

Spring Fundraising Challenge

Last month, we challenged each playgroup to create a local fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 before the end of April. The playgroup with the highest net proceeds will win a party with **Tots the Clown** including balloons and party favors for the kids! Your response has been extraordinary. Please try to participate in one or more of these terrific activities:

Germantown families will sell chili, corn bread and cheese cake at the **Germantown School's Family Fun Night** on **Friday, March 31** from 6pm to 8pm.

The **Copake** fundraiser will take place on **Saturday, April 1** from noon to 3pm at the **Copake Community Center** on North Mountain Road. The event will feature activities for kids, a silent auction, bake sale and raffle.

Chatham families are selling Hoffman Car Wash tickets. For every \$8 car wash ticket sold, Family Resource Centers earns \$4. See Nancy.

North Chatham families are selling **50-50 tickets for \$2 each or 6 for \$5**. See Tammy Leonard or Janel Walsh for tickets.

A Big Thank You to Ingrid Monaghan and Martin Kratt, two playgroup parents, who are donating part of their personal business profits to FRC. Ingrid makes beautiful custom jewelry and Martin is teaching Self Defense Classes for Women in Chatham. See Nancy at the Chatham Playgroup for more details or call 392-3911.

March-April 2006

Playgroups meet in the mornings
October through May in these four sites:

In **Chatham on Tuesdays and Thursdays**
9:30-11:30
at the Morris Memorial, 2nd Floor, Park Row.

In **Copake on Mondays and Fridays**
10:00-12:00
at the Copake Community Center,
North Mountain Road, Copake

In **North Chatham on Wednesdays**
10:00-12:00
at the Methodist Church, Route 203 and in

Germantown on Mondays and Thursdays
9:30-11:30
Note: no playgroup on 4/17
at the Reformed Church of Germantown
20 Church Avenue, Germantown

**Our Hudson program, a partnership with the
Mental Health Association**
meets year-round on Thursday evenings in the
Bliss Towers Community Room,
call 392-3911 for info

There are no fees for our playgroups
Call 392-3911 for information or visit us at
www.FamilyResourceCentersCC.org

Spring Kite Project

Susan Dixon, director of **Dancing Moon Playhouse**, will be leading a kite-painting session at the Chatham Playgroup on **Thursday, March 23** from 9:30-10:30am.

It's a Bird...

Carol Morley, **Columbia Land Conservancy** educator, returns to the Chatham Playgroup with stories, crafts and a hands-on learning experience about birds. Join her on **Tuesday, April 4** from 10:00-11:00am.

Creative Movement

Judy FitzGerald will lead class at the North Chatham playgroup on **March 15, April 12 and April 26**.

Family Film Night

The **Spencertown Academy** is starting a new monthly series of contemporary and classic films that explore the idea of family in its many forms. Films are shown on the first Friday of the month. Call 392-3693 or visit www.spencertownacademy.org

Hudson Afterschool Program

The Hudson Opera House is offering a free afterschool program with environmental educator Fran Martino who will explore some fishy activities on **Thursdays, 2:30-4pm, March 16 through April 6** at the Greenport Elementary School. Ages 7-11. For more information, call 822-1438.

Preschool Storytime and Craft

Did you know that Barnes and Noble on Wolf Road in Albany offers a Friday morning storytime and craft at 11am? Free.

