

Isla Vista Children's Center
Newsletter – June 2006

New Program Director!

I feel at home and thoroughly welcomed by the families and staff of the children's center. I have been here 3 weeks and have met many of you and your children. Please forgive me if I do not remember your name, there are a lot of new faces and names to learn.

My background is 38 years in child development programs from school district related programs, parent cooperative centers, migrant education and have taught kindergarten. Most recently I was the director of a similar program in King City, about 3 hours north of here. I am glad to be here working with the families and staff.

I will be here most afternoons, so please stop by and introduce yourself or contact me by phone at 968-0488 or email at

kathyw@ivyp.org, if you have comments or suggestions.

Thanks, Kathy

Family Council Meeting

On Thursday, July 6, at 5:30 there will be a meeting of the IVCC family council.

Every state funded program is required to have a group of parents who advise the administration on program concerns and policies. The group for the Center has been inactive for a while. If you are interested in participating please talk to Kathy or just come and be a part of planning for your child's Center. The meeting will last one hour only!

Kid's Quotes!

From time to time we will share amusing quotes from the children, here are a few that we have heard recently:

"I watch scary movies, ROAR!" **Jacob Huff**

In response to asking a teacher what freckles are, **Kevin Bazaldua said,** "I have one, my dad gave it to me when I was sleeping."

"**Quiero a mi mami mucho,**" Andrea Perez.



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Car Seat Law

Staff have been noticing that families are driving to and from the Center without restraining their children in approved safety seats. **California law states that children under 6 years or 60 lbs. must be in a car seat in the back seat of the vehicle.** This is a serious safety concern for children. We have contacted local police to do a drive through occasionally when families are coming and going; they will issue tickets to those not properly restrained. A posting of the California law is on the Parent Bulletin Board. If you do not have a car seat and cannot afford one please see Norma Benitez, Family Resource Center coordinator for assistance.

Staff Notes

Changes, changes, changes!

Chelsea Bell, teacher in the Bears room has graduated and on to another job.

Channing Zay Zay, teacher in the Butterflies room has left for the summer and will return in October.

Stephen Morales is here full days in the Butterfly classroom

Kenia Arevelo-Tate will be joining Rosalia in the Bears classroom as of June 26th, please welcome her.

Stepha Braun is joining us for the summer; some of you may remember her from last summer.

Aja Brofferio – high school volunteer extraordinaire

Other high school students may also volunteer during the summer.

Classroom Needs

These are ongoing needs:

Kleenex, shaving cream, stickers, bubbles, dry rice or beans, crib sheets, wrapping paper, cotton balls, markers, noodles, small cars or animals, books, games, cards, yarn, fabric scraps, fun stuff from yard sales or discount stores. Thanks for your support!

Summertime

Please be sure your child has a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen for water play outside. On warm days the children will be playing in kiddie pools.

Emergency Cards

It is the parent's responsibility to update the emergency cards whenever changes occur. We must be able to contact parents in case of illness or injury. See Lucia to make changes to your child's card.

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