s class parent's 12:30-3:00**

## First Day of School

First Day of School: September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (check your child's day on the calendar)

The big day is finally here! As a parent or grandparent you're so excited, but also a little nervous. Separation for both parent and child can be a little hard THIS IS NORMAL! Before our program starts you may want to read your child a

few books with a starting-school theme. Such stories can help the child get in touch with their feelings about going into a new place and separating from you. Even when returning to a familiar setting after summer vacation some children feel a bit intimidated.

They may have a new teacher, there are new kids in the

group, and maybe that special friend is gone. We will work through this together. Parents are welcome to stay the first day (sorry no siblings), until they or their child feels comfortable. I want every child's preschool start to be a positive experience for both parent and child. Please let me know if you feel concerned about this.

## Questions for Mrs. Eakin

What do I call my teacher? Mrs. Eakin is just fine. Please feel free to talk to me concerning your children. I do ask that you do this before or after class. The best time is in the evening before 8:00pm. I prefer to talk to you privately, not in the presence of your child or other children and their parents.

## 2s Teacher– Mrs. Howard's Message

Hello,

My name is Linda Howard I am the two's class teacher here at Mt. View, I would like to welcome the new families and say welcome back to all the returning families.

Just a little about myself and my family. I have lived in Edgewood most of my life, so the ties to the area and to the co-op run deep. My husband Terry and myself have three children. We have two grown children, Lee and Sarah. Sarah is married and just blessed us with our first grandchild in

April, Connor Alexander. Our youngest son Jacob is a freshman at Edgemont Jr. High.

I hope that your family is enjoying this beautiful summer! I can't believe how fast mine seems to be going! I have been spending my time watching Connor during the week, camping on the weekends, and going to basketball games in the evening for Jacob.

I can not believe this is my 7th year teaching the two's class. Where does the time go too? I am looking forward to being back in the classroom in Sep-

tember and getting to know each of the children and the families in the 2's class. If you have any questions before school starts please feel free to call me or email me. My home number is 927-9602 or my email address is:

**Lmhoward5@msn.com**

Please note some important dates to add to your September calendar pertaining the class. I can't wait to see you in September, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mrs. Howard

**Sept. 10 -**  
Parent Orientation

**Sept. 12 -**  
Classroom Set-Up.  
*Adults only, 9:30 am*

**Sept. 18 -**  
2's Class Meet the Teacher. *Sign up for your child special time at Parent Orientation*

**Sept. 22 -**  
2's Class Parent Training, 6:30 to 8:30 PM *For parents, grandparents or for anyone that will be working in the classroom during the year for your child.*

**Sept. 25 -**  
First Day of School for 2's. *All parents stay for the first day of school*

## Set-up Work Party!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It's that time of year again! Time to get our school set up and ready for the new school year. This year it will be on Saturday, September 12th starting at 9:30 AM.

Each family is required to participate in at least 1 of the 3 that are offered throughout the

school year.

If you have any trucks or trailers to haul items in please bring them! The more we have the faster the school can be set up.

We look forward to starting this school year. Catching up with our old friends and meet-

ing our future ones!

**Please NO CHILDREN at this event. We wouldn't want them to get hurt!**

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



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Linda Howard 253-927-9602

### Bates Coordinator

Sandy Manthou 253-680-7506

## 2s Class Rep. – Andrea Rumel



Hello and welcome to the 2's class! I hope everyone is having a great summer, and staying cool!!! My name is Andrea Rumel and I will be your 2's class representative. This will be my second year attending Mt. View Co-Op. My son Aaron, a Mt. View graduate; is now eager to move up to kindergarten. My daughter Lindy will be in the 2's class. Lindy is ready to meet new friends and go to "big girl school". If you have any questions or concerns please email at [Andrea-](mailto:Andrea-Rumel@hotmail.com)

[Rumel@hotmail.com](mailto:Rumel@hotmail.com) or call 253.370.5112. Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to meeting each of you at Orientation Night in September.

## 3s Class Rep. – Ivy Abel



Hello everyone and welcome to the 3's class. My name is Ivy Abel and I am the 3's class representative for the 2009-2010 year. This will be my second year attending Mt. View co-op. My son Gavin will be in Mrs. Eakins 3's class this year

and I also have a 1 year old named Jack. Gavin loved the two's class last year and learned so much about what school is about. We are both very excited for the 3's. Here are a few dates to pencil in. Set up work party Sept. 12th, Parent Orientation Sept. 10th, Meet the teacher Sept. 14th, Parent

training Sept. 21st, and the first day of school Sept. 28th.

Please call or email with any questions you might have. Ivy Abel

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## 4s Class Rep. – Elizabeth Bender



Hi families and friends! Welcome to Mt View Co-op. My name is Elizabeth Bender. I am the 4's class rep for the 2009-2010 class year. I am so excited to get this year started. My son Shawn has been at Mt View going on his third year. I also have a 14 month old that I can't

wait to get in the program. It's amazing to see how our children grow throughout the year. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Eakin are amazing teachers. Shawn keeps asking when summer vacation is up so he can go to school. We can't wait to see our old friends and of course make new ones. I can't wait to meet you all at parent orientation night. If you have any scheduling conflicts as to when you can

work in the classroom, please let me know so that I can do my best to accommodate them. Lets all help make it a great year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Call me or email me any time. Enjoy the rest of the summer!!

Elizabeth Bender

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## 5s Class Rep.– Erica Kostenko



Hello preschool families! This has been a busy and fun packed summer for the Kostenko family! We are looking forward to see all of our friends at the Milton Parade in August. Please come and bring your school spirit! Kira and Kenton can't wait to get back to school to see friends, teachers, and creating all of the "special" crafts that they love to make and take home to display! We are so proud to be involved in such a great co-op

preschool like Mountain View (this is the reason I drive so far every day!!!!). I can't wait to be the next 5's class representative for the year 2009-2010! Thank you and see you all soon.

Hope you are having a GREAT summer!

Erica Kostenko

3's class rep (2008-09)

5's class rep (2009-10)



## Membership Information

**I just wanted to send a friendly reminder to get those second packets mailed in to me. We will be choosing committee positions in mid August and the selections will be based on first come first serve basis. You can mail them to my home address below. If you have any questions regarding the packet don't hesitate to call me at 253-926-1001 or email me at [jearle@q.com](mailto:jearle@q.com)**



## Summer Birthdays

Ellie McDonald  
Gavin Abel  
Gabriella Pine  
Xander Shula

## Health & Safety– Sandra Westlund

Hi! My name is Sandra Westlund and I will be your Health and Safety Representative this year. I am looking forward to a safe, healthy, and rewarding school year ahead! Below you will find some reminders and information I would like to pass along.

First, please be sure to have all your child's updated immunization records to me by August 31st (you received the immunization record sheet in your registration packet last spring). I need to be able to send this information on to Bates before your child begins classes at Mt. View Co-

op. Your child will not be able to participate in class without the completed form.

Finally, throughout the year I will have various articles on Safety and Health issues such as car seat safety, water safety, illness tips/information, etc. If you have any topic you'd like me to

address or any questions you need answered, please contact me at (253)862-0885 or [s.westlund@comcast.net](mailto:s.westlund@comcast.net).

Again, enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

# Trike-A-Thon



## Saturday October 17th

## Ways & Means– Ashley Fuchs

I hope you are having a wonderful relaxing summer! I cannot believe how fast the summer is flying by and how much my kids have changed... I bet you are feeling the same way! School is almost here!

Can you believe it is almost time for another fundraiser?!? With your help and participation we can make our third annual trike-a-thon a huge success! The success of this event will ensure that we can easily accomplish our fundraising goals for the school this year to fund all of our necessary expenses. The Third Annual Trike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, October 17th. If

we manage it properly, this child-centered event will really help satisfy our financial needs for this school year... So, get out your calendar, and reserve October 17th for the most worthwhile event of the year! Invite all those Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, neighbors and friends as we will have several things for folks to buy and free activities for all. You will be provided with more information about this event at Parent Orientation along with a fundraising packet for you to take home. We are also hoping to have another great fundraising event with a family photo opportunity with one of our preschool parents as the pho-

tographer! There will be more info on this provided to you as soon as the details and dates are nailed down! Your participation in the fundraising events for this school year are SO important! If you would like to find out more information about fundraising you are always welcome to attend our board meetings, call or email me at anytime!

I look forward to working with you all & meeting new faces! Thank you & see you soon!  
Ashley Fuchs, Ways & Means Chair  
[kadfuchs@msn.com](mailto:kadfuchs@msn.com)

**" A new baby is like the beginning of all things– wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities".**

*Eda J. Le Shan*

## Baby News!!!!!!!!!!!!

**\*Welcome baby Aynslee\***  
Born May 24, 2009  
6 lbs. 11 oz. & 19in. long  
Congratulations Tony & Juliet Duck!!!!

**\*Welcome baby Jane\***  
Born July 27, 2009  
7 lbs. 13 oz.  
Congratulations Kyle & Heather Tague!!!!!!!!



## *Bates Coordinator– Sandy Manthou*

Greetings new and returning Mountain View Cooperative Preschool Families!

If we have not had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Sandy Manthou and I am your Cooperative Preschool instructor through Bates Technical College. When you register as a Coop family, you also register with Bates and actually receive clock hour credits. Here are some services Bates Home and Family Life and your advisor provide:

Consultation i.e. parenting issues and challenges, classroom challenges, board position trainings

Classroom observations, curriculum and activity planning with teachers

Eight teacher in service trainings per year provided to Coop teachers for the purposes of providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum

Eight Parent Education classes/trainings (parenting topics) at the Bates Campus

Parents and teachers have the use of our resource center at Bates

Parent shares three times a year at your Coop location during your child's class time (A fun and casual gathering when I meet with parents during class time. Together, we discuss parenting topics, challenges, and anything and everything!)

My first parent share is scheduled for the month of October. The topic will be "ages and stages." We will be discussing the many developmental growth milestones that are taking place with your preschooler and also some of those challenging behaviors that can occur during these times. Hopefully, you will walk away with new discipline (limit setting) ideas and the peace of mind that you are not the only one that has these challenges!

On another note, you and your child are starting a new school year, maybe your first. Here is a little information on children and separation that may help you.

Dealing with Separation Anxiety

(Sometimes, also known as Velcro Child Syndrome!)

The process of separation from you as a parent as your child attends preschool is one of their most important events.

As your children mature, they begin to identify themselves as independent personalities. In separating from you, the parent, your child is learning:

To develop an interest in the activities of the preschool

To feel comfortable with others at preschool

To understand that their parents will come back to pick them up

That all parents leave their children and come back for them

To develop an acceptance and willingness to allow you the freedom as a parent to come and go as needed.

It is important to point out that sooner or later the initial successful adjustment to school is made, almost all children explore the limits of not going to school. When this occurs, consider these following suggestions for handling the situation:

Reassure your child that you will be back when school is over

Place emphasis on what your child is going to do at school rather than what your activities will be while he or she is in school

See your child involved in a specific activity or that he or she is in the hands of a teacher or working parent before you leave

Tell your child when you are leaving

Avoid prolonged good byes

Ask the teacher for help in separation. Teachers are very adept at handling tears

If prolonged and consistent crying occurs, teachers and parents can work out special arrangements and solutions

Call the teacher back to see how your child is doing

Understand that some children may not yet be ready for a group experience

Parents and teachers working together help the child bridge the gap between school and home.

Good luck! I look forward to see you in September

Sandy Manthou

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# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 Parent Orientation 7:00 PM	11	12 Set-Up Work Party 9:30 AM
13	14 Meet the Teacher 3's & 4's Classes	15 Meet the Teacher 5's Class	16	17	18 Meet the Teacher 2's Class	19
20	21 Parent Training 3's Class 9:30 AM Parent Training 4's Class 12:30 PM	22 Parent Training 5's Class 12:30 PM Parent Training 2's Class 6:30 PM	23	24	25 First Day 2's Class	26
27	28 First Day 3's & 4's Classes	29 First Day 5's Class	30			