



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Winstead and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: October 27, 2015

RE: Documents received at 10/26/15 Council Meeting

CC: Debbie Tarry, City Manager
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your October 26, 2015 City Council Business Meeting.

- 1) Written comments and brochures regarding cooperative preschools, submitted by Cathy Childs.

Good evening. My name is Cathy Childs. I live in Lake Forest park and am the Director of the North City Cooperative Preschool a state recognized 501(C) 3. I am here today to inform the City, that approximately 400 families with young children are in danger of losing their early intervention and educational programs which have been thriving in the City of Shoreline for the past 50 years. North City has been together and housed with two other cooperative preschools, Shoreline and Shorenorth, within the Shoreline Schools for the past 40 years. Currently we have enjoyed sharing the North Wing of the old North City Elementary Building with Wonderland Development Center, providing early intervention programs for children 0-3 for all of King County and Tessera Arts, another quality preschool. These schools and centers, which collectively serve 400 children and families, will soon be gone if we do not act swiftly.

Earlier this month, I inadvertently discovered that the school district is planning on recapturing the North City building as of June 1st, 2016. We are currently in negotiations to extend this date as far as possible, or explore other options for program placement, but the fact of the matter is, the school district is growing and seeking to recapture previously rented space in order to house the K-12 population it is legally obliged to serve. We all understand this, but the problem is our programs run till May 31st one day before the proposed lease termination, making it exceedingly difficult to complete our classes in order to pack up and leave our classrooms by June 1st.

Coop Directors serve dual roles as Shoreline Community College Parent Education Instructors providing quality researched based preschool programs for the children while instructing all participating parents and caregivers in early childhood development and best parenting practices. 200 college students will not be able to finish their credit courses this spring and

classes for children ages 0-5 would be cut short in order to vacate the premises according to the School District's request.

Again, we are in discussions with the school board, but we have been informed that we will not have a final answer regarding lease extensions until January 11th. We begin enrollment 2 weeks after this date for the fall. If programs are unable to inform families by February of new locations for the 16–17 academic year this would create an unfortunate circumstance that would seriously hamper recruitment and enrollment and possibly result in the closure of the preschools.

Our programs are extremely affordable non-profit organizations. We charge a fraction of what traditional pre-schools cost and provide critical social, emotional and problem solving skills which build a foundation for strong community members and the base for continued academic success. These programs are ran by Master level instructors, who create caring communities of families who support all of our children. Even if a child suffers from a learning or physical disability, if they don't speak English, are non-Caucasian or are having social or emotional issues, the adults support all children in finding a place in our community. We do many things in our programs, but this act alone, early intervention and instruction with at risk populations helps dramatically reduce the preschool to prison pipeline. Our parents go on to be room parents and PTA presidents. Even Senator Patty Murry got her political start as a parent fighting for coop preschools. Parents drive from as far away as Bellevue, Kirkland, Bothell, Lake Forest Park, North Seattle, Mountlake Terrace and Edmonds to attend our schools.

So to recap-

I am a Director and Instructor in a really fantastic 50 year old cooperative preschool that along with 4 other coops and programs serves 400 families in this community.

We are losing our home of 40 years with the school district either this June or sometime in the near future.

Our programs are strong and self-sufficient. We don't need money but it does look like we need a new home, and perhaps very quickly.

I would welcome all of you to tour our schools and meet with some of the instructors and families in our community. With the news of our possible closure, affected families and alumni are asking how they can help keep our schools open. Groups are forming and action is being taken and I would like to invite you join us to help find a solution to keep this vital community service in the City of Shoreline.

Thank you for the opportunity to present. I will leave you with a copy of my presentation, business cards and brochures describing our programs.

Cathy Childs
Director and Instructor
North City Cooperative Preschool
Shoreline Community College
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Parents and children learning *together*



What is a Parent Cooperative?

With active participation in our cooperative community, you pay minimal tuition and earn college credit through Shoreline Community College in Parent Education.

Parents participate at least once a week in class with their children, attend the monthly parent meetings, and contribute in any number of ways to the management and organizational support of the co-op. This gives parents opportunities to bring their skills and experience into the school environment, allowing them to further define their child's educational experience.



**"We are what we contribute.
We receive what we give."**

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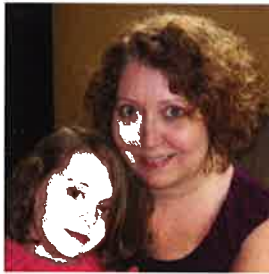


Cathy Childs, Director & Instructor

Cathy is a certified elementary and preschool teacher as well as the mother of three boys. She holds a master's degree in teaching from Evergreen State College and has 20 years of experience working with children and parents. Cathy recognizes the individual learning stages and needs of each child to provide corresponding educational activities.



Children learn more in their first five years than they learn at any other time in their lives.



Lesley Rippee, Instructor

Lesley is a certified teacher with a degree in music education and 6 years of experience in an early childhood setting. She is a former cooperative preschool parent having attended SCC classes with each of her 2 daughters. She believes strongly in the co-op model and in cultivating a learning environment with plenty of room for exploration, play and creative expression.

Developmental Focus on Discovery - Appropriate Tasks

Class curriculums focus on discovery and exploration of art, music, science, and physical education while respecting the growth pace of each child. We believe preschool should not be "boot camp for kindergarten".

Support of Childhood Experience - Our Preschool Environment

Children explore three theme rooms and a play yard. They help care for our guinea pigs and turtle, enjoy an exercise room with slides and climbers, and ride bikes outside.

Focus on Family Learning - Parent Education and Community

Parents enjoy parent education discussion groups and are exposed to a variety of parenting techniques. As a community we look to model shared values through giving back to the wider community outside of NCCP.



NCCP'S MISSION

We are a cooperative community of parents and children learning together. Self-esteem and social skills are built through age-appropriate play and exploration. Parents participate in education and peer support to foster growth and acceptance. "We are what we contribute. We receive what we give."

NCCP'S GOAL

Our goal is to support the development of strong and productive individuals through modeling healthy communication skills and providing opportunities for children to realize positive self-esteem through natural success and achievements.

What do parents say they love most about NCCP?

- Watching their child learn about art, science, math, music and reading
- Knowing their child loves going to school
- Watching their child become independent
- Seeing their child learn to share and make friends
- Learning about things to do at home
- Making friends with other parents
- Gaining confidence using positive parenting methods



Why Choose North City Co-op?

For over 50 years NCCP has been nurturing toddlers and preschoolers, offering child-centered programs tailored to the learning needs of very young children. Parents find a supportive environment to learn about early childhood development and a framework to compare and contrast their own parenting experiences. NCCP is a strong and vibrant community where families build supportive friendships that last for a lifetime.

Registration

*Non-refundable registration fee of \$60 for one child or \$75 for two or more children, due with forms to reserve a spot in a class

*There is an \$80 refundable cleaning deposit

*Families enrolled in more than one class receive a tuition discount of \$15 a month

Parent Education



The parent education fee goes directly to Shoreline Community College and pays for the parent education component of the class. Participating caregivers are enrolled as students at Shoreline Community College for a total of 3 quarters over the school year. The cost is \$16 per credit and is paid at the beginning of the school year or upon enrollment. Credits vary by class.

Busy Ones - 2 college credits, \$32/quarter

Family Mornings - 2 college credits, \$32/quarter

Night Owls - 2 college credits, \$32/quarter

Lunch Pail Bunch - 2 college credits, \$32/quarter

Super Heroes - 3 college credits, \$48/quarter

**Check us out at:
Northcitycoop.org**

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2015-2016 Classes

Busy Ones

Age: 1 year old

Wednesdays 9:00am - 10:45am

\$45 a month

Family Mornings

Ages: 1-4 years old

Fridays 9:00am - 10:45am

\$55 a month

Night Owls

Age: 1 -4 years old

Thursdays 6:30pm - 8:15pm

\$55 a month

Lunch Pail Bunch

Age: 2 years old

Wednesdays & Fridays 10:45am - 12:30pm

\$100 a month

Super Heroes AM

Ages: 3-5 years old

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays

9:30am - 11:50am

\$150 a month

Super Heroes PM

Ages: 3-5 years old

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays

12:15pm - 2:35pm

\$150 a month

Ages of child as of September 1, 2015 Infant siblings in backpacks or carriers welcome Children do not need to be potty trained to participate in classes





Our Philosophy

Research suggests young children learn best in an enriched, multisensory environment that is age appropriate.

Shorenorth provides this opportunity with a variety of learning tools including sand, paint and water play, songs, story time, puzzles, exercise and more. For adults, the parent education curriculum consists of weekly discussion groups during class, articles, as well as other materials and guest speakers all dealing with current parenting issues. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, nannies and other caregivers attend and share their experiences and ideas in class. Come join us where kids and parents make friends through interactive play and learning.



Shorenorth is
NAEYC Accredited

DIRECTIONS:

From I-5 take Exit 176. Head east on N. 175th. Turn left on 10th Ave NE. Turn left on NE 190th St. We are located in the former North City Elementary School.

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and children aged
Birth to 5

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About the Director, Jan Burnham

Jan Burnham is a certified Washington State teacher with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in Integrated Curriculum. Parents and partners has always been her theme in her instruction and she loves working side by side with parents at Shorenorth. Jan is married and has two daughters who attended a public cooperative school in the Shoreline School District. She is also a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Shorenorth Cooperative Preschool offers parents and children a unique and exciting educational experience. Parents benefit from an excellent parent education curriculum and support from other caring parents, while the children enjoy a wide variety of experiences and interaction with others. Skills developed at Shorenorth will last a lifetime for both you and your child.

Classes and Tuition

Classes Offered

Once a week:

Baby n' Me (Birth -1 year)
Explorers (1 to 2 years)

Twice a week:

Toddlers* (2 - 3 years)

Three days a week:

Movers* (3 - 4 years)
Groovers* (4 - 5 years)

*Parent/caregiver attends once a week

Tuition & Fees

Baby n' Me \$35/month \$32/quarter

Explorers \$55/month \$32/quarter

Toddlers \$90/month \$32/quarter

Movers \$135/month \$48/quarter

Groovers \$135/month \$48/quarter

Annual Registration \$55
Shoreline Community College sponsors and funds the parent education of Shorenorth but the preschool operates independently from the college.

OUR CLASSES

Adventurers

18 Months to 2.5 Years Old*
Wednesday Mornings

Discoverers

24 Months to 3 Years Old*
Wednesday & Friday Mornings

Imagineers

3 to 4 Years Old*
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

Inventors

Pre-K, 4 to 5 Years Old*
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons

Dragonflies

**Age as of August 31st*

No potty training required to attend class!

Our school is infant-friendly! If your participating child has a younger sibling that can stay in a baby carrier or stroller, you can bring them with you.

We also offer **Non-Participant Parent** status. If you are unable to attend/work (one day a week) we can still meet your needs.*

**One non-participating parent allowed per class*

PARENT EDUCATION

Shoreline Community College offers a unique parent education program that consists of a child-centered preschool laboratory setting and adult-centered lectures and discussion groups.

In the preschool classroom laboratory, parents become active partners in their child's education. Research supports the long-term benefits of this type of early parent involvement. Skilled SCC faculty plan and implement learning opportunities for both parents and children. These learned experiences help to empower parents to build on their strengths.

The mission of this program is to support parents as they become directly involved in their children's education.



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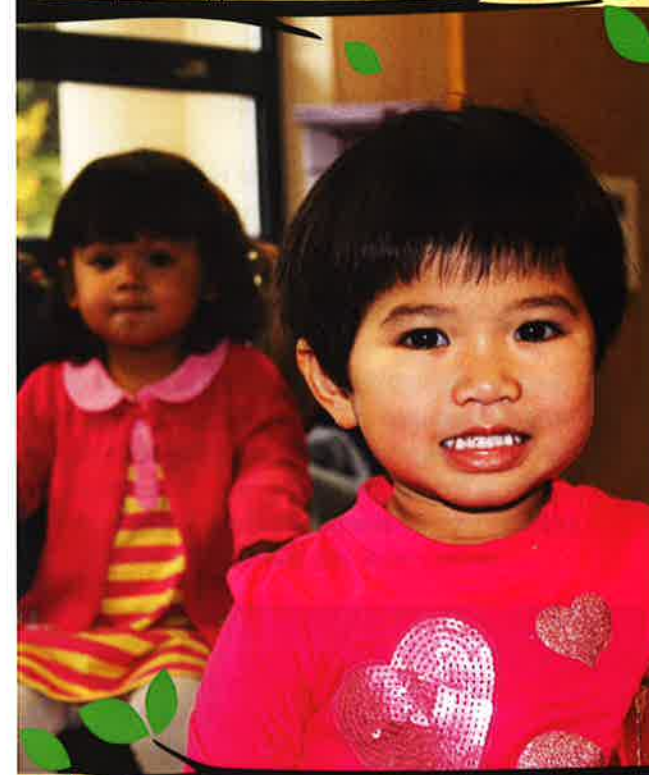
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Shoreline Cooperative PRESCHOOL



where kids and parents grow



OUR TEACHERS

ACTIVITIES

Our preschool offers a unique and educational environment for your child through:

- Puzzles and creative thinking
- Small group projects
- Musical instruments and songs
- Sensory and water tables
- Art projects
- Curriculum-based field trips
- Outdoor play structure and covered outdoor play area
- Spacious, fully equipped gym
- Carpentry area

Our preschoolers grow and learn many important skills through their play. They practice large motor skills in our gym and climbing room and fine motor skills at the art and writing table. The children build on their emotional, social and cognitive skills as they work and play side-by-side.

WHO WE ARE

Shoreline Cooperative Preschool is a warm, caring community of parents and children. Since 1961, parents have brought their children to our preschool where we build self-esteem and encourage positive ways of solving conflicts.

Our community celebrates each other's parenting joys and accomplishments as well as offering support or suggestions for those inevitable parenting challenges.

We are a preschool lab of Shoreline Community College. SCP does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships or other school-administered programs.

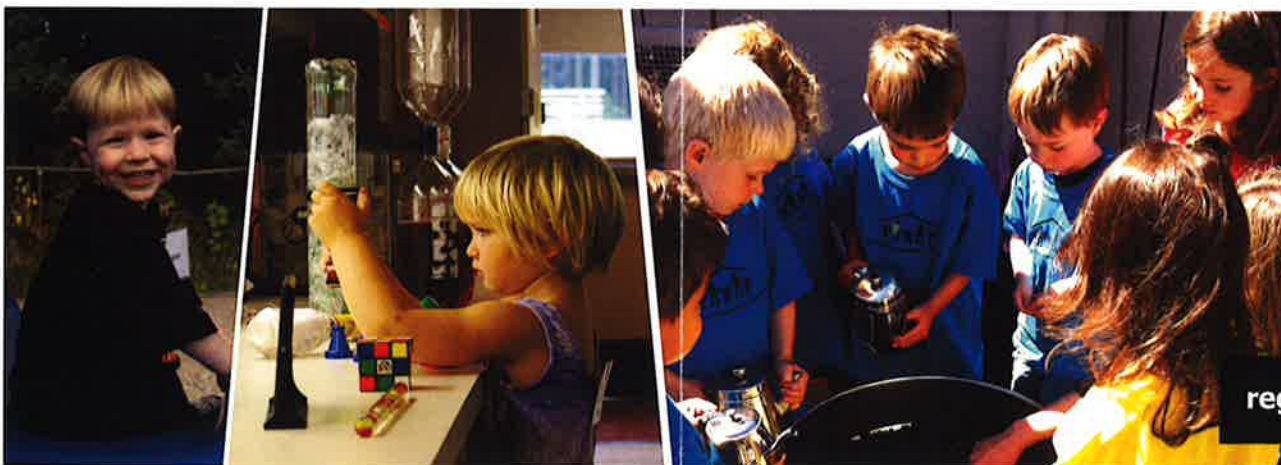
patty

Patty Cheng is loved by the kids for the warmth and respect she offers them and by the parents for her cheerful support, understanding and insightful parenting tips. She has directed our preschool since 1986 after earning her BA from the University of Washington.



jessica

Jessica Gesinger has been a coop preschool teacher since 2009, a coop preschool parent for six years, and an elementary school teacher of grades K-3 for six years. She completed her undergraduate degree at The Evergreen State College, and then received her Teaching Certificate and Master of Arts in Education at Antioch University, Seattle.



CONTACT US

Call 206.362.3257 or email us to attend a free class, set up a tour or to learn more about SCP!

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TUITION COSTS

Adventurers

1.5 to 2.5 years old
Monthly Tuition: \$46
Parent Education Fee: \$16 per quarter

Discoverers

2 years old or by teacher permission
Monthly Tuition: \$83
Parent Education Fee: \$32 per quarter

Imagineers

3 to 4 years old
Monthly Tuition: \$125
Parent Education Fee: \$48 per quarter

Inventors

4 to 5 years old
Monthly Tuition: \$140
Parent Education Fee: \$48 per quarter

Dragonflies

3 to 5 years old
3 week Session Tuition: \$140
Parent Education Fee: Included

One school year is 3 quarters.
Yearly Registration Fee: \$45

SCP is a non-profit organization. Tuition and registration fees pay for monthly field trips and operating expenses (equipment, books, supplies, insurance, etc.). The Parent Education Fee pays for Shoreline Community College credits and speakers throughout the year.



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