

Mayola's Corner

Month of the Young Child Drum Circle and Open House



April 30, 2011

Open House — 9 am: Activities in the classroom for children and their parents to do together.

Drum Circle—10 am to 1 pm
Pre-Sale Tickets: \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Children (3-12)
Day of Tickets: \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Children (3-12)
Children 2 and under are FREE!

Feel Free to invite Family and Friends to this celebration!!!

Spring is here and with it comes many exciting things here at the Center! April is "The Month of the Young Child" and on April 30th, we are celebrating our wonderful children by hosting an exciting Saturday event consisting of fun games, delicious food and a family-friendly drum circle. The money raised on the 30th will be used to refurbish a play yard and support our summer programs. We appreciate all that our families do for the Center for Children – without your support of our programs, fundraising efforts and the volunteering of your time, we could not do all that we do. Your financial gifts and the gift of your time keep us going and help keep the cost of our programs down. Thank you!

Ms Sharon has been very busy already this month – not only has she spearheaded the Yard Sale & Pancake Breakfast, but she has put together an amazing summer for our children at Camp Crossroads! Some of the things she has planned - astronomy, career week, dinosaur exploration, crazy critters, and an entertainment week are just a few of the exciting things this summer. All of our preschool classes will also participate in many of these activities, and I know that Ms Jennifer and Ms Mal have summer fun planned as well!

Spring is a wonderful time of year at the Center – we look forward to watching the children continued growth and blossoming as they dance their way through April.

We wish Ms Jessica the best of luck when she goes out on maternity leave. We will miss you and can't wait to meet your new bundle of joy! In preparation for Jessica's leave, Ms Lupe has transitioned into Stage 2 to bring some added stability.

Some important dates to remember in April:

April 2nd: Yard Sale & Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A special thank you to our incredible teachers for sorting and organizing all the donations we received & for organizing the pancake breakfast; and a big thank you to all who donated items for the yard sale.

April 19th: Highlight Photography will be here to take your child's individual picture and a class picture. Don't forget to wear your best smile!

April 21st: Easter Egg Hunt!!!!

April 22nd: Good Friday – The Center is closed on Friday, April 22nd in observance of Good Friday.

April 30th: Fun times at the Center – Open House at 9 am with child/parent activities in the classroom. Then a Drum Circle with games and food to mark the end of our celebration of the Month of the Young Child, from 10 am until 1 pm! Come out and support the Center and drum in some fun while enjoying great food and fellowship. All monies raised will go towards refurbishing a play yard and supporting our Camp Crossroads summer programs. This would be a great event to invite perspective parents to, so they can see our center and the great programs we provide.

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The theme for the 2011 Month of the Young Child will be "Early Years Are Learning Years." The sub-themes for 2011 are:

- Play: Where Learning Begins
- Embracing Diversity
- Teaching and Teachers Matter
- Encouraging Health and Fitness
- Investing in Young Children Benefits All
- Prevent the Achievement Gap: We Know How

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Hot Lunch Sign Ups

Name _____

March 28-April 1

- March 28: Drummettes, Mac & Cheese, Sweet Peas
- March 29: Salami on Rye, Baby Carrots, Apple Tarts
- March 30: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Rolls
- March 31: Enchiladas, Spanish Rice
- April 1: Chicken Nuggets, Apple Carrot Salad, Angel Pasta

April 4-8

- April 4: Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Mangos
- April 5: Sloppy Joes, Glazed Carrots
- April 6: Burritos, Pineapples
- April 7: Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish Rice, Orange Slices
- April 8: Chili Dogs, Chips, Jell-o

April 11-15

- April 11: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad
- April 12: Grilled Cheese, Veggie Soup
- April 13: Pizza, Corn on Cob, Jell-o
- April 14: Oven Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Rolls
- April 15: Fish Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli

April 18-22

- April 18: Barbecued Chicken, Fried Rice
- April 19: Beef & Broccoli, Steamed Rice
- April 20: Beef Lo Mein, Green Beans
- April 21: Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Carrots with Ranch
- April 22: **Center CLOSED for Good Friday**

April 25-29

- April 25: Tuna Casserole, Tomato and Cucumber Salad with Ranch
- April 26: Red Beans & Rice, Sausage, Rolls
- April 27: Pig-n-Blankets, Baked Beans, Jell-o
- April 28: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Peas
- April 29: Cheese Burgers, French Fries

Menu is subject to change

Classroom News

Stage 1

Getting ready for Spring! March has flown by and its already time for some of our children to transition to Stage II.

We are still looking for parent volunteers for our monthly calendar sign-up.

We would like to say thank you to the parents who generously donated bibs. We're happy to receive them, we go through them so fast.

Last but not least we welcome Teacher Nancy to Stage I as our new teacher!

Thank you!
Stage I Teachers

Stage 2

We are so excited for some nice warm weather. The children have been enjoying the sun and rides in the buggy throughout the day. Thank you for all your help and support.

Your Stage 2 Teachers

Stage 3

Welcome to our new friends Dailynn and Anika. We also say goodbye to our friends Milani and Jasmine.

This month we celebrate the Month of the Young Child. Children will be doing activities that will focus on exploring their world

All of us here at La Tijera UMC and Center for Children wish you a Blessed Passover and Easter!

Honoring Miss Alex

The C4C Board has voted to establish a memorial to honor Miss Alex. We need your help to make this possible. We want to revamp the toddler play yard and dedicate it to Miss Alex's Memory. If you are interested in assisting us in this effort, please write a check to the Center with Alex's name in the memo line. We will use whatever proceeds that come in to upgrade the play yard. Once we have completed the upgrades we will have a dedication ceremony to celebrate Miss Alex's Memory!!!

Classroom News Continued

around them. This week we have been observing how worms move. The worms have been placed in a box which will become a container garden for growing carrots. If you haven't finished your child's poster yet, please do so. On Saturday, April 30th, our school will have an Open House with child/parent activities starting at 9 am and a Drum Circle starting at 10 am in the ball field.

Ms Lynnette and Ms Claudia
Transition I
Spring has sprung and Transition 1 hopes to blossom with the season. We are looking forward to the Celebration of the Child week. We hope parent's volunteer to participate with us. We will keep you posted on event dates. We are enjoying the new sand added to the play yard. We welcome Paloma to Transition I and hope she has a great experience.

Ms Chestina

Transition II

We welcome our new friends Salaam and Celia to our new environment and thank their families for choosing our excel-

lent and wonderful program. Also Happy Birthday to Delilah and Sophia. I look forward to our parent's participation for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 21st.

This month our children will learn about plants and animals, the days of the week and opposites. Thank you parents for your support, cooperation, and wonderful help.

Ms Mary

Room 5

Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping to make our St. Patrick's Day Party a success. All of the snacks, beverages and eating utensils were greatly appreciated!

This month our class will focus on the Easter Holiday as well as the Spring Season. We will be doing lots of arts and crafts in honor of this special time of year. Any supplies donated will be a blessing.

Thank you for helping your children with their homework. I am so proud of their effort and progress!

Ms. Jennifer

I cannot believe how quickly 2011 is passing this year. It seems like only yesterday we were in January talking about the year to come. Now we are heading into April and preparing for our Easter Celebrations.

I used to be someone who was not wild about Holy Week activities and worship services, but as I have grown in my faith, Lent and Holy Week have become so much more significant to me. Much of the Christian belief is affected and shaped by what transpires in one week's time. From Palm Sunday's procession, to the overturning of tables in the temple. From the Last Supper, to Judas betraying Jesus. From the crucifixion to the Resurrection, Holy Week is important. We have been reading "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan to reflect more fully on the significance of Holy Week. You are always welcome to join us. If you are interested, let me know so we get you a copy of the book. I also invite you to take part in Holy Week services so that you can experience more fully the sacrifice made for us so that we might have new life.

- April 17, Palm Sunday—Worship at 9:30 am. The Sunday School Children have been working on a special gift for congregation members that they will present to us this morning. Come wave our Palm Fronds and celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Our children will be dyeing eggs this morning.
- April 21, Maundy Thursday—Join us at 6:30 pm in the Chapel for a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, where we will read scripture from the Last Supper through the Crucifixion.
- April 22, Good Friday—Westchester Clergy Association hosts an Ecumenical Good Friday Service, beginning with a procession from First Baptist Church on La Tijera at 11 am(ish). The take a brief stop at La Tijera UMC around 11:40 and then continue onto St. Jerome's Catholic Church for a worship service that begins at 12 noon.
- April 24th, Easter Sunday—Worship at 9:30 am, filled with special music, the amazing Hymn Dingers (our Bell Choir), and much more as we celebrate the resurrection. We will have our living cross again this year and invite you to bring flowers to add to the cross. Lynnette has an Easter Egg Hunt planned for this morning during worship!!!

Classroom News Continued

Room 3

Thank you for your contributions to our classroom for our March Celebrations. We can feel spring in the air. We see it when we watch the busy activity of the humming bird.

We are excited about some ideas and activities that are being planned for the month of April. April is the Month of the Young Child that highlights the importance of quality education and care for children. This year's theme is Early Years are Learning Years.

Our classroom learning themes will focus on Celebrating Me, Five Senses, Easter Time, and Our Social Learning

Experiences. April 22nd is "Earth Day". We will learn steps to take to "be green." We will sponsor a recycling program.

Ms Mal

Extended

Spring has finally Sprung. We'll be looking forward to nice sunny days and springtime activities. Don't forget: Public School is closed April 1st, and again April 18-22 for Spring Break. We will be going to Kenneth Hahn Park for our Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday April 21st.

Ms Sharon, Ms Suzy, and Ms. Bernice



Music & Spirit
... the dance of the butterfly
Lyda Eddington

Spring is here, bringing with it refreshing rain, the gentle song of nature and the promise of life continuing on. We have seen unbelievable suffering in recent events around the world, and our hearts are with those in Japan who face each new day with uncertainty and sorrow. But within these great tragedies, I am inspired by the courage, grace and compassion that is in each one of us – in our willingness to help, offer comfort and rise above our own personal challenges each day. The beauty of spring and the promise of joy that it brings reminded me of a Native American legend about a butterfly who, when the Earth was still new, lost her loved one in battle. To show her grief, she took off her beautiful wings and wrapped herself in a drab cocoon. In her sadness, she could not eat and she could not sleep.

She didn't want to be a burden on her people so she packed up her wings and her medicine bundle and took off on a long journey. She wandered about for many days and months, until finally she had gone all around the world. On her journey she kept her eyes downcast and stepped on each stone she came to as she crossed fields and creeks and streams. Finally, one day as she was looking down, she happened to notice the stone beneath her feet, and it was so beautiful that it healed her sorrow.

She then cast aside her cocoon, shook the dust from her wings, and donned them once more. She was so happy she began to dance to give thanks for another chance to begin her life anew.

I wish the dance of the butterfly to all of us this Spring. May we continue to give thanks for new seasons, new life and new beginnings.

✦ On Sunday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m., renew yourself with prayers for ourselves, others and the world with music and silence that speaks to the heart at **The Gathering – an Evening of Sacred Song & Prayer**. Come and immerse yourself in the deep waters of prayer and music in our evening candlelight gathering the first Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Calendar Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 April Fools	2 Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast/Book Study
3 The Gathering 6p	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Lyda Preaches	11	12	13	14	15	16 Book Study
17 Palm Sunday C4C Meeting	18	19 School Photos Church Council	20	21 Maundy Thur. Easter Egg Hunt	22 Good Friday Center Closed	23 Book Study
LAUSD Spring Break—Extended Program offered with enough enrollment						
24 Happy Easter!!!!	25	26	27	28	29	30 Drum Circle Book Study (?)

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