ISLA VISTA CHILDREN'S CENTER
NEWSLETTER –December 2006

PARENTS –PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AND OUT – IT'S THE LAW

Dates to Remember

12/7 5:30 p.m. Family Council meeting
12/20 – 4:30 -5:30 p.m. Ornament Decorating
12/25 &26 – Center Closed
12/18-22 & 27,28,29 – Center open reduced hours 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.
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Staff Changes

Christina Covarubias – teacher in the Dragonflies – returning from leave
Sylvia Trujillo – new teacher in the Bunnies
Chux Enwerem – new teacher in the Bears
Daniela Rodriguez – new aide in the Dragonflies, starting 12/11.
Laura Sarabia – new aide in Lions (when Leti goes on maternity leave)
Please welcome these new staff to our Center family.
We said goodbye to: Elvira Sanchez and Maritza Valdez, we wish them well in the future.

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FAMILY COUNCIL

The Family Council will meet on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. The Council meets monthly to hear concerns from families and plan activities for the Center. Each classroom has a Family Council representative and there will be a poster in each class introducing your FC representative.. The purpose of the repesentative is to provide better communication between parents, staff and Family Council. Please get to know your representative. The meetings are only for one hour and childcare is provided, so join us on December 7th.

Parent Conferences

Thanks to everyone who set aside time to conference with their child's teacher. This is a wonderful time to share your child's growth and development and learn from each other. If you didn't get a chance to schedule a conference, please see your child's teacher.

ORNAMENT MAKING

On Wednesday, December 20 the staff will host a Ornament making event from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Parents are invited to come make and ornaments with their children. The Family council will provide cider and Christmas cookies for the event.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

12/10 – ELKS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – see Lucia to sign-up
12/19 –UCSB gift distribution for children
12/20 – Ornament making event 4:30 -5:30 p.m.

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CENTER CLOSED

The Center will be open reduced hours on December 18 - 22 and December 27, 28 & 29. Hours of operation will be from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please arrange to pick your children up by 4 p.m. The Center will be closed on December 25, 26 and January 1st.

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Attendance Reminder

Please remember to call Center when your child will not be attending as we need to verify all absences for subsidized families. All subsidized families are allowed 10 Best Interest or vacation days per year, absences over the 10 will be considered unexcused.
Another reminder: subsidized families must follow their contract hours. Hours are set based on parent's need for care according to their work or school schedule, children must be picked up when work or school is finished for the day.

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Re-certification

The State Department of Education has produced a new fee schedule for Child Development Centers; all subsidized families must re-certify by February 2007. Please cooperate with Lucia when she requests updated information.

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