

**What is a "Parent Cooperative Preschool"?**

We are a program with parent participation. Parents work with the teacher to create a high adult-child ratio and provide a great learning environment for each child.

What is the philosophy of the school and who designs the curriculum?

Duvall Cooperative Preschool is a developmentally appropriate, play-based preschool. This means that we believe kids of this age learn best by hands-on experiencing their world, not by forced memorization and seatwork. We provide a wide range of activities that are developmentally correct for these ages (art projects, science experiments, gross motor and small motor toys and activities). Our teachers derive the entire curriculum used during circle time and keep in mind the developmental needs and abilities of the children they are teaching.

What ages do we serve?

We enroll children ages birth thru age 4

Do you have a cut-off enrollment age?

Yes, children must match the age of their class (with the exception of the family class) as of August 31st of the enrollment year.

Where are we located?

We meet in the Duvall Community Center Building located in Downtown Duvall: 26512 NE Stella St, Duvall, WA 98019

What are the parent's responsibilities/commitments to the school?

- Attend quarterly Parent Education Class and Parent Orientation
- Classroom help-participate/work one scheduled class each week (potential to be reduced to twice a month based off class enrollment)
- Serve on one standing committee or the Board of Trustees
- Participate in our all-school annual fundraising activity
- Participate in one deep cleaning of the preschool

What are Parent Education Classes?

There is one Parent Education class per quarter, for a total of three Parent Education classes per year. These classes include discussions of the developmental stages of preschoolers, and they often provide an opportunity to brainstorm solutions for current parenting issues. These classes also serve as a time when your whole class can make decisions and prepare for the upcoming events.

What do you mean by work day?

Once a week you will "work" at the school. Every two weeks you are assigned one of the following centers: art/snack, blocks, dramatic play, sensory, reading/writing. During free time, you play and assist the children in your area. Every two weeks you rotate so that you serve in all the areas of the preschool.

What are the committees?

Each student serves on one standing committee. Each committee is important to the operation and the success of the preschool. The committees are assembled at registration and apportioned to best meet the needs of the preschool. Consequently, if you change classes after registration you may be required to change committees. Some committees have regularly scheduled responsibilities, while others operate on a periodic basis. The committees include: Marketing & Communications, Facilities & Maintenance, and Fundraising & Event

What is the preschool Board of Trustees?

DCP is run by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of ten executive Board members and a Parent Leader from each class. All positions are voluntary and held by members of the cooperative. The Board of Trustees is here to serve you, and welcomes your input.

Our Board of Trustees is made up of the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Parent Leaders
- Registrar

For full descriptions of each Board position please see the DCP Handbook located on dcpreschool.org

What do you mean by deep cleaning?

With four classes of children coming through the building each week, there is a lot of dirt and grime that needs to be regularly cleaned. A portion of the tuition you pay each month goes to pay for weekly clean of the school. The school needs to be “deep cleaned” twice a year. You are required to participate in one deep clean per year.

Can I observe a class?

Observations are welcome but need to be scheduled. Please e-mail our registrar at: dcpreschool@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. (We would not want you to come when we are going on a field trip or have some other sort of change in schedule.) We also hold open houses during the year which is a great way to meet our teachers and tour our facility.

When can I register?

Registration for the upcoming school year begins on February 1st for those current enrolled and for Alumni of DCP. If you are a new student, your registration period begins March 1st. If you want to enroll in the current school year, you first must email the registrar to see about openings for the class you are interested in attending. If the class is currently full, you can be put on a wait list and we will notify you when we have an opening.

More information is available on our website:

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