



## **Frequently Asked Questions about The Durham Cooperative Nursery School**

### **What are my obligations to the Co-op for the school year?**

All Co-op members are required to work our major fundraisers (more on that to come): The biggest commitment being the Barbeque Chicken Booth at the Durham Fair (2 five-hour shifts per family) and the Movie Night. Members are also requested to act as teacher aides in the classroom as needed. Depending on enrollment, each family is usually needed 4-6 days a school year. This year families had the opportunity to sign up for three days from Sept.-Dec. If you have not signed up yet the list will be kept at school and will be available on the first day. If this is successful we will have a new list for people to sign up for their own dates in January, otherwise you will be assigned your week by a board member. If you cannot make it, please find a suitable substitute (e.g. switch with another parent in the Co-op, send Grandma or Grandpa, Aunt Ethyl or Uncle Harry). Members are also required to participate on one committee during the school year. You will definitely meet great friends along the way and your kids benefit from your involvement!

### **Do I have to work my shifts at the fundraisers?**

YES. These are our major fundraisers that keep the Co-op going. Without them, we'd not be able to operate as we do. And, besides, why wouldn't you want to work? Ask anyone who's done it before- it's fun! Many alumni even offer to come back and work the Durham Fair. If there are extenuating circumstances and you are unable to make your assigned shift, we need you to find a friend or relative that can cover you. If that also is not possible, please let a Board Member and the co-chair of that fundraiser know as soon as possible so a decision can be made. If you do not inform the Board and the co-chair then unfortunately you will be fined (as stated in the By-Laws). If you feel the fine is not justified, you then have the option of bringing your "case" before the general membership and there will be a vote.

### **Do I have to pay to get into the Durham Fair if I'm working?**

YES. We only get a limited number of admission tickets for the Durham Fair and these go to the co-chairs who need to be there the entire time. The best-kept secret of the Durham Fair, however, is that you can get a pretty cheap three-day pass to the fair, by entering something in the fair (you or your child)- a picture, a flower arrangement, etc. Check it out!

### **If I have more than one child in the Co-op, do I have to work double-shifts?**

NO. Families with more than one child enrolled in the school do not have to perform double membership responsibilities other than teacher aide duties.

### **Why am I paying for September's tuition- I thought I did this at enrollment?**

We actually took one month's tuition, at enrollment, and this will be for June (the last month in the school year) so we do not have to worry about anyone paying late or not at all for that month.

### **Why do I have to pay a full month's tuition for June when school only goes a little into that month?**

School tuition is based on the 10 months that your child is in school. We took the amount needed to run the school and divided it by 10, so that each month was equal.