

MOMSENSES



Happy Fall!



The Fall is in full swing! We love this time of year when we can enjoy the amazing beauty of the changing leaves, the delicious flavors of hot cider & honey crisp apples and the energy & excitement of back to school, Halloween and football. It's a great



time of the year to slow down and look at the world through the eyes of your pre-schooler. Remember the joy of jumping in a pile of leaves, navigating a corn maze, seeing the glow of your jack-o-lantern or finding a woolly bear caterpillar? We are so blessed as



moms that we can experience this joy and wonder all over again with our young children. We pray that you will all enjoy the thrill of Fall and have a safe and fun Halloween!

~ Kristin & Paige



Operation Christmas Child



You and your families have the unique opportunity to participate in God's blessings to children in more than 100 countries this Christmas. This is a concrete way for children of young ages to experience sharing God's love with others. "As mothers of young children, it can seem like an overwhelming task to participate in any ministry beyond what we do for our own families

on a daily basis. But this one is *easy!*" muses Carolyn Downey. Find a shoe box, determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, pray for the child, then have fun filling the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. "It was easy for me to see that Drew, my 2 1/2 year old, and I are tailor-made for this ministry. Who else knows what a little boy would like and need more than a 2-year-old boy and his mom? Drew has had so much fun finding little toys and picking out a toothbrush to pack in the box!"

Filled shoe boxes (along with the \$7 shipping check) will be collected today and at our next meeting on Nov 11th. Even more: this year you can track your box and find out the destination country of your gift if your \$7 shoe box donation is made online.

For specific instructions on how to pack the shoe box as well as gift ideas for the shoe box, go to www.samaritanspurse.org url.



A girl in Romania anxiously waits to open her shoe box.

Beaverton MOPS October 2011



MOPPETS Corner

Date: November 11, 2011

Topic: A Thankful Thanksgiving

Description: Preschool children will give thanks, as the pilgrims did, for blessings in their lives. They will also do a Thanksgiving craft.

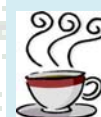
Children will participate in a service project. Please have your MOPPETS child bring in one can or box of food to donate to the St. Matthew Church food pantry. Each child that brings in food will receive a sticker.

Scheduled in MOPPETS: Jenine Greenley, Becky Shields, Lara Sales, Katherine Wiedemann

New MOPPETS!

Dallas, born to Melissa & Sang Lee on September 30.

Madeleine May, born to Lynne & Greg Riffenburgh on October 14.



Featured Coffee in November: Salted Caramel Mocha

Meet More of The MOPPETS Staff



Mary Mann,
21/2 y.o. classroom asst.

How long have you worked with children? Mary has a degree in elementary education with a minor in social science

from the University of Iowa. She has a background in gardening, teaching and tutoring children and adults with learning disabilities. In addition, Mary is a mother of 4!

Do you have any hobbies? Mary has two Associates degrees: one in engine technology and the other in horticulture. She manages a successful organic gardening business.



Nicole Irwin,
4-6 y.o. classroom

How did you spend your summer? Nicole had a special summer. She got engaged this summer and celebrated her 30th birthday in September.

"I went to Kauai and San Francisco (this summer). San Fran was the first road trip I've taken with my fiancée."

What are some of your hobbies? "I love sports! I coach classic soccer with my mom and I love supporting Beaver football. In free time I love reading, couponing, watching tv and scary movies."

If you had a day all to yourself how would you spend it? "I would rent a fancy car, stay in a nice hotel with heavenly beds,

go to my favorite restaurants and read Ann Rule books all day."



Lynda Deccio,
Middle Nursery

What do you enjoy most about childcare? "All of it! The best sound in the world is the laughter of a

child."

Do you have any children? I have 3 grown children and I am the grandmother of 6. I find it so awesome to be both mom and friend to my (grown) children."

What is your favorite food?
"Unfortunately, anything sweet!"



Aimee Palmer,
Satellite Nursery

Do you have any children?
Aimee has a 3 year old boy.

How did you spend your summer? "I just finished

dental assisting school and now I am looking for a job. I used to be a nanny and I love working with children. I am hoping that I can find a job that will allow me to continue to care for the children in MOPPETS!"

Alexandra Panagopoulos,
2 1/2 y.o. classroom

What are some of your hobbies? When Alexandra is not taking classes in college, she enjoys "reading, playing with my ferret and shopping."

How long have you worked with children? "I have been working with children for over 10 years. My brother has special needs and I have been assisting with his care and volunteering in special needs classrooms."

Where did you grow up? "I grew up in Fresno, CA. My fondest childhood memories are of spending time with my grandparents."



Teresa Fornia,
Satellite Nursery

If you had a day all to yourself how would

you spend it? "I probably should *sleep*, but knowing me I would *clean*. It would be nice to have the whole house clean at the same time!"

Do you have any children? Teresa is a recent graduate of MOPS. She is the mother of 3 busy boys. Theresa has a giving heart and we are blessed that she has decided to return to MOPS as a MOPPETS staff member.

MOPPETS is in need of more staff members! Wanted: Loving adults to play and care for our children! Paid and volunteer positions are available to care for children during MOPS meetings. Do you know a sitter that might be free Friday mornings? How about anyone at your church that enjoys children? The demand for childcare during our meetings is high. Volunteers can help for just a meeting or two! Contact Nikki Fish (nikki3092109@yahoo.com) or (503)526-9690.

Upcoming Speakers

On **November 11th**, Leslie Hanscom, owner of Gymboree Music and Play, will be visiting and will discuss ways to create family rituals and traditions throughout the year by sharing her own experiences as well as those gleaned from others. Leslie's ideas are creative and fun! The traditions she creates go beyond the holiday season and are practical for any family dynamic. You won't want to miss this opportunity to be inspired to create lasting memories with your children every day!

Christmas Bazaar
Reserve your table now!

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar at our MOPS meeting on December 9th. It will be a great way to find those last-minute holiday gifts! In the past, moms have sold jewelry, handmade cards, accessories for kids, homemade jam, scarves, birdhouses, art and other unique items! If you or a friend have a product you are interested in selling, please contact Kaitlyn Dykes at the Blue table (benzingerk@hotmail.com). MOPS members may reserve 1/2 table for free. The price for non-members to participate is \$10. Full tables may be purchased for \$20 if space allows.



Pumpkin Snack Mix



"This yummy mix is so munchable, a bowl of it never lasts long. That's what happened when I brought it to our MOPS Steering meeting and then to work. Several asked for the recipe, so here it is! Feel free to use candy corn instead of the candy pumpkins for a Thanksgiving holiday feel." **Carolyn Downey**

- 3 quarts popped popcorn
- 4 cups Cheerios
- 4 cups Corn or Rice Chex
- 2 cups salted peanuts
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 package (16 oz) candy pumpkins

In a large greased roasting pan, combine the popcorn, cereal and peanuts. In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, corn syrup and butter; bring to a rolling boil. Boil for 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; quickly stir in vanilla and baking soda until mixture is light and foamy.

Immediately pour over popcorn mixture; toss to coat. Bake, uncovered, at 250° for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool completely. Stir in candy pumpkins. **Yield:** About 5-1/2 quarts.



We will buy back your treats to keep them off the streets!

November 1-4

All children are eligible to participate!

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www.behindthesmile.com

Carolyn Downey, fellow MOPS mom and pediatric dentist, invites your children to stop by one of her office locations the week after Halloween to trade in your Halloween candy for something more healthy and just as sweet. Pick a few favorite treats and trade in the rest. It's a fun way to encourage your children to enjoy treats in moderation. **Get \$1 for each pound of candy!**



Finally! A fun way to reuse those baby food jars. Jenine Greenley, our creative crafts coordinator, is in need of baby food jars and lids for an upcoming MOPS craft project. If you can contribute, contact Jenine at the Orange table. (jenine1212@yahoo.com)



We received a lot of positive feedback about Adrienne Ochs after our last meeting. If you have any questions or would like more advice, Adrienne can be contacted at adrienneochs@psualum.com.

Did you like Maureen Ochs (Adrienne's daughter)? **Need a babysitter?** Email Maureen at maureenochs1@aol.com



MOPS Strider Bike Fundraiser

The Strider Balance Bike is lightweight, easy to control and features an adjustable seat and handlebars to accommodate a growing child. Most importantly, the STRIDER teaches your child balance, coordination and develops glittering confidence. It is steady, stable and safe.

"We absolutely love our Strider bike! Thomas (4 years old) went right from the Strider to riding his bike without ever falling down. It was so exciting to watch! Now our whole family can go on bike rides together because Drew (2 years old) can ride along with us on his Strider. He definitely keeps up with the rest of us and he feels so proud! Drew loves riding his

bike," raves Carolyn Downey.



Beaverton MOPS will be raffling off a brand new red Strider bike!

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, and will be sold starting this Friday, October 28th. The drawing will be held **December 9**. If you are interested in purchasing a bike for your child, they are \$99 with free shipping and the best part.... MOPS earns \$15 for each Strider sold! The Strider bike is suitable for ages 1-5. See Mara at the pink table for information on raffle tickets or buying a bike. These make great Christmas presents for your little ones! (wink,wink)

Feel free to let friends and family know about this great way to support our local MOPS group. www.stridersports.com



November Birthdays

Elise Rodemack: Nov. 1
 Kim Hensley: Nov. 15
 Nikki Fish: Nov. 17
 Tracy Welch: Nov. 25
 Paige Easterday: Nov. 26
 Shonda Russell: Nov. 26
 Elaine Mattson: Nov. 27



December Birthdays

Kristi Peterson: Dec. 10
 Jenine Greenley: Dec. 12
 Kristen Cox: Dec. 16
 Karen Eggert: Dec. 29

Outside Activities

Moms & Kids Playdate at CeramiCafe! Fri, Nov 4 at 9:30 a.m.



You and your child(ren) can create together! This is a fun time to play with other MOPS moms and their children. Make gifts for the holidays or keepsakes for you.

Items will be discounted 15% off for all MOPS moms who attend this event.



Save the date for Bunco, March 10.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Steering Meeting	3	4 Ceramicafe 9:30 a.m.	5
6 Daylight Savings 	7	8	9	10	11 MOPS Meeting 9:00-11:30 a.m. MOPPETS Food Drive, Bring food to donate	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30 Steering Meeting			