

Fundraisers are so important to the running of the Center for Children. Please support our fundraisers through your time, your presence, and by letting others know about them. This month we will have a Tupperware Fundraiser and a Yard Sale. We hope to have at least 2 ongoing fundraisers. The first is escip and the second will be announced when we have the details finalized. Details on escip can be found on our website!!!

La Tijera UMC and Center for Children Center News

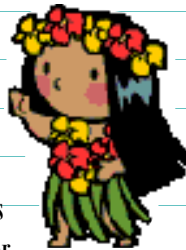


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Mayola's Corner

As we approach the end of summer teachers are preparing to resume their curriculums by doing observations, phonics, math& science, and re-adjusting back to routines and daily schedules. Don't forget our instructional activities start at 9:00 am each day. To ensure that your child/children receive the most from their day it is important that they arrive on time.

The 2010- 2011 school year is off and running. Our first event is our potluck "Open House Luau" on **Sept 10th** which is always a hit. Look for the potluck sign-ups in your child's classroom. This gives parents the opportunity to socialize with each other, the staff, with new and perspective parents in a relax setting over a delicious meal. How much fun is that! Our goal is to bring student's families and the com-



munity together to celebrate learning. I am so excited to welcome all of you back and an extended warm welcome to our new families. Pastor Rachel is coordinating a Tupperware Fundraiser to begin this night as well!

Special thanks go out to Tricia McReynolds (parent of Amanda Room 5 and Kevin Stage II) who has graciously accepted the role of C4C President and Room Parent of Room 5 this school year. Our first official meeting for 2010-2011 will be Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010. We hope that you will join us and help to make La Tijera P4C Meetings informative, enlightened and productive. Tricia's first official job as President is to organize a team to be the Room Parents that will assist her in keeping you abreast of all of the happenings around La Tijera. A sheet will be in each class for sign-ups. Please sign-up to make this our best year yet!

As we approach the 2010-2011

school year you will see some new faces and some old familiar ones as we venture into the season. Some staff members will be assigned to new classrooms to ensure that each class has the best possible team. When our interviews are completed a roster of staff placement will be provided.



On Saturday, **September 18, 2010** we will sponsor our second family yard

sale. You can receive parent volunteer hours by donations, helping at the sale or preparations before the event. See Mayola if you are interested in volunteering.

Our first work Saturday will be on **September 25, 2010**. Come out, bring you tools, brooms, cleaning buckets etc and let's roll up our sleeves and give our children a clean and healthy school. Friends are welcome.

Parents for the Children (P4C)

Dear Parents,

The new school year is upon us in just a couple of weeks, and that means we will be restarting the parents meetings! Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 23 in the main office at 6 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of every month going forward.

The P4C meetings are your opportunity to voice any concerns or suggestions you may have with

the center. It is also an opportunity to learn more about how your can help make your child's school a better place for them, and about upcoming events at the center.

Please consider being a room parent in your child's classroom. It is not a difficult job, and only requires a few emails and communications to the other parents. As a room parent, you will be a liaison between the P4C and teachers and other parents in the classroom.

This enables us to communicate better with everyone. If you are interested, please check with your child's teacher, and e-mail Tricia at MrsAnim8or@aol.com. Thank you!

I have placed a sign-up sheet in every classroom if you would like to be included in direct communications from me to parents. I look forward to hearing from everyone!

Tricia McReynolds
P4C President

Stage 1

Hello! Stage I welcomes our newest babies, Elysian, Joaquin, Luke, and Zoe to the classroom! As we say a fond adieu to Anika and Lucas—we know we will still be seeing each other from time to time because they will be right next door in Stage III!

The children are enjoying lots of rhymes, songs, and floor time with all their favorite toys, as were are all getting to know each other better—and loving every minute of it!!

Have Fun!

Stage I

Stage 2

Stage II welcomes our new friends Riley and Christopher to our exciting, enriching and fun-filled environment. The children are enjoying a summer of water play, music, arts, and storytelling. Providing variety to your children is essential to us as teachers. This helps to meet the diversity of interests and strengthen the children where they need to grow. We are proud of our babies further improvements—from bottles to sippy cups and from crawling to walking.

We want to thank Dailynn, Riley, and Kevin’s mom for their bibs donations. We’re looking forward to more fun as summer comes to an end. Thanks to all our parents for your support and cooperation. Ms Yvonne, Ms Rosie, and Ms Jessica

Stage 3

September is the month of changes...as we say goodbye to old friends as they move to the 2 year old class and welcome new friends to stage 3. September can be warm by day, but cool in the afternoon, so remember to add a light jacket to your child’s collection of extra clothes. Have you made an earthquake kit for your child or need to update it with new clothes,? This is the time to do it. Need help making one, ask us.

This month’s activities will center around discovery...the 5 senses.

Ms Lynnette, Ms Alex, and Ms Jessica

Transition 1 & 2

Welcome back, Bianca! Welcome back, Kaulin! We also welcome our newest friend, Peyton, and want to thank his family for choosing our wonderful program. It is our goal to make every child a unique and memorable experience that is carried through their entire life. We try our best to serve and fulfill their needs and provide a safe environment. Beginning this school year our children will enjoy learning new songs, creative art projects, counting numbers and objects, and identifying shapes and colors. Our parents will be happy to hear that some of our children are potty trained and most of our children are using the potty. This is really a challenging moment for us and our children. We thank all the wonderful parents for their kind cooperation.

Ms Mary and Ms Shay

Room 5

The new school year is here, September welcomes Room 5 with a new curriculum. Room 5 has set a daily academic curriculum based with fun learning activities. Each week we will focus on a letter from the alphabet, we will have fun worksheets to reinforce our learning. Each Thursday homework folders will be sent home; they will be due on Wednesdays. Each week we will have art projects, science and mathematical games. Our children will learn and experience lots of fun in a friendly environment.

Ms Lupe

Room 3

Our summer fun is coming to an end. We have had many fun and educational adventures. We took the train to Universal City Walk and went to watch boats at the shores of San Pedro. We even took the chance to check out the Korean Friendship Bell. The children have been so excited to go on our trips and have gained a broader knowledge of the community around us in the process. Their interest in transportation has expanded. Thank you to the wonderful parents that have supported us through our summer fun.

♥♥♥Ms Mal

Camp Crossroads Music in September

It has been an exciting summer. We’ve made lots of new friends and had memorable field trips. We’re all looking forward to getting back on track for our new school year. To the families who are staying with us, your child MUST be here by 7:30 am if they are riding the van to school. Have a safe school year!

Ms Sharon

Wow – summer seemed to fly by and now it’s time to go back to school! This month, we are going to focus on Fall, back to school songs and composing our very own melodies on handbells. Children will discover the thrill of composing their own songs and playing them for their friends on our handbell set. We will continue with our once a month preschool drum circles, and explore movement, beat and singing together.

The extended care kids will explore West African folk tales this month and will have tons of fun putting their movement and story telling skills into practice. Welcome back to September with its challenges, discoveries and music-making!

Ms Lyda

September 2010

Center Event/Church Event

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10 Luau/ Open House	11
12 C4C	13	14 Ad Council	15	16	17	18 Yard Sale
19 Teacher Rec. Sunday Bible Study Starts	20	21	22	23 P4C	24	25 Work Day Lay Leaders' Meeting
26	27	28	29	30		

- ✓ *Sept 6*—School CLOSED for Labor Day
- ✓ *Sept 10*—End of Summer Luau/Open House, 4:30-7:30 pm
- ✓ *Sept 10-30*—Tupperware Fundraiser. Details to follow
- ✓ *Sept 14*—Ad Council/ Church Council, 6:30 pm in Chapel Lounge
- ✓ *Sept 18*—Yard Sale, 7 am – 12 noon. Details for assistance with set up and running the sale to follow
- ✓ *Sept 19*—9:30 am, Teacher Recognition Sunday. The Church will be honoring our teachers' commitment to the Center and its children!!! 2 pm—Lectionary Bible Study. We will be reading the scripture that will be used next will in church. This will be weekly
- ✓ *Sept 23*—P4C Meeting, 6 pm in the Main Office

✓ *Sept 25*—Work Day for the Center for Children. Come out and help to make the Center a little cleaner and more beautiful for our children. 8 am—12 noon. Friends are always welcome!!! District Lay Leaders will meet at Hollywood UMC to talk about ImagineLA, 8:30 am-1 pm.

MUSIC AND SPIRIT . . . INSPIRATIONAL BEATS WE SHARE

Church News

In our last newsletter, I mentioned a HealthRHYTHMS drum circle . . . so, what is it? HealthRHYTHMS Group Empowerment Drumming harnesses many elements of wellness in one activity that anyone can enjoy. According to Karl Bruhn, Father of the Music-Making and Wellness Movement, "without the obstacle of a challenging learning curve, group drumming is an enjoyable, accessible and fulfilling activity from the start for young and old alike. From exercise, nurturing and social support, to intellectual stimulation, spirituality and stress reduction, group drumming stimu-

lates creative expression that unites our minds, bodies and spirits!" I believe that our ability to connect with and support each other is why we're here in the first place. Group drumming is an incredible unifying tool that simply brings out the best in us. I encourage you to join in and experience this incredible wellness strategy – we can learn, discover, enjoy and share our musical and spiritual insights together. And if you listen closely, you just might hear the angels drumming along!

-Lyda Eddington

September 18th—Los Angeles District Youth Back to School Worship at La Tijera at 4 pm. More details to come as they are available!!!
September 25th—Quarterly Lay Leader's meeting at Hollywood UMC. Want to help end homelessness in Los Angeles?
If each church or religious group adopted one homeless family, every homeless child in LA would thrive with their family in a permanent, stable home. ImagineLA is a non-profit organization that will select a motivated family, find housing they can afford, and train a small group of volunteers from a church (or group of churches) to coach the family so they develop the skills to become self-supporting in 2 years.

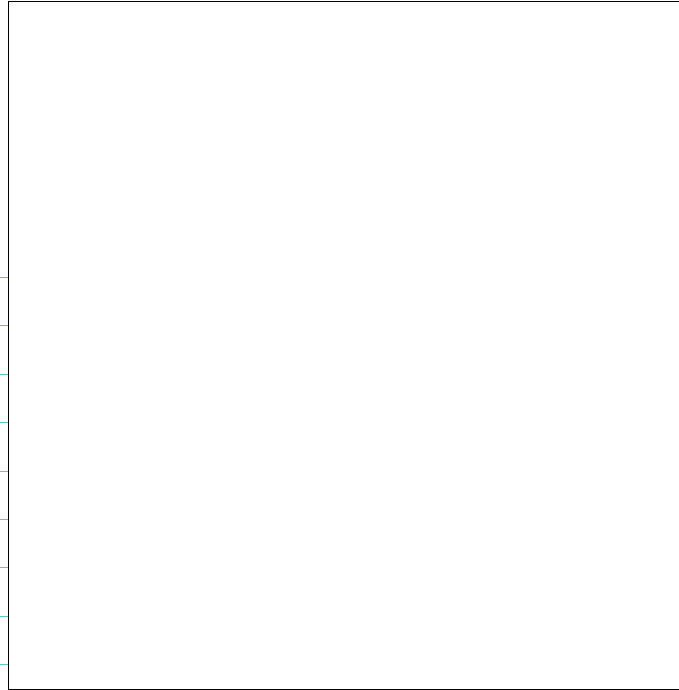


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Rachel's Ramblings

It is hard to believe that it is September. That means that our children are going back to school, vacations have been (mostly completed), and it is time to start fresh and new.

I hope that as a congregation and as the Center for Children, we can make some new strides. Several of our teachers have talked about the accomplishments that the children have made over the last few months. We are always encouraging development and growth in the classroom. As we grow up and mature, we work to make improvements on ourselves as well.

As a church, I am excited to see the steps we have made to welcome visitors, grow in numbers and deepen our personal faith. In an effort to continue that, we are adding some things to our calendar. Beginning September 19th, we will have a Bible Study to talk about the scriptures that are suggested for use the following Sunday in church. We will meet at 2 pm to read the passages and discuss them. Our first gathering will talk about options and ways to facilitate the Study. We can grow and adapt as need be. I hope you will come out and participate. If you are looking for fellowship and a way to give back, the Hymn Dingers will be starting sometime in September. The group meets on Wednesday nights, directed by Lyda. The group has a lot of fun and offers one another support and encouragement along the way. Contact Lyda if you are interested in joining. In addition to this, I am trying to develop a time for a discussion around Rob Bell's "Nooma" videos. These videos are a great jumping off point for discussions about faith in our everyday lives. This is still in the works. Please let me know if this is something that would be of interest to you!

As a Center, we are now in a time of change and transition. We have families back from Summer Vacation! Welcome Back! We have brand new families starting. Welcome! We hope that you will feel at home here and know how much your child will be loved and cared for by our staff. As we are helping your children meet each of their developmental hurdles, we hope to work to improve ourselves as well. We are in the process of looking for more staff to round out our team. This newsletter is one of the ways we are growing as well. Communication is key and we want to make sure that you feel well informed. We love to see our program grow. We are working to get the word out on our center. If you know of anyone who is looking for Child Care or a Preschool, we hope you will share our information. Word of Mouth is really the best advertizing method. If you know of a place where many parents congregate and accepts advertisement, let us know so that we can put some fliers out. It is all helpful. Our work day are another way to make the Center better as well. Please come out so we can do some much needed revamping! Thanks!

I am working to do some personal improvement as well. I am working to become fully ordained. In the simplest terms, I am working to go from being a non-tenured Pastor to being a fully tenured Pastor. There are papers to be written, sermons to be recorded, letters of recommendation to request, and interviews to be had (if I pass my papers). Prayers and support are appreciated.

I look forward to walking with you in this upcoming year!
Blessings!

Pastor Rachel