



# KOCOMotions



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*“100% girl” and “100% boy”*

## Important Dates in March

- 3/10 Board of Directors Meeting  
6 pm
- 3/18 Pizza lunch  
*Under 3, Preschool, Kindergarten*
- 3/24 Haircuts with Miss Lauren  
2 pm
- 3/24 Early dismissal
- 3/26 *Memorial and Center Schools only*
- 3/27 Movie night 6:30-8:30  
*Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa*

As you may already know, KOCO has for years integrated Second Step, a violence-prevention program, into our classroom curriculum. In our continued effort to ensure that every child's learning experience be safe and stress-free while at our center, all classrooms will now prohibit toys that promote violence or aggressive role-playing. Please do not permit your child to bring toy weapons or fighting action figures to KOCO. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Kids of Chatham Organization Board of Directors

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**Next General Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2009**  
**6:00-7:00 pm**

Everyone welcome  
Child care provided

## No More Shaw's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who has been submitting Shaw's receipts to earn cash for KOCO. Sadly, Shaw's has discontinued the Receipt Reward program. Fortunately, however, Shaw's now has an even easier way for KOCO to earn rewards when you shop. Visit

<http://www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws>

to learn more about the Shaw's Community Rewards program, and to register your Shaw's Reward Card. Once you have registered, Shaw's will automatically donate a percentage of the purchases you make on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to your favorite nonprofit organizations (including KOCO). Thanks for your support!

## From the Health Consultant...

In November of 2008, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health released new regulations for Child Care Centers. The document is worded that each child attending a center must receive an annual physical. At this time, you were notified that your child must provide documentation of an annual physical for their file at KOCO. The Department of Public Health has recently released a statement clarifying that school age children may follow the guidelines of their local school districts. This would mean that physicals are required for school aged children at age 5 (kindergarten), in grade 6 (after grade 5 but before grade 7) and in grade 10. Of course, physical examinations are an important gauge of general health and well-being and should be conducted every 1-2 years during this time frame. Please continue to provide KOCO with the most current physical assessment of your child following their routine physical appointments but reminders will be sent only for the required physical exams.

In addition, there is a new requirement for a TB risk assessment at each well child physical. This does not mean that your child requires a PPD or tine test. The risk assessment must be performed and documented on the Child Health Form in the appropriate place. To avoid having to return to the office, please be sure that your physician completes this section of the form. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

-- Susan Rubega, RN, Health Consultant

## Thank you...Thank you...

*To our January movie night volunteers: Miller's mom (Kathy Koziel), Emma and Claire's mom (Kim Fentress), Mara and Cody's mom (Chris Voelker), and Chloe's mom (Martha Rogers)*

*To everyone who offered to help us paint the classrooms. Although we opted to hire professionals for this project, we are still accepting donations for Operation Paintbrush. Watch for information on upcoming volunteer projects (we're planning to launch a major landscaping effort once Spring finally arrives!)*



## KOCO Facility Rental



The Board of Directors of Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc. invites KOCO families to use our facility during off hours for children's parties or other (non-alcoholic) events. For a suggested donation of just \$50 for 4 hours, your group may use our spacious Schoolage Room equipped with bathrooms, kitchen (no cooking please), tables and carpet area. For more information, or to schedule your event today, please contact Roxann in the Office.