



Wondering what being a member of the Lakewood Co-op Preschool community is like?

Read below to learn more about working in the classroom, supporting the operations of the Co-op through a school job, required meetings, costs, and scholarships. More detailed information is available on the [Lakewood Cooperative Preschool website](#) and in the [Handbook](#).

Working in the classroom

Parents and designated caregivers for each enrolled student serve as assistant teachers in the classroom. Depending on class size, parents and caregivers typically work two to four times a month in the classroom. Assistant teacher positions include floaters, who provide support to the teacher in the classroom; art, who oversees art projects/activities for the day; and the snack lead, who brings in and serves snack and oversees activities in the kitchen area.

School Jobs

Lakewood Co-op is run by family volunteers. Each family is responsible for performing one job throughout the school year. Jobs vary in their complexity and time commitments, with most jobs running two to four hours per month while others run considerably more. There are Board positions (e.g., co-chair, secretary, enrollment lead, anti-bias committee lead) and classroom support positions (e.g., supplies manager, laundry support, fundraising, webmaster).

Monthly Meetings

All Lakewood Co-op families are required to attend the following meetings, where we learn more about co-op events and requirements, what's happening in our classes, parent and child development, and gain valuable insights from other caregivers.

September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
- All-school Mtg - Risk Mgmt Mtg	- Parent Mtg	- Parent Mtg	- Parent Mtg: social	- Parent Mtg	- All-school Mtg: speaker	- Parent Mtg	- Parent Mtg	- All-school Mtg - Parent Mtg: social

School Set-up/Deep Clean/Breakdown

All Lakewood Co-op families are required to take part in one of the following: beginning of year classroom set-up, midyear classroom deep clean or end of year classroom breakdown. A fine of \$150 is levied for nonparticipation.

Costs (for the 2019-2020 school year)

The following table outlines the costs incurred by families participating in Lakewood Co-op.

Item	Frequency	Due Date	Eligible for Scholarship	Bumblebees	Crickets	Dragonflies
Required Costs						
Application Fee	Annual	March 8	Yes	\$42 (for first child, \$10 for each additional sibling)		
Enrollment Deposit	Annual (covers Sept, June tuition)	April 15	Yes	\$155	\$230	\$365
Tuition	Monthly, paid Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May	15 th of the month	Yes	\$155	\$230	\$365
Enrichment Fee	Annual	October 1	Yes	Not Applicable	\$20	\$40
Spring Auction – 2 ticket purchase/family	Annual	Spring, date varies annually	Yes	\$80 (\$40/ticket)	\$80 (\$40/ticket)	\$80 (\$40/ticket)
Snacks	Based on class schedule, typically 1-2 times a month	When scheduled for snack duty	Yes (**)	Based on class size and appetites, subject to purchaser discretion. Snacks typically include 2-4 items (e.g.: proteins, fruits, veggies, starches). Ranges \$15-25 per snack duty.		
Optional Fees						
Annual Fund Drive	Annual	Nov-Dec	No	Tax-deductible donations welcomed and encouraged		
Spring Auction	Annual	Spring, date varies annually	No	Raffle tickets start at the low price of \$10. Raise the Paddle tax-deductible donations may be as small as \$5. Silent Auction items range in value.		
Tuition Late Fee	When applicable	Any payment received after the 15th of the month	Yes (**)	\$15	\$15	\$15
Payment Processing Fees*	When applicable		Yes (**)	Check – No charge eCheck – \$2.00 Credit Card – \$5.57 (3.4%)	Check – No charge eCheck – \$2.00 Credit Card – \$8.12 (3.4%)	Check – No charge eCheck – \$2.00 Credit Card – \$12.71(3.4%)

* Processing fees assessed by payment processing provider. Lakewood Coop receives no portion of this fee.

** Discretionary review by Scholarship Committee

Scholarships

Lakewood Co-op offers our families a comprehensive scholarship program, depending on the financial condition of our preschool and available scholarship funds. While income levels are a factor, we encourage any family with special circumstances that may affect their ability to pay full tuition and fees to apply. The application process is strictly confidential and reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee. See the [Lakewood Cooperative Preschool Handbook](#) for more information.

Contact

Have any questions? Visit www.lakewoodcoop.net or contact info@lakewoodcoop.net to learn more.