

Isla Vista Children's Center  
August 2007 Newsletter

**Calendar**

- August 6 - Field Trip to Natural History Museum - Butterfly class
- August 8 Family Council meeting, 5:30
- August 9 Staff Development Day  
Center closes at 2:30
- August 10 Zoo trip Bears
- August 13-17 Safety Town for Lions class
- August 30- September 17 Signature Fundraising Catalog
- August 31 Center Closed - Staff in-service
- September 3 Center Closed Labor Day

**New Administrative Staff**

Please welcome Erin Metcalf to our Center. Erin's title is Assistant Program Coordinator for the Children's Center. She will be assisting Lucia and Kathy with clerical and program responsibilities. Erin recently completed her Bachelor's Degree in Child Development at Fresno State University. Erin will be working in classrooms also when teachers are on vacation. Her schedule will vary depending on the needs of the Center.

**Children Changing Classes**

As of August 27 all of our Lions class will be going to Kindergarten. Because of this there will be changes in the other classrooms as well as enrolling new families. A list of changes will be posted and put in each family's box by August 17<sup>th</sup>. The moves will be based on the child's age and the individual development. Please see Kathy or Lucia if you have questions.

**Family Council**

The next meeting of the Family Council is Wednesday, August 8 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting lasts only 1 hour and there will be childcare. Norma Benitz, chair of the council, will be helping families learn about the structure of IVYP. Discussion about Fall activities will take place. The Family Council helps support field trips for the classes and provides attendance awards for staff with their fundraising funds. A fundraising catalog will be distributed August 30-September 17 for families to order gifts.

**Staff Attendance Awards**

Every month staff receive a certificate if they have perfect attendance (no unscheduled absences). When they accumulate 6 certificates they receive a cash award of \$50 from the Family Council. The following staff have received awards:

- Lilia Rojas
- Chris Knapp
- Danelia Rodriguez
- Silvia Trujillo
- Gladys Garcia
- Margie Valencia
- Veronica Almaceti

Congratulations, keep up the good attendance!

**Happy Birthday**

**Children**

- Natasha Stapf 8/30
- Gabriel Chacon 8/29
- Makena Johnson 8/22
- Grace Kim 8/16
- Denise Casique 8/2
- Remi Chavarin 8/16

**Staff**

- Sunny Currey 8/9
- Claudia Chacon 8/11
- Danelia Rodriguez 8/22
- Alma Corona 8/30

**State Preschool**

We are currently enrolling children for State Preschool. Classes begin 9/4/07, 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Families must be income eligible for this program. See Lucia for enrollment. First priority is for 4 year old children, then 3 year old children.