

ISLA VISTA CHILDREN'S CENTER
NEWSLETTER – JULY & AUGUST 2006

Check out our website: www.ivyp.org Thank You Aaron Martin updating the website!

Family Council Meeting

On Wednesday, August 9, at 5:30 there will be a meeting of the IVCC family council. Please come and share your ideas with the group. We had 6 parents at the last meeting, let's double the number this time.

Officers:

Chair: Yvette Ensign

Treasurer: Giulia Brofferio

Class representatives:

Bunnies

Dragonflies: Giulia Brofferio

Bees

Bears: Yvette Ensign

Butterflies: Isela Perez

Lions Lorena Macias

We need classroom representatives for the other classes, please volunteer. The duties are to keep parents informed about activities and pass concerns on to the council from parents in the classroom.

Fiesta Days

The Center will benefit from a Lemonade Stand during Fiesta Days. Woody's Restaurant is hosting the stand and IVYP will benefit from a percent of the sales. A sign-up sheet will be posted for volunteers to help with the sales. Thank you Gina!

Thank you Junior Counselors and High School Community Service volunteers!

This summer we have been blessed with great help from our volunteers. Please thank them when you see the

Aja Brofferio	Leona Lamm
Cassie Rodarte	Megan Leckie
Stephanie Rodriguez	Brandy Toste
Rickilee DiZinno	Monica Rodarte
Omar Gonzalez	Jose Pacheco
SanJuana Pacheco	

The volunteers have hosted a smoothie saie and Date Night Babysitting to earn money for a special outing at the end of the summer. Donations for their outing are always appreciated.



Sign-in and Out Sheets

Starting August 1st there will be a change in the way parents sign children in and out of our care. The binders will be replaced with clipboards for each class and one sheet per day per class. This change will allow the office staff to monitor attendance on a daily basis. Please remember to sign the sheets daily as this is a requirement of our funding and licensing. Contract hours and days will be on the sign-in sheets; if there needs to be a change in days or hours, please see Lucia to verify the change.

Staff Notes

Welcome back Margie Valencia from knee surgery!

On maternity leave: Christina Coverubias

New to the Bunnies class: Maria Barrera, Kenia Arrevelo-Tate

New in the Kitchen: Veronica Almaceti, Paul Rodarte

Like to shop?

Our classrooms have on-going needs for the items listed below: 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!

Ba-da-Bing Babies

Bring in good, used children's clothing and merchandise to be sold at Ba-da-Bing Babies resale event. The event will be on August 26th at the Goleta Valley Community Center. IVYP will price the items and receive 70% of the sale price of items sold. We will be collecting items from August 14-23rd. We will need volunteers to price the items on 8/23 at 5:30 p.m.

Signature Fundraising Catalog

Catalogs will be distributed August 13 and orders need to be returned by August 25th. This is a great way to support IVCC and do some early Christmas shopping.

Nutrition Survey

Please fill out the survey attached to this newsletter, so the Family Council can respond to concerns about the meals served at the Center.

Please remember to drive slowly through the parking lot as children are coming and going with their parents!

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Kathy is here!

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, and 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

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On Thursday, June 29, 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!

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 and 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. 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 to graduation 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

Classroom Needs

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