

Lee Owen Stone Cooperative Preschool

A unique learning environment for preschool aged children is centrally located on M.L.K. and Knott streets, at an affordable price.

Lee Owen Stone preschool was founded as St. Philip's Co-Operative Preschool, by Father Stone and the Episcopal Church in 1965 to provide a cultural and educational atmosphere for local children. In 1967 Project Head Start was formed and many local children transferred there. Since then Lee Owen Stone Co-Operative Preschool has been run independently from the church, but in the St. Philips building.

Co-Operative preschools hire only one professional, teacher, relying on parents and families to help in the classroom and other tasks. As a result the cost is kept far below that of a private school. Scholarships are also available.

The cost is just one of many benefits to Lee Owen Stone School. The school is run according to its philosophy, at the core of which is the respect and love of every child. It is understood that each child is different and has his or her own unique personality, and that each child's life and family is also unique.



The need for children to have friends who are different from themselves is stressed; this results in every effort being made by the school to balance the classroom in relation to gender, race an income; this is unique in local preschools.

The educational philosophy of

the school maintains that preschool aged children can best learn and grow through play. The learning emphasis is on exploration of a wide variety of experiences, at the individual child's space and according his or her interests. The curriculum is planned by the teacher who is trained in Child Development and Early Childhood Education. The daily routine includes: free play, group or circle time, outside time, art projects, games, snack, cleanup time, music, story time and special projects. Dramatic play, community visitors and field trips are also part of the curriculum.

Because this is a co-operative school relying on parental involvement parents benefit as well as the children. Parents are required to attend periodic meetings, serve the school in one form or other, and to participate in the annual fund-raiser. Flexibility around how individual families participate is a priority. Co-Operatives give parents a chance to get to know each other, to participate in their child's first school experience, watch their child with and in relation to other children, learn about parenting and other issues, have a voice in the decision making process; mutual and moral support from other parents with similar concerns, problems and interests.

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On Monday, May 17, Fred Meyer Non-Food & General Merchandise employees working at 22 Fred Meyer stores in the Portland, Tri-County Metro area, voted by over a 97% margin to give their Union-UFCW Local 555 and their rank-and-file bargaining committee strike authorization, if a fair and equitable offer for settlement isn't received.

UFCW Local 555 is hopeful that after the results of this vote, Fred Meyer negotiators will now realize that solidarity with this group of employees is at a historic high.

UFCW Local 555 is also hopeful that a peaceful resolution can be reached, and assures the public that they will make every effort possible before any economic action is taken.

OACW Holds Annual Scholarship Tea

The Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs will hold their Annual Scholarship Tea, Sunday, May 23, 1993, from 1 to 5pm, at the Shades of Color Art Gallery, 316 NE Stanton St.

Tomorrow's Future", is the theme of the Tea. The annual fundraising which provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors, has been one of the Associations service projects since 1917. The public is invited.

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Children's Safety Fair At State Fair Grounds May 20-21

The fourth annual Children's Safety Fair is in Salem May 20-21 at Columbia Hall at the State Fair grounds, from 9am to 3pm.

The event highlights local activities celebrating Oregon Transportation Safety Week, May 17-21. It is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

ODOT's Traffic Safety section is working with Salem/Keizer schools to bring the traffic safety message to kindergarten through grade 2 students. The children will make their way through interactive traffic safety "stations" where they are taught about school bus safety, bike helmets, car safety belts and walking safety.

They also will be able to climb aboard a high, orange highway truck and visit a Safety Town. Vince and Larry, the "crash dummies," will meet the children as they visit the displays. Safety pins, stickers and coloring sheets will be given away.

Because it's so popular with youngsters, the annual Children's Safety Fair has been expanded to two days this year. More than 800 kids are expected to tour the displays this year.

CPR Classes Offered

The Fire Bureau Training Center 4800 NE 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97220 Saturday, May 22, 1993 First Class 8am to noon Second Class 1 to 5pm Cost is one unwrapped toy (per person) for Toy & Joy

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Clinton Unveils Loan Reform Bill To Aid Students And Taxpayers

President Clinton announced that he will ask Congress to approve the Student Loan Reform which would simplify the student loan system, make repayment easier, reduce interest rates for students and save taxpayers billions of dollars.

The new bill would offer students the opportunity to repay loans on an income-contingent basis through EXCEL accounts.

"With loan repayment based on income, more students will be able to pursue careers in critically needed, but low-paying, public service jobs without fear of being overburdened with debt," Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said.

The Student Loan Reform Act would also replace the current Federal Family Education Loan Program with a new Federal Direct Student Loan Program. In this program, colleges and trade schools would use federal capital to make loans directly to students and their parents. An estimated \$4.3 billion could be saved through fiscal year 1998 as a result of lower government borrowing rates and the elimination of lender subsidies.

"Students and taxpayers will ben-

efit from a less expensive program," Riley said, "and students will enjoy lower interest rates, with simpler, more flexible repayment options. By cutting out middlemen and eliminating excessive profits, billions of dollars can be saved."

Riley said an orderly transition from guaranteed to direct loans would assure an adequate supply of loan capital for all eligible student and parent borrowers in the future.

Schools that meet administrative requirements would originate loans, and the Department would contract with alternative originators to issue loans at eligible schools unable or unwilling to function as a loan processor.

Loan collection and servicing would also be performed by Department contractors selected through a competitive process. The Secretaries of Education and Treasury would develop a way to involve the Internal Revenue Service in student loan collections.

President Clinton also announced companion legislation to create a national service program that would allow students to repay loans through public service jobs.

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