

[<Back](#) [Print](#)Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

# Connections

## News from St. Mark Community Preschool

November, 2011

### In This Issue

**2011 Country Fair Sets New Records for Attendance, Funds Raised and Fun!**

**LOVE Bags Now On Sale! 40% of Sales to Benefit St. Mark Community Preschool**

**Thanksgiving Information for Current Preschool Families**

**From the Desk of Mary Hornbuckle: News for Current Preschool Families**

### Quick Links

[Register Now](#)[Newsletter Archive](#)[Related Topics](#)[More About Us](#)[Join our list](#)

Join our mailing list!

## 2011 Country Fair Sets New Records for Attendance, Funds Raised and Fun!

Thanks to the generosity of preschool families, friends and other supporters, the 2011 Country Fair on October 23 was our best yet! This year's event netted more than \$20,000--a 34% increase from last year and double what the first fair in 2008 raised. And, nearly 300 guests attended, compared to about 200 in prior years. Thanks to everyone for your tremendous and heart-felt support!



Proceeds from this year's Country Fair will benefit the preschool's future Nature Yard, which is currently in the planning stages. Details about the Nature Yard will be available in the coming months--stay tuned for additional information.

A complete recap of the Country Fair, including a final list of our generous sponsors and a selection of photographs, can be found by [clicking here](#). We'd also like to send a special thank-you to our industrious Country Fair Committee, who began planning the event in March. A special thanks to **Karen Carboni, Michele Coble, Kellee Duby, Lauren Froman, Ginny Gallagher, Kelli Hamilton, Meg Olsen and Allwyn Thornton** for their tremendous volunteer efforts. Ladies, you're amazing!

Planning for next year's Country Fair will begin in March, 2012. If you're interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Amy Simko, 949-644-1442 or [amy@stmarkpresbyterian.org](mailto:amy@stmarkpresbyterian.org).

## LOVE Bags Now On Sale! 40% of Sales to Benefit St. Mark Community Preschool





**St. Mark Community Preschool  
Holiday Fundraiser!**

Great holiday gifts and 40% of sales go back to St Mark Preschool!

The environmentally friendly and hip LOVE bags, totes and accessories are sturdy, reusable and washable. Look for catalogue and order forms in your child's cubby. Orders Forms can be turned in by November 30th.

These stylish sacks make great holiday gifts for parents, teachers, coaches, family and friends.

Need a catalogue or order form? contact us! Amy Simko,  
amy@stmarkpresbyterian.org

You can also purchase LOVE products on-line ([www.lovereusablebags.com](http://www.lovereusablebags.com)) and still benefit the preschool--at checkout simply type ST. MARK in the field asking "Are you purchasing for a fundraiser?"--and the preschool will benefit from 40% of your purchase. Make sure to spread the word to your friends and family as well!

## Thanksgiving Information for Current Preschool Families

As we enter into the season of celebrations and traditions, we are learning about being thankful. To continue a thirty-three year tradition, we will assemble on **Wednesday, November 23** at 11:45 AM for our own Thanksgiving service. We DO have school that day, but if your child does not usually come to school on Wednesdays,



please bring him or her with you at 11:45 AM. We will gather in the church sanctuary on the other side of the canyon to sing songs and hear the story of Thanksgiving. All parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends are welcome to join us, remembering this is a service of worship, not a performance. If you bring a camera, please be discreet, not distracting. This is an experience by and for the children.

Each child is asked to bring a package or can of food to our Thanksgiving service to be shared with people who do not have enough to eat, through one of our local charities. Sharing in this way is most meaningful to the children when they have helped to choose a favorite food at the store, and then bought two - one to keep and one to share. The Share Our Selves (SOS) food distribution program will be the recipient of the food collected at our service.

Our traditional Thanksgiving Feast will follow the worship service, on the preschool art patio. The children will have spent many days preparing the food (yes, they cook) and they will be so excited to share it with you. No lunches are needed on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and there is no extended day program that day. Please plan to stay to share our feast, and then take your children with you when it is over. If you are unable to join us, please come for your children at 12:45, our early dismissal time. School will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

## From the Desk of Mary Hornbuckle: News for Current Preschool Families

Two more notes about the holidays:

- We celebrate holidays in a low-key manner, maintaining our regular routines and schedules, in order to keep this a safe, predictable, low-stress environment for children. If you want to do something special with a class, a special treat at the end of the day or an art activity you plan with the teacher would be appropriate. Ask the teachers for suggestions on how to incorporate your ideas with their lesson plans. We always welcome the sharing of family traditions with the class. Thank you for understanding our philosophy of providing a dependable, reliable environment in which children can grow and flourish.
- Our dismissal for Christmas is earlier than the school district. We will not have school on Friday, December 16 through Friday, December 30. We will return on Monday, January 2, 2012.



Please be sure to update your emergency information sheet if there have been any changes or if you want to add people who can pick up your child. We need to have caregiver names and phone numbers, as well as those of any carpool drivers. If you are planning a trip or vacation without your child, be sure to let us know in writing who

will be picking up your child, particularly if s/he becomes ill at school. It is also very important for us to have your current address and phone numbers, including cell phone numbers. Thanks!

Do check those extra clothes bags now and then, especially if your child has worn any of the items home. We do get wet and dirty here - all part of the learning process while we are having fun! Please return any of the school's extra clothes that may have come to your house.

The children appreciate the good, nutritious snacks you send. Have you signed up for November/December yet? Check with the teachers if you need good snack suggestions. Remember to keep sweet treats to a minimum.

A word about donations of goods to the school: We are happy to accept donations, if you will allow us to keep the things we can use and pass on to others those that we can't use. Please check with the office before you bring items to school.

Thanks for ordering from the Scholastic book order forms. The preschool earns points for each dollar you spend, to use for classroom supplies, equipment and new books for the school.

Mary Hornbuckle  
St. Mark Community Preschool

---

Email: [preschool@stmarkpresbyterian.org](mailto:preschool@stmarkpresbyterian.org)  
Web: <http://www.stmarkcommunitypreschool.org>

[Forward email](#)



This email was sent to smcpcampaign@aol.com by [preschool@stmarkpresbyterian.org](mailto:preschool@stmarkpresbyterian.org) | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

St. Mark Community Preschool | 2100 Mar Vista | Newport Beach | CA | 92660

