

September News

L A T I J E R A U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H
& C E N T E R F O R C H I L D R E N

**IMPORTANT
DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

- 9/2: Game Truck Block Party from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 9/4: The Gathering—An Evening of Sacred Song & Prayer at 6:30 p.m.
- 9/7: First day of school at LAUSD
- 9/5: Labor Day—School closed.
- 9/6: Health RHYTHMS Drum Circle at 7:00 p.m.—**Free!** Adults only.
- 9/9: Center Luau & Open House
- 9/18: Blessing of the Backpacks & Teacher Appreciation Day! Join us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- 9/18: Bake Sale! All proceeds go towards the Center's play yard equipment!
- 9/20: Ad Council Meets
- 9/23: Fall begins!

MAYOLA'S CORNER

September is our transitional month at La Tijera. Summer vacations are ending, pre-KG kids are preparing to go to kindergarten, children are growing and getting prepared for their new preschool rooms, and our teachers are getting ready for their new room assignments, ready to bring you the best team management, curriculum, and productivity.

We are ready to dazzle you with fun, happiness, and an excellent childcare experience. However, we have to work together in a cooperative manner to make this commitment to excellence a reality. This reality can only be achieved with your help—by volunteering and through fundraising.

Our first fundraiser is our back-to-school block party game

truck on Friday, September 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

I am excited to announce that Stefanni Gonzalez (mom to Jake, Noah and Gabe) has volunteered to become our 2011-2012 Parent President. Thank you Stefanni! We are still looking for a devoted candidate to be our Fundraising Chairperson. If you are interested, please let me know!

This year, we are planning monthly activities for the entire family, from parent date-nights, exercise classes, a family health faire, and a sweetheart dinner dance, just to name a few. Also on our campus is a Health RHYTHMS Drum Circle to drum your way to stress-reduction and renewed energy! Please check

your mailboxes regularly for updates on what we are providing. If you have a fun idea for an activity, please let me or your child's teacher know. Stay tuned for more fun!

Many of you have shared how our newsletter has helped you stay on top of what is happening and how much you enjoy reading about what the children are doing in their classrooms. We also plan on distributing our newsletter via email and it's posted on our website each month. Also on our website, you will find the revised 2011-2012 calendar, which was also distributed to each family. Sometimes due to scheduling needs, the calendar may change. If that happens, we will endeavor to give you ample notice.

H O T L U N C H P R O G R A M

As the weather begins to change, you will notice a change in our hot lunch menu as well. Keep your eyes open for exciting new Fall recipes to tempt your child's taste buds! Menus will be posted monthly in each classroom.

Thank you to all who have supported our hot lunch program and who helped make it a success.



H E L L O F R O M S T A G E I

Wow! Our babies are making progress in leaps and bounds! It has been a wonderful summer and now it's time to return to our Fall schedule of activities. We will be working with language, movement and music during the month of September. The babies love to listen to the teachers singing and talking to them. They are so eager to learn! Stage I welcomes our newest babies

Sienna and Tyler! And congratulations to Darius, Valynn and Gordon, who are moving to Stage II! We are hoping that our families will join us for our parent meetings and remember to sign up for volunteer hours. Stage I is looking for new room parents for this school term. See any of the Stage I teachers if you are interested.

Babies, Babies Everywhere!



T R A N S I T I O N I

Summer is winding down and we have been enjoying the events and activities at the Center. We are looking forward to the beginning of early Fall. Our new friends are still enjoying the end of summer with our on-going fun activities.

As the new school year begins, we hope to meet the expectations of our new par-

ents and friends. We look forward to your input as we strive to meet new goals and reach new heights in the classroom.

We would like to welcome our new parents and children. At the beginning of the new school session, please feel free to request a copy of Transition I's Goal Sheet. We look forward to sharing our expec-

tations for our wonderful students with you.

We need to select two new room parents—please let us know if you would like to volunteer your time and support as a room parent. If you are interested, please let me know—thank you—

Teacher Chestina



Lunch Time!

T H A N K Y O U T E A C H E R S & G O O D B Y E M S . J E N N I F E R

Many thanks to our wonderful staff who have worked hard to make our summer programs so much fun! But now, summer is over—and it's time to have fun with math, science and our Fall routine and schedules!

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Jennifer and wish her well in her new adventures. We will miss you, Ms. Jennifer! Her replacement will be announced soon.

It's Naptime!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Starting in September, Dawn Jacobs will teach Sunday school on the first Sunday of each month. Ms. Jacobs is a member of our Center for Children Committee, a long-time church member, a member of The Hymn Dingers, and was an elementary school teacher with LAUSD for many years. She has taught Sunday school over the years and brings a wealth of experience, creativity and insight to our new Sunday school program.

Lynnette Slocomb will continue as one of our wonderful Sunday school teachers and will teach Sunday school on the third Sunday of the month. Ms. Slocomb has been teaching Sunday school and teaching at the Center for many years, and the children look forward to everything Ms. Lynnette brings to the classroom. We are blessed to have her!

On the other Sundays, there will be fun stuff to do in the sanctuary and a

children’s time with Lyda during worship!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, TEACHER APPRECIATION & A BAKE SALE!

On Sunday, September 18th, please join us at 9:30 a.m. for our Back to School Sunday and Teacher Appreciation service. Have your kids (or you if you have one!) bring their backpacks to be blessed for the school days ahead. We will celebrate our Center for Children teachers, our Sunday school teachers, and honor the teachers who have helped

and guided us over the years. Be prepared to have fun and remember your own school days—when you hear the school bell, I hope you are in your seats! And if I catch you chewing gum, you will have to stick it to your nose! (I’ve heard that that’s what they used to do in the olden days!)

Don’t forget to bring your back-

pack!

Our Confirmation Class is hosting a bake sale on the 18th, so bring your wallet and be prepared to go home with a bunch of yummy treats. As part of their on-going mission work, the Confirmation Class of 2011 is helping to raise money for the Center’s playground equipment!



PLAY YARD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

La Tijera and Los Angeles Korean are working together to improve our play yards!

Our first proposed project is a Toddler Yard improvement and upgrade. La Tijera is fundraising to purchase new equipment. The money raised from our

Game Truck Block Party will go toward our play yards! Our goal is to raise \$6,000 to purchase new equipment in the Toddler yard. Your enthusiasm and support will help us reach this goal.



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Come and Check Us Out:

Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. -
The Gathering—An Evening of Sacred Song & Prayer

First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. -
Health RHYTHMS Drum Circle—Free—Adults Only

**Rethink Church . . . What if “church”
was a verb instead of a noun . . .**

F R O M L Y D A . . .

September is a crazy month—school is back in session, there is a never-ending list of school supplies to be purchased, football games to watch, and our schedules are full to overflowing. As Fall approaches, don't forget to find time to take care of yourself. In all the craziness, find a moment to savor silence, treat yourself to a cup of hot chocolate, and forget about your “to do” list for at least a few minutes each day. Concentrate on the things you can do, find the moments of kindness in each day, and laugh as often as you can.

To help you find moments of wellness, stress relief and music-making, on the first Tuesday of the month at

7:00 p.m., La Tijera hosts a Health RHYTHMS drum circle. Increase your immune system and have fun playing drums—it's free—so come and get your recommended drumming allowance! Adults only.

On Sunday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m., renew yourself at The Gathering—An Evening of Sacred Song & Prayer. Come and find the silence amid candles and beautiful music.

On Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m., come on out for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Teacher Appreciation! Honor the teachers in your lives, the teachers at the Center, and bring your backpacks to get blessed as we

start the new school year.

Fall brings with it growth, change and a crispness in the air. La Tijera United Methodist Church is entering a new season too . . . filled with new vision and new direction. We are rethinking church and are no longer content to just be a place you go to on Sunday mornings. Hang out with us when you can and rethink church with us. Passion welcome.

