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Thanks to our sponsors, more than 200 guests, and many others who helped in some manner, St. Mark Community Preschool's second annual Country Fair on October 11, 2009 was a great success. The \$13,000 (net) raised represents a 30% increase in funds



raised last year-particularly impressive in light of current economic conditions! Proceeds will be used to continue paying off the preschool's short-term loan from St. Mark Presbyterian Church, as well as fund other preschool projects. Thanks to everyone for their support.

The preschool is particularly grateful to the event's sponsors:

- Blue Ribbon Sponsor--The Mitchell Family
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- Country Fair Sponsors--Tracy & Matt Allen, Paul & Penny McManigal, The Awad Family, The Bruening Family, The Chiechi Family, The Clark Family, The Duby Family, The Gallagher Family, The Kidder Family, The LePore Family, The McMullen Family, and The Ryan Callaghan Family

Also, a special thanks to this year's Country Fair Committee, comprised of a wonderfully dedicated group of preschool moms. A BIG THANKS to **Megan Anderson**, who coordinated the decorations; **Jen Awad**, who coordinated registration; **Julia Bruening**, who coordinated the auction;

Lisa Delaney and **Kellee Dūby**, who coordinated volunteers; and **Bridget Larkin**, who coordinated the food and refreshments. Thanks to each of these ladies for going above and beyond by volunteering countless hours to make the day great fun for each family in attendance.

We also had a number of parents contribute items to the auction, bake sale or cake walk or by volunteering before, during and after the event. To everyone who helped or supported the event in any way, thank you!

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Thank you for attending your recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you haven't been able to schedule one yet, be sure to contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. The teachers appreciate hearing about your child directly from you.



I'd also like to reiterate my thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Country Fair. A flyer has been distributed to all families, asking you to indicate how you are willing to help with our 2010 fair. Four members of the Country Fair Committee will be moving on to elementary school next year and we really need your help in planning, starting in March. We will build on the successes of this year, so please consider where you might fit in.

A few reminders:

- School Photos will be taken on Wednesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 5, with class photos following the individual ones, taken during regular school hours. Watch for the photo order envelope to come home next week. Please return it before photo day.
- Be sure to make eye contact with the teachers on arrival and at pickup time. We want your children to be safe here, and we don't always see you if you quickly drop them off or pick them up. Remember to sign in/out with your first and last names - initials are not enough.
- Along with the public schools, we will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 to remember our veterans on Veterans' Day. We will also be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holidays. BUT. . .
- We DO have school on Wednesday, Nov. 25, even though the public schools are closed. That is our Thanksgiving Feast Day, with all the family invited - siblings, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles!

The children do the cooking days before so we can feast all together!

- For your holiday planning, the last day of school before the winter holidays in December is Thursday, December 17. There will be no school on Friday, December 18 through Friday, January 1. We will resume school on Monday, January 4.
- Please remember, no Halloween costumes or masks at preschool.

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