

Center News

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Mayola's

Corner

Spring has sprung! The smell of the flowers and the chirping of the birds make this an exciting time of year. Don't you just love California for its nice sunny days? We are celebrating spring with a series of events. We will conclude the "Month of the Young Child" celebration honoring our children with our Drum Circle\Carnival this Saturday. There will be games, food, and fun for everyone. I hope to see you there!

On May 5th, we will celebrate Cinco De Mayo with our annual parade of music, marching, singing, food, and dancing. What a way to celebrate! Bring your sombreros and join the fun. That weekend is Mother's Day.

The teachers have already started to plan their summer schedules. During the summer months we become Camp Crossroads from June 27th to September 6th. This time allows our children an opportunity to enjoy and participate in fun-fill activities like swimming, water play, camping, and field trips. Don't miss out. Applications are in the office for new families to join in. Don't forget there is a big incentive for anyone who introduces new families to the center and they stay for 3 months.

Thank you to all who have participated in our lunch program. Our children have really enjoyed their meals. Look out for exciting and fun dishes for the summer. Don't forget that the Center will close promptly at 4 pm, May 19th and 20th for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Sign up early for your slot.

Music and Spirit

. . . and Alleluia is our song

In the early days of Christianity, St. Augustine proclaimed: "We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!" The pagantry of Easter is over, and as the weight of our everyday problems, stress and financial challenges begins to settle back around our shoulders, I thought about what it means to be an "Easter people."

Throughout our life journeys, we experience countless small deaths – financial problems, problems in relationships, the loss of a job, the loss of a dream, the loss of a loved one. But I believe that after each small death, we are given countless resurrections and chances to see growth into new ways and new life. The paschal mystery of Jesus is not just around at Easter, but ever-present. It's about moving from darkness into light, finding faith when life is overwhelming, and finding the strength to sing out "alleluia" when our voices can barely whisper. We are an Easter People . . . and Alleluia will always be our song.

-Lyda Eddington



The Importance of Fundraisers

As many of you know, I took over as P4C President for La Tijera in September last year. At that time, it was conveyed to me the importance of fundraising as a supplement to the low price of tuition at the school. La Tijera prides itself in being able to keep tuition lower than competitive rates in the area. However, they are only able to do this as long as our few fundraisers throughout the year garner enough support to fund the "extra" stuff, like updates to the play yards. Especially with gas prices these days and the rising cost of living, I think we all would like to know our kids' tuition will stay as low as possible. In order to ensure this, the center needs your help! This Saturday April 30 is one such fundraiser, the Annual Drum Circle & Carnival. Presale ticket prices are very reasonably priced at \$5 adult / \$3 children. Even if you can't make it, please consider buying a ticket or two just to support the center and your child's future education. If you can't afford it, please consider volunteering an hour or two. Time is just as valuable as money! Also, please consider attending our monthly P4C meetings, on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6 pm. P4C will meet on May 26, due to Parent Conferences. We discuss fundraisers and other things to help improve the school, along with events and important happenings.

Thank you, Tricia McReynolds (P4C President)
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Classroom News

Stage 1 Dear Parents!

Stage 1 is thriving with excitement as our little ones are pulling up and scooting around the room non-stop. They change from day to day and when they come back from the weekend or a holiday they have changed by leaps and bounds!

We would like to welcome baby Nikita to Stage 1! We are having fun singing, rhyming and learning! Thank you all for your help and support. God Bless us all!!

Hugs, Stage 1 Teachers

Stage 2 Hello Parents!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter! We welcome teacher Patrice to Stage 2. She will be with us to help provide children all the love and care needed. Don't forget! Parent Conferences are coming up on the 19th and 20th. Mark your calendar! Don't forget we close at 4 pm those days. Thank you! Ms Rosy, Ms Lupe, and Ms Patrice

Stage 3 Springtime is an exciting time for toddlers. As they grow and explore the world around them; they discover how much more they can do. This week we have been planting seeds and watching them grow.

Thank you to the parents who brought food for the class Easter breakfast and for the Easter Baskets. Pictures of the Easter Egg Hunt are displayed outside our room on the wall. Happy Springtime! Ms Lynnette and Ms Claudia

Transition 1 The children enjoyed participating in the Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Party. It was great fun! I would like to thank you for your contributions and participation in these events. You are such supportive parents! The children enjoyed the art projects made for our Bunny Party. We would also like to thank Ms. Mary for providing lunch for our class on Monday, the 25th.

Happy Birthday from Transition 1 to Delilah and Sophie in Transition 2. Thank you for sharing with your birthdays with us. Hope to see you at the Drum Circle and Carnival on April 30th.

Kudos, Chestina

Transition 2 I am happy to be a part of the amazing development of our children. They have excelled in the areas of language, creative, and cognitive learning. These skills are essential for bright and challenging future, by building their confidence through understanding and performing tasks. This month we have the parent/teacher conferences which will be held on the 19th and 20th. Children will be observed in areas of physical, social, emotional, and academic activities.

I thank all parents for their contribution and support in April. We wish a very happy birthday to Noah and a very special Mother's Day to all. Thank you! Ms. Mary

Hot Lunch Sign Ups

Name _____

May 2-6

- May 2: Franks and Beans, Green Salad
- May 3: Spaghetti, Corn, Apple Wedges
- May 4: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Chocolate Pudding
- May 5: Tacos, Refried Beans, Grapes
- May 6: Corndogs, Apple/Carrot Salad, Jell-o

May 9-13

- May 9: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
- May 10: Sloppy Joes, Carrots Sticks, Pineapple
- May 11: Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli
- May 12: Drumettes, Green Salad, Jell-o
- May 13: Hamburger, Chips, Fruit Salad

May 16-20

- May 16: Chili Dogs, Potato Wedges, Cucumbers and Ranch
- May 17: Pizza, Corn on the Cob, Jell-o
- May 18: Grilled Cheese, Soup, Carrot Sticks
- May 19: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw
- May 20: Burritos, Spanish Rice, Orange Wedges

May 23-27

- May 23: Fish Sticks, Angel Hair Pasta, Garden Salad
- May 24: Pigs in a Blanket, Cheese Sticks, Pudding
- May 25: Pot Roast, Rice, Mixed Vegetables
- May 26: Cheese Ravioli, Glazed Carrots, Jell-o
- May 27: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli

May 30-June 3

- May 30: Center Closed for Memorial Day
- May 31: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Rolls
- June 1: Sausage with Wild Rice, Peas
- June 2: Beanie Weanies, Baked Beans, Pineapple Chunks
- June 3: Center Closed for Staff Development Day

Room 5 Dear Parents,

Thank you for your participation in our Easter Party! The Easter Baskets were beautiful. Room 5 found lots of eggs during the hunt! Congratulations to Amanda found the Golden Egg with \$1 inside!!



Parents, I couldn't provide all the fun and festivities without your help and I am especially grateful. All of you have received 1 service hour for our Easter Party as well as our previous parties.

Room 5 wants to say a sad goodbye to Ava Jane. We will miss her so much! We wish her well and hope she makes lots of friends at her new school. Ava's last day is May 6th. Stop by to give her a great big hug. A special welcome to Amarii. We're excited to have you in our class!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer

Room 3 April showers of excitement rained in our classroom. We had our first field trip to the movies at the South Bay Galleria. Reviews on "Hop" were well received by the group.

Our Easter activities were fun in the sun with an enjoyable BBQ feast. Thank you for your support and contributions. The many wonderful gifts and craft activities were well received.

For the month of May, our class will blossom and grow as we continue in our progress to Kindergarten. Look for our summer schedules next week.

Ms. Mal

Extended Can you believe that May has come so soon? Pretty soon the school year will be over. Our summer schedule has been completed and is available in the front office. Our Camp Crossroads parent meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 from 6-7 pm. You will have the chance to meet our staff and receive all the info for summer camp.



Thank you,

Mrs. Sharon

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 The Gathering 6:30 pm	2	3 Meeting with DS Bridgeforth 6:30 pm	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Celebra- tion/Parade	6	7
8 Happy Mother's Day!!!	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Camp Crossroads Info Meeting 6-7 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 P4C Meeting 6pm	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day—Center Closed	31			June 3: Staff Development Day/C4C closed	

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-6 pm,
Classes closed at 4 pm!!!

Rachel's Ramblings

Marie Forest came to visit the women for lunch this week. She has moved up to Ojai and become involved in the United Methodist Church up there. One of the members of Marie's congregation makes bookmarks to share with others. The picture to the right is one of the bookmarks that Marie brought down with her. This bookmark represents the Easter story and its implications for us so well.

God has amazing plans for our lives, but there is so often that we are hesitant to change or even refuse to change. "You'll never catch me doing *that!*" We can't envision or imagine what God has in store for us. Individually, as a church, and as a Center, we need to see where we are not allowing God to work or denying the amazing plans that God has for us. We have to work to get out of our own ways to allow God's transforming Spirit wash over us. There will be a time of metamorphosis coming up. I pray that each and every one of us will allow God to change us from the inside out and take to the beauty of new life. Let's find a way to truly be Easter Resurrection People!

Prayerfully, Pastor Rachel



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