

Fairplex CDC Newsletter

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Director's Corner

Dear CDC Families,

What an amazing year this has been! We have finally reached that time when we are getting ready to move to new classrooms, welcome new little ones and saying our final farewells to our children entering Kindergarten. We would like to thank each and every family for your support and participation this year. For those who are moving on to Kindergarten, we hope that you will stay connected and keep us informed on your child's educational progress and come back to visit.

Our new classrooms will not be completed in time for our Sept. 5^{2nd} new class sessions, therefore we will have some temporary

classroom assignments for those groups that are planned to be assigned to those two classrooms. Each family will receive an individual information letter to inform you of which classroom your child will be assigned on Sept. 2nd.

Many of our families who participate in the State Subsidized tuition program are due for annual re-certification during the month of August. It is critical that all of your documentation be turned in prior to the deadline in order for your child to continue enrollment in the center. If you have questions regarding any of the changes for this year, please arrange to speak with Heather or myself.

- Holly Reynolds

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Upcoming Events

Aug 5- Red Cross Blood Drive {Admin 2. 9:00-3:00 p.m. more info Malti Delsai (909)865-430}

- Aug 12-PAC meeting Update on new regulations
- Aug 13-Maggie Moo's Fundraiser
- Aug 19-Auction Basket Wrapping Training
- Aug 23rd Family Workday
- Aug 29 & Sept 1 Center Closed

Parent Advisory Committee - PAC

Come and Join Us in our
Next PAC Meeting
2nd Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, Aug. 12 5:00 PM
We will have an important information session on the new State Dept. of Educ. Regulations regarding the Subsidized Child Care Program. These new regulations take effect immediately and will apply

to all families who are re-certifying this month.
All families are welcome.
5:00-6:00 p.m. location to be announced

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About Child Passenger Safety

As of January 1, 2002 California Law requires children to be properly secured in a child safety seat or booster seat until they are at least:

6 years old or weigh 60 pounds. Did you know that most children riding in a car seat are improperly restrained? During the month of July the Family Literacy Program's topic was child safety. One of our Parent Education sessions we invited California Highway Patrol to come and speak to parents. Through this series, parents learned about the importance of properly restraining a car seat in the vehicle and about child passenger laws. They also learned that in order for a car seat to be effective, child restraints must be fitted and used correctly. Many children are injured each day when they are in a car seat improperly.

- Car seat belts need to fit closely
- The belts of the car must be routed through the seat as per the manufacturers instructions
- The child seat must be compatible with your car
- Child seat must not be used after an accident or when old and worn
- Your seat must be the proper size for your child.

Is your car seat properly restraint? If in doubt please make sure to contact your local CHP office. CHP Baldwin Park will be conducting a free inspection on September 20th and will be providing free car seats for those who need one. For more information call 626-338-1164. Information pamphlets are provided at the parent information table.

We at CDC maintain extra car seats for emergency purposes only, we cannot guarantee we will have the proper size for you child. Please be sure to have a car seat available for anyone who is picking up .

Celebrity Scoop Night at Maggie Moos



Wednesday August 13, 2008
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Flyers at parent information table
Join your friends from the CDC at our celebrity scoop night. Come and try out Maggie Moo's famous ice cream, socialize with families from CDC, and meet Maggie Moo. All proceeds earned will be going towards the new building fund.

PVHMC Kids Health Fair

The County of Los Angeles Public Health Department and Pomona Valley Hospital will be conducting their annual Kids Health Fair on August 23, 2008 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Receive free immunizations & health screenings for children ages 2 months through 18 years, health reviewing and referrals, and dental health. Free ID- photo and fingerprinting to the first 300 children.

Plus some friendly faces of our very own CDC staff, who will be reading to the children while waiting for the services.

Flyers for the event are provided at the parent information table. Or for more information please call (909)865-9129.

****CDC will be closed on Friday August 29, 2008 for Staff Training and Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day Holiday**

The CDC Auction is Coming... Thursday, September 25th !

The CDC Auction is the major fundraising event that supports the center's overall operation. This event is critical to our program and we need each and every family to participate! How can you help?

Basket donation items...

To request donations from your favorite nail salon, restaurant and other businesses, pick up the "donation letter" available at the Parent Information Table behind the entrance desk. This letter will provide you with all of the details to assist you in securing donations for the auction.

Please bring in the items that you have signed up for as soon as possible. We will begin organizing the baskets that will be wrapped at the August wrapping sessions.

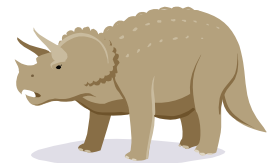
Basket wrapping Training Session

If you would like to try your hand at wrapping the wonderful gift baskets that are the highlight of our Auction event, please plan to attend the August 19th training session. This is a fun experience and a skill that you will be able to use over and over. Once you have attended the training session we will have sign ups for additional wrapping sessions and days, where you can utilize your new skills to participate in the Basket Committee's work to prepare for this important event.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE.....HOW WILL YOU HELP?



Preschool Curriculum - Dinosaurs



This month's Preschool learning theme is "back in the prehistoric era with the Dinosaurs"

The dinosaur preschool theme provides an exciting learning platform for our children to further their literacy, math and science knowledge through this fun unit. The children will be learning about the giant beasts that roamed the earth over a thousand years ago through literacy and interactive activities. We will be utilizing games and activities to expand their letter recognition, phonemic awareness and early math. We will be expanding our vocabulary with the names of various dinosaurs, and words such as paleontologist, herbivore, carnivore, extinction and Mesozoic era. We will have lots of fun roaming and exploring the ancient land of dinosaurs.

- Kris Olson, Preschool Supervising Teacher



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Pathways to Success, Literacy Corner

Reading Aloud to Children

Reading to young children promotes language acquisition and literacy development and, later on, achievement in reading comprehension and overall success in school. The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children. It is one of the simplest, cheapest and most effective tools of teaching.

We read to children for all the same reasons we talk with children: to reassure, to entertain, to bond; to inform or explain, to arouse curiosity, to inspire. But in

reading aloud, we also:

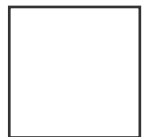
- Condition the child's brain to associate reading with pleasure
- Create background knowledge
- Build vocabulary
- Provide a reading role model
- You are your child's first teacher. Read to them at least 15 minutes a day to ensure that you child learns to love reading.

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