# North Hill Co-Op Preschool

## November 2019 Newsletter

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## Hall Pass!

~Learn a little more about our teacher, Miss Nicole Hall~

I am originally from Ohio, though I prefer to say I am a native Washingtonian! My family has backgrounds in art, music, design and engineering all of which have played a big part of shaping who I am. I went to high school in Kirkland, WA and obtained a college degree at the Art Institute of Seattle. My professional background is in project coordination and management with experience in multimedia and the coffee industry. I also own a small event and wedding planning business called Stellar Events, LLC. My interests include baking, traveling, gardening, music and theater. I have also been described as a bit of a coffee/tea/foody nerd! I am also a fan of a pop-culture including sci-fi, fantasy, and attending conventions.

The Hall family has been part of the NHCP family since the 2017/18 school year. We have had two children attend the school and I have held multiple board positions over the years. Both of our children have thrived and learned so much by attending the school! With our oldest, Owen, now in Kindergarten, we have been able to see first-hand how effective and helpful the co-op preschool is for social development and preparation for our children's educational future. Hands-on activities that include imaginative play, mixed with an age appropriate educational curriculum, and fostering creativity is the key to a good co-op and I plan to continue this method as the teacher at North Hill Co-op.

Sincerely,
Miss Nicole

Theme: Autumn/Fall
Color: Yellow
Shape: Circle
Concept: Being Thankful
Letters: A, L, V

Dear NHCP Families,

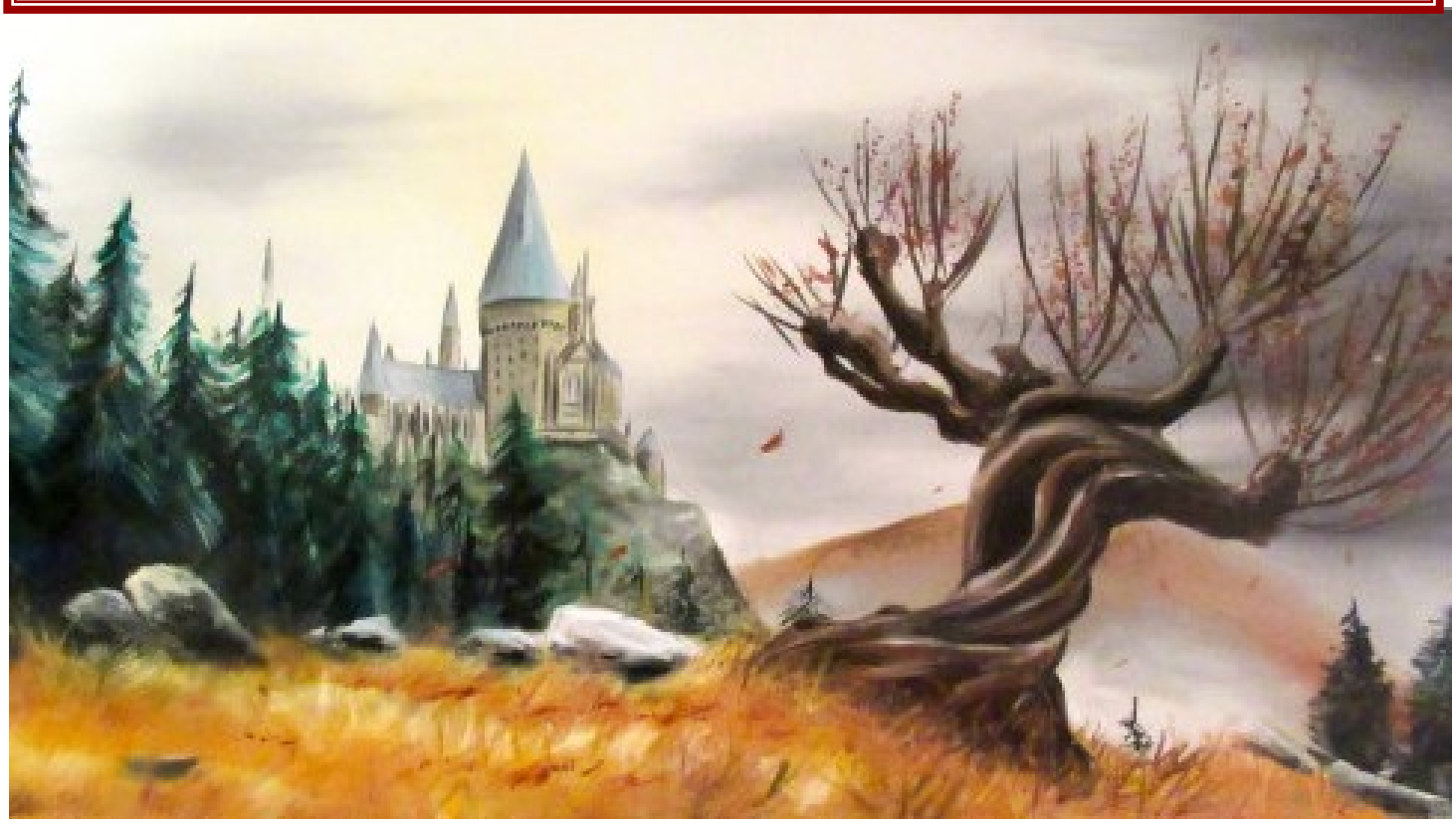
We've finally made it through the first full month of school, albeit with plenty of ups and downs! I want to thank you all for sticking with us and helping us stay on track. I am thrilled to have been brought on as the school's new teacher and I am really looking forward to the school year ahead!

This month we have a field trip planned to the Nelson Nature Park on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 10am. I would like everyone to bring warm, weather appropriate clothing, and a snack. We will be walking on a trail around the park, exploring the sights and sounds of autumn, and observing the changes that fall brings.

We will also be having our first official Cooking Day! Check your class calendar for the date, listed as Special Snack day. This is a fun way for kids to get involved in an edible project, a fun exploration of textures, mixing, stirring and measuring. Eating the snack at the end of the project is pretty great too!

Thank you for all that you do for our preschool!

Sincerely,
Miss Nicole

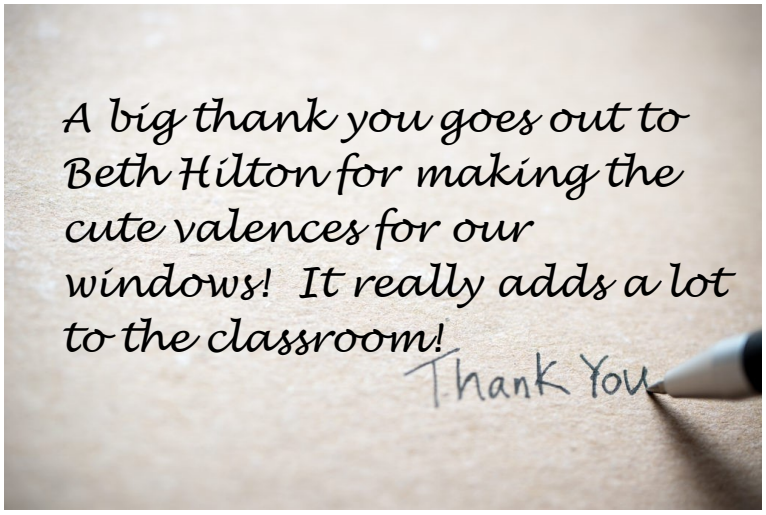


-Parent Ed Credits-

Can't remember how many credits you have or how to earn them?

Make sure to check your emails often, as there are always plenty of opportunities to earn Parent Ed credits throughout the year!

Contact NHCPParentEducation@gmail.com



**Donations**

NHCP, is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization and as such, any donations made to NHCP are tax deductible. Please consider making a donation to our preschool and help enrich the education for our students.

***Donations can currently be mailed to our PO box***

# NHCP Contacts:

**Teacher:**
Nicole Hall
**Bates Coordinator:**
Cindy Morris

## Board Members:

**President:**
Cindy Morris (acting)
**Vice President: OPEN**
**Secretary:**
Lauren Dunham
**Treasurer:**
Meghann Royston (acting)
**Membership:**
Tiffany Harris (Tentative)
**Communications:**
Meghann Royston
**Parent Ed:**
Bryn Rodriguez (Tentative)
**Health & Safety:**
Beth Hilton
**Auction Chair(s):**
Lauren Dunham
Meghann Royston

## Class Reps:

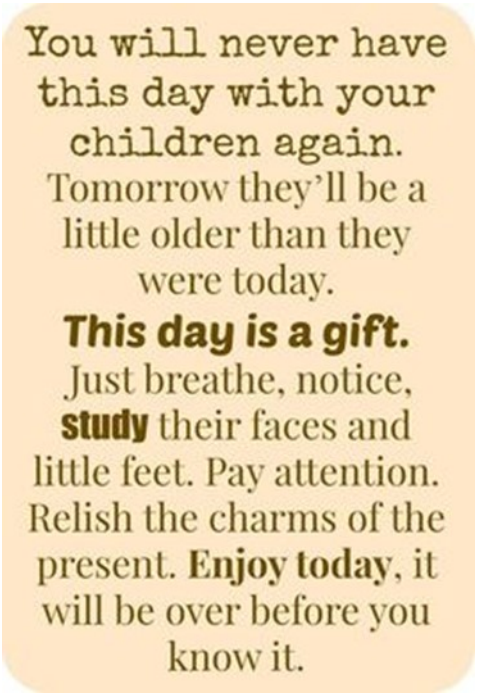
**Juniors (2/3's):**
OPEN
**Pre-K:**
Ashley Nieman

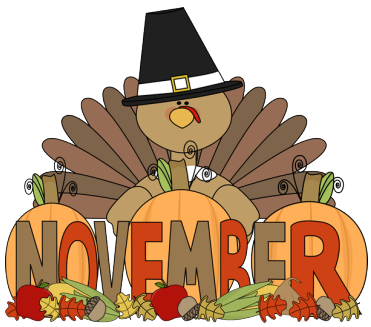
## Message from our President and Bates Coordinator, Cindy:

Happy November! I would like to thank all of the parents for all of their help in the classroom. I know we have had a rocky start to the school year and I so appreciate your patience and understanding with all of the changes the school has gone through. It takes time for everything to settle down when there is change. You will see me in the classroom once a week during the month of November. I have had the chance to meet all of your little ones now and they are adorable. They are very eager, energetic learners!

I will be starting my parent shares this month. They are scheduled for November 6th during class time. I have parent shares once a quarter so there will be one more in the winter and spring. This is an opportunity to gather and talk about parenting issues, ask questions, hear from other parents and earn a parent Ed credit.

I am a resource for you so reach out to me anytime if you would like information on any parenting topic or have any questions or concerns that you would like to share. You can email me at cymorris@batestech.edu or call me on my cell phone 253-677-6239. Those are the best ways to contact me since I'm rarely in the office.



One of the many parent education opportunities you will hear about this year is Parent Shares! What's that? I'm so glad you asked.

**Answers to FAQ's about Parent Shares!**

**What the heck is a parent share?**

An opportunity to sit with other parents in your child's class and share concerns and joys about parenting. Think of it as a playdate for grownups with focus and direction ☺

**When do they happen? Where?**

Once a quarter. During your child's class time. You will receive a reminder from your parent education chair and class representatives.

**Who do we meet with?**

Me, Cindy, your Bates Instructor. I'm happy to tell you of my education and experience but it usually doesn't matter because I've found that what you really want to know is, *have I raised any kids?* Yes, my husband of 43 years and I are proud parents of two young men, ages 39 and 36, and a daughter aged 33. I have 6 grandchildren that range from ages 2-12. Luckily, all of my children live in the area so I get to spend a lot of time with my family.

**What do I do with my other child(ren) during this meeting?**

Bring them along. We are not in the classroom, so siblings can come along. I will bring a treat for all of us, but think about some entertainment for your child.

**Do I hafta go?** ☺

No, but you will want to stay when you *do* come *(and you receive a parent ed credit).* You will notice everyone has similar parenting issues to discuss, particularly when they have the same age child as you. Funny how development works that way.

**What will we talk about?**

The concerns you bring with you that day take top billing, but I always have topics up my sleeve such as: sibling relationships; tantrums (yours and theirs); talking back; behaviors you can expect at each age and stage of development and some answers for why they do what they do. Almost no topic is off limits if it will help you understand human behavior better and approach your relationships with greater understanding and sensitivity.

**What else?** We also discuss concerns and questions about special needs and where you can find resources if you feel you need more help than our share session chat. I will bring some library books from our Bates library which you are welcome to check out for a limited time.

**Is this my only opportunity for discussing parenting?**

No. You are welcome to contact me through voice mail or email, or just make arrangements with me for a more private chat. If you really need to talk, you can pull me out of class during one of my observations and we can chat outside.

I look forward to meeting each of you.

Cindy Morris M.A.
Bates Child Studies Instructor
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## Open Enrollment!

Do you know anyone who lives in the area with kids between the ages of 2-5?? Send them our way!!

We have several spots available in all of our classes for this year. Make sure to have them check out our website and our Facebook page for upcoming enrollment events, fundraisers and other community events throughout the year.

For questions about how to enroll or general inquiries about our school please email us at

northhillcoop@gmail.com

**Please don't forget to keep track of your classroom jobs. Can't remember what you signed up for? Don't worry, we've got you covered. There's a copy of the sign up sheet on the bulletin board**

We need your pictures!! If you have any pictures from class, during events or field trips please don't hesitate to share them with us so that we can update our Facebook page and our website! We are always looking for fun new pictures to upload. Be sure to email them to northhillcoop@sfly.com or NHCPPublicity@gmail.com

We are always looking for things to put in our newsletter. You receive one Parent Ed Credit for submitting something that is used in our newsletter.

Fun and easy recipes, feel good stories, cute little anecdotes, or pictures are always welcome. Email your submissions to NHCPPublicity@gmail.com and look for your contribution in an upcoming newsletter!

## T-Shirt Sales!

It is our hope, and goal, to have the students (and Parents) wear our new t-shirts on Field Trips, park play dates and to all of the community events to represent our Preschool.

If you would like to order a shirt, please feel free to let us know. We'd LOVE to have everyone representing our school during all of our outings!!

Kid's T-shirts $10.00/ea
Sizes available: 2T, 3T, 4T, Youth XS
Adult T-shirts $15.00/ea
Sizes available: M, L, XL, 2XL

Email northhillcoop@gmail.com to get your order started!

## *Open Board Positions*

We are looking for parents to step up and join the board, as many of our families are moving on next year. No experience is necessary, and training is provided.

Please consider volunteering to help make our preschool the best that it can be! We can't do it without you. If you are interested, please contact one of the current board members. They would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

**Did you know that you can support our preschool while doing your regular shopping all year long?**

***Fred Meyer:*** Log into your account at fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and select our school

***Amazon Smile:*** Log into smile.amazon.com and select our school. Every time you order from the Smile link, the preschool gets a percentage donated!

### Gobble Til You Wobble

**Ingredients**:

- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Candy Corn
- Oreos
- Red tube frosting
- Sugar Eyes
- Pretzel sticks
- Cake pop sticks (if desired)

**Step by Step**:

1. Attach peanut butter cups to Oreos
2. Design face on peanut butter cup using one candy corn for nose, two sugar eyes, red tube frosting for turkey gobbler
3. Carefully secure candy corns into the creme between the Oreo cookie parts on top to form the feathers
4. Carefully secure two pretzel sticks into the crème between the Oreo cookie parts on the bottom to form to legs
5. If desired, place cake pop stick into crème between Oreo cookie parts

# NOVEMBER 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 *Miss Nicole's Birthday* |
| 3 | 4 | 5 *Board Meeting* | 6 *Parent Shares* | 7 | 8 | 9 *Cleaning Day* |
| 10 | 11 *No School* | 12 *Field Trip* | 13 *Cooking Day* | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 *Pie Fundraiser* | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 *No Schoo* | 28 *Happy Thanksgiving* | 29 *No School* | 30 |

## Upcoming Preschool Events:

Nov 2nd: Family Event @ Bates Resource Center 10a-12p
*Family STEM Day: Ready Jet Go!, Free event, Families welcome
-attendance earns 1 Parent Ed credit
Nov 2nd: Teacher Nicole's Birthday
Nov 5th Board Meeting—5:30 pm
Nov 6th: Parent shares with Cindy Morris, Bates Coordinator
Nov 9th: Monthly cleaning day
*Don't remember which day you signed up for? Check the bulletin board!
**Nov 11th: Veteran's Day—No School**
****THANK YOU Veterans for your service****
Nov 12th: Field Trip—Nelson Nature Park in Edgewood @ 10 AM
*Rain or Shine, please dress accordingly
Nov 13th: Special Snack/Cooking Day *Mini Apple Muffins*
Nov 18th: Pie Fundraiser Ends
*all order forms and money must be turned in no later than Nov 18th*
Nov 26th/27th: Pies available for pickup at Preschool
**Nov 27th: No School—Thanksgiving Break**
Nov 28th: Happy Thanksgiving!
**Nov 29th: No School—Thanksgiving Break**

****Make sure to check our Facebook page regularly for updated and upcoming, event information****

# North Pole at the Fair

November 9-December 23rd

Washington State Fairgrounds, Red Gate Building

Hours vary—check northpoleatthefair.com for schedule

Admission: $5/person, Kids under 2 are free

(Please note, general admission does not include portraits or visits with Santa)

The North Pole at the Fair is a 15,000 sq ft Christmas Paradise for kids of ALL ages. An immersion experience for kids and their parents that is sure to stimulate excitement, create a learning experience and instill the sense of magic during this holiday season.

Portraits with Santa: By Reservation only, taken in a private studio free of distractions and chaos that can accompany major shopping centers. Please go to northpoleatthefair.com to check the schedule and make reservations. There will be no opportunity for walk-in portrait sessions. Portrait sessions are also not included in general admission, prices may vary based on packages chosen.

Attractions:

*Santa's House*—Visit Santa's office and see where all of the mail is read, find out how you get on the nice or naughty list, and get the sneak peak on the sleigh route for Christmas Eve! Write a letter to Santa on the official Stationary. Or visit his Library where Santa relaxes in the off-season. Choose from over+ books to read in Santa's special chair.

*Elf Village*– Get the secret scoop on how all of Santa's Elves live and entertain themselves. Spend time playing and creating in their village (all activities in Elf Village are included in the price of admission). Check out their favorite Restaurants, hospital, store and even where they go to school! You can even cook up an awesome snack to help get Santa through the long night in his new food trucks.

With the colder weather coming, please don't forget to dress your student in warm clothes. Scarves, hats and gloves are recommended as we will continue to go outside on the playground as long as we are able!

The kids had a blast learning about bats during the Spooner Farms Field Trip. They got to go for a tractor ride all around the farm and they even got to pick out their very own pumpkin. Thankfully the weather was decent and we didn't have to worry about the rain.

The Harvest Party Committee put on a great event. The kids had fun getting their faces painted, and dancing for the cake walk! Thanks to the Douglas Family for making those cupcakes, they were the cutest!

**Congratulations to the Douglas Family for winning the Harvest Party Raffle! We hope you enjoyed your basket full of fall goodies**