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**Norfolk Cooperative Preschool Celebrates 40 Years**

Upcoming Open House Welcomes New Families and Begins 2012/2013 Registration

NORFOLK, MA;NOVEMBER 12, 2012–Norfolk Cooperative Preschool celebrates its 40th anniversary this year educating young children in our community. Housed in the Federated Church at 1 Union Street in Norfolk since 1972, Norfolk Cooperative Preschool began with just two classrooms and 30 students. In forty years, it has grown to offer six preschool programs to 100 children ages 2.9 to 5 years old. Since its inception, Norfolk Cooperative Preschool has been a non-profit parent cooperative preschool offering families a myriad of opportunities to volunteer in and out of the classroom throughout the year.

Families come to Norfolk Cooperative Preschool from Norfolk and over eight surrounding towns, including Medfield, Franklin, Walpole and Foxboro. Parents say they choose NCP for their children in part due to its excellent reputation for providing quality early education, the caring and committed teachers who boast a combined 110 years of experience, and the amazing value it offers compared to many other local preschools. Additionally, Norfolk Cooperative Preschool recently renewed its accreditation with the prestigious National Association for the Education of Young Children, a distinction awarded to only 7% of early-childhood programs nationwide.

“Some of my earliest memories are of the great friends and teachers I met at NCP when I was a little girl,” says Medfield resident Megan Fratolillo, who attended the preschool nearly 30 years ago. When it came time to select a preschool for her three kids, it was a simple choice. “I had my heart set on sending our oldest to a preschool in our town so that she would make friends locally, but when my husband and I returned to NCP, it was even better than I had remembered it. We couldn’t be happier with our decision.”

Norfolk Cooperative Preschool will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Sunday, December 2ndat 3:30 p.m. when students (past and present!) march in the annual Norfolk Santa Parade, and then gather in front of the preschool for hot chocolate and anniversary cake. This celebration is open to families who have attended NCP and the public. The Little Green Phone Book will also honor Norfolk Cooperative Preschool’s 40th year in education by featuring sixty smiling preschoolers on the cover of Norfolk’s 2013 phone book.

Friday, December 7th will mark Norfolk Cooperative Preschool’s Open House to kick off registration for the 2012/2013 school year. All are welcome to tour the school with Director Lori Higgins and learn more about what makes NCP so special. Next year, Norfolk Cooperative Preschool will offer seven programs to children ages 2.9 to 5 years: 2-day programs, 3-day programs, and one 4-day classroom. Parents can choose from a variety of schedules to meet their needs, including an early drop-off option and a stay-and-play program. Students also enjoy a variety of enrichment activities, such as monthly music with Mr. Dave, yoga classes, and field trips to the fire station, Jane & Paul’s Farm and Flipside Gymnastics. Other highlights of the school year include the Halloween Spooktacular, the Holiday Sing-a-long, and the End-of-Year Party.

Registration will be open to current NCP students and their siblings on Monday, December 10th and will be extended to the public on Monday, December 17th.

Norfolk Cooperative Preschool is a non-profit parent cooperative preschool that has been serving children in Norfolk and surrounding towns for 40 years. They are committed to providing an exceptional learning experience for children ages 2.9 to 5 in a nurturing, play-based environment where students are encouraged to learn and explore while strengthening the partnership between parents and teachers.

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