

Our School

Northshore Community Cooperative Preschool (NSCCP) provides a safe and nurturing environment where children and parents can learn and grow together. We believe that our families and our community are enriched by a parent's active involvement in his or her child's education.

Our preschool is affiliated with Lake Washington Technical College. Our Teachers excel in working with young children and are Parent Education Instructors at the College.



Our Program

A parent or caregiver attends class alongside his or her child. Children are offered a wide range of sensory, play, creative, and pre-academic projects based on their interests and developmental abilities. Parents and caregivers act as Assistant Teachers in the classroom providing loving guidance and support to all children in the class.

Enrolled parents or caregivers receive 2 to 3 credits in Parent Education at Lake Washington Technical College per quarter of class participation. Parents learn from their teachers and from one another during our monthly Parent Meetings, discussions, handouts, brief assignments, and through observation.

Our Staff

Teacher **Betsy James** earned a Bachelors Degree and Teaching Credential from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She has taught Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and worked as an Educator at the Pacific Science Center. Betsy is a mother of three boys and has participated with her own children in a co-op preschool. She understands and values the challenges, adventures, friendships, and support that co-op programs offer.

Teacher **Paula Anderson** has been involved in cooperative preschools for a number of years, first as a parent and later as an instructor. In addition to being on staff at NSCCP, Paula also is a Parent Educator and teacher at Lake Washington Toddler Group (LWTG) in Kirkland. Paula gained her early childhood experience while serving at an orphanage in Mexico, and working as a Headstart teacher for several years. She and her husband are also certified foster parents and have two daughters.

Teacher **Cam Harrel** has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Special Education. She has 10 years teaching experience, having taught both regular and special education in the primary grades and middle school. Cam spent two years volunteering in the same kindergarten classroom, first with her son and then with her daughter, so she knows what our children need to be prepared for kindergarten.

Our Daily Schedule

Our curriculum and activities focus on social skills, playful exploration, and critical thinking in a child-welcoming environment. While there is always something new and exciting to do at preschool, our daily schedule and routines remain the same so that children may experience a sense of comfort and task-mastery. Every class session includes:

- ❖ A **Circle Time** where we welcome one another, dance to music, sing songs, read a story and talk about the day.
- ❖ A **Free-Choice time** when children self-select from art, sensory, dramatic play, block building, and fine motor projects in the classroom. Adults in the classroom join in children's play, model problem solving strategies when conflicts arise, and supervise for safety.
- ❖ An **Outdoor playtime** in our fenced outdoor play area to promote physical health, coordination, safety and strength.
- ❖ A **Snack Time** where parents take turns providing a nutritious snack. This is an opportunity for eating, practicing manners and socializing together.
- ❖ **Adult directed transitions.** Children help to clean, wash their hands, or put on jackets as we move from one portion of the day to the next. We encourage everyone to work together and help each other.
- ❖ **Small group activities for older children.** Pre-K and 3-4 year old children have 10-15 minutes per class of small group time supervised by an adult. We use this time to play board games, conduct experiments, share ideas, work on fine-motor activities, or grow our pre-literacy and numeracy skills.

Membership Requirements

The long-term viability and day-to-day vitality of the Northshore Community Cooperative Preschool program is created by our participating families. In this spirit we require ALL NSCCP families to:

- ❖ **Fully complete the registration process.** This includes visiting the school before enrolling, promptly completing all required paperwork, and paying a yearly non-refundable registration fee.
- ❖ **Provide an adult parent or caregiver to work as an Assistant Teacher once a week in their child's class.** All adults who will be in the classroom must complete a program orientation and pass a Washington State Patrol Criminal Background check.
- ❖ **Provide snack for the class as assigned.**
- ❖ **Attend the school's Parent Meeting one evening each month.**
- ❖ **Complete Parent Education assignments and participate in discussions as appropriate.**
- ❖ **Pay monthly tuition and participate in fundraising activities.** Scholarship assistance may be available to families unable to meet the monthly tuition. Please contact the school treasurer for more information.
- ❖ **Serve on a school committee, participate in a school cleaning, and help with school events as needed.**

We cordially invite you to come by and visit. If interested in enrolling, or for any questions, call:

(425) 485-4860

Visit our website at:

www.northshorecoop.org

2009-2010 Program Schedule

Class & Age	Days	Time	Monthly Tuition
1-3's	T	11:30-1:15	\$44
1-5's	F	11:30-1:15	\$44
2-3's	T & F	9:30-11:15	\$75
3-4's	M, W, Th	9:45-11:45	\$95
4-5's	M, W, Th	12:15-2:45	\$113
Child MUST be at least the youngest age listed by August 31.			
There is a yearly NON-Refundable registration fee of \$50 (\$25 for siblings)			
15% tuition discount for younger siblings 50% tuition discount applies to siblings enrolled in the 1-5's Class only			

Northshore Community Co-op Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. To join, please mail your registration fee and enrollment forms to:

Northshore Community Co-op Preschool
PO Box 613
Bothell, WA 98041

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