



Long Beach City College Child Development Center—LAC NEWSLETTER

Special Interest News from Vicki, Site Supervisor

Welcome to the fall semester at CDC-LAC! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. I want to welcome the many new families to the CDC-LAC family, and a big welcome back to all the returning families. I am looking forward to the upcoming school year.

Stacey, the Site Supervisor at PCC worked hard this summer developing the new CDC website. Please visit the site at <http://childrencenter.lbcc.edu> You will find program information, updates, new photos, the latest newsletters, lunch menus and great resources. I think you will find it a useful communication tool.

This semester we will be using

a new assessment tool in the classrooms. The Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP-R) is used by all California Department of Education, Child Development Division programs to document individual child progress toward developmental milestones. This allows the teaching staff to get a full assessment of each child's individual strengths and areas that need assistance.

The DRDP-R results are used to develop individual and classroom curriculum plans, and shared with you during parent/teacher conferences (1 each semester). See your child's Specialist for more information.

SAVE THE DATES:

Our scholastic Book Fair will take place the week of October 1st through the 8th! There will be a big assortment of "non-commercialized" books and other items available for purchase. The proceeds will go toward our fundraising efforts.

Mrs. Acosta (room 2, CDS) and our Child Development Club President, Catherine Garcia, are soliciting volunteers to work the book fair.



School Pictures Coming Soon.....

Pictures With Class, a local photography company, have scheduled dates and times for taking the children's school photos next month.

The photographers are scheduled to come on Tuesday October 9th and Wednesday October 10th,

from 9 to 11am & 12:30 to 2:30pm each day.

Only individual and sibling photos will be taken this time, with class composites to be done during the Spring semester (dates to be determined).



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Raising-A-Reader begins in the PM parent participation program. Library visits are scheduled for this month, see your specialist for details.
- ☺ Parent participation lectures begin the week of 9/10
- ☺ Closed 9/3 ~ Labor Day

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RAISING-A-READER PROGRAM

We have been fortunate enough to be provided the opportunity to offer the Raising-A-Reader book-bag Program here at LAC. The program is currently being offered in the PM parent participation classrooms (Room 1 Mrs. Roberts, Room 3 Mrs. Thrift and Room 5 Mrs. Atkinson).

This nationwide literacy support program provides materials to the classrooms that are used to promote daily parent/child reading and the use of the public library system. Children take home a new book-bag each week, that has 4 to 5 different books in it, that they then return to be exchanged for a new bag.

There are 26 different bags that are rotated to ensure that each child has the opportunity to be introduced to dozens of new books during the semester. The program includes one classroom visit to the local library, and parents must make at least one additional library visit before the end of the semester.

The program will culminate with a graduation ceremony that celebrates the success of each family's participation.

We look forward to offering the program again in the Spring. If your classroom did not participate this time, they may still have an opportunity next semester.

Many thanks to Anne Witenstein, from the Long Beach Library Foundation, for sponsoring R-A-R at the LBCC Child Development Centers.



Reading with your child each day promotes a lifelong love of Books!

Room 1 - Mrs. Rogers (AM) & Mrs. Roberts (PM)

Room 1 A.M. - Meet Mrs. Rogers

Pam has an AA degree from LBCC and has a Child Development Teacher Permit. She enjoys working with children this age because: "they are very honest". She learns from children to: "live in the moment and to show my enthusiasm for life". Her advice for parents is: "don't sweat the small stuff". Her favorite children's book is: "A Mother for Choco, by Keiko Kasza". Her favorite parenting book is: "The Two Year Old,

Terrible and Terrific". She says, "I've done my job if I show parents and children that my classroom is a safe place to learn and love".

Room 1 pm - Meet Mrs. Roberts

Lynda has an AA degree from Glendale Community College and has a Child Development Teacher Permit. She enjoys most about children this age: "the emergence of humor, a sense of wonder and a recognition of self". She learns from children: "to slow down and enjoy the

moment". Her advice to parents is: "stop worrying! Slow down, stop talking and just listen". Her favorite children's book is: "Blueberries for Sal, by Robert McCloskey. Her favorite parenting book is: "the textbook we use, Becoming the Parent You Want to Be". She believes, "I've done my job if the children and parents in my class develop trust, independence and a joy of learning exploration".



Room 2 - Mrs. Acosta and Ms. Mary Ann

Meet Mrs. Acosta -

Melissa is finishing up her last GE classes to complete a BA degree from Cal State University, Long Beach (CSULB). She has been working for the program for 9 Years. She believes that "children are independent thinkers who are deserving of opportunities to think for themselves, and find their own interests and strengths". She offers a calm nature that makes children feel safe and wel-

come to the classroom.

Meet Ms. Mary Ann -

Mary Ann has an AA from LBCC and is working toward a BA degree from CSULB. She enjoys children this age: "for their openness, eagerness and their total investment in what they are doing RIGHT NOW!". She has learned from children: "to meet life with enthusiasm and gusto". Her advice to parents is: "The same as what is always

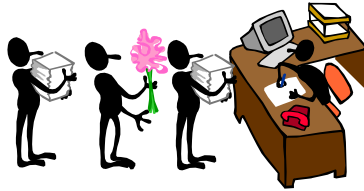
said..treasure this time with your children and allow them the space to discover themselves". She loves the song: "slippery fish, especially the way Mrs. Acosta sings it". She knows she has done her job if: "I go home tired from playing and laughing, and the children do too".

Mrs. Acosta & Ms. Mary Ann make a great teaching team. They receive lots of support from Miss Alma and Miss Bryanna, who assist them each day.

MEET THE OFFICE STAFF: TRISH AND KAREN

Karen Sybesma has been working at Long Beach City College for 28 years, with the last 26 of those years being at the Child Development Centers. She has enjoyed working with the students and children and considers the Center to be her second home. Her husband, Sam, retired from LBCC four years ago; making it a real LBCC family. She has three married children; daughters Shelli & Kelli (twins) and son Sam. All of her children are in the teaching field, also two of their children's spouses are educators. She has 8 grandchildren. All three of her children attended the Center and her grandson, Micah, currently attends

rooms 3 & 6. She was a student at LBCC before going on to get a Bachelor's Degree in Business administration. Karen is the Administrative Assistant for the Parent Participation Program at CDC-LAC.



Trish Johnson has been working at LBCC for 10 years, with 9 of those years with the Child Development

Centers. She enjoys the honesty and sincerity of children, and interacting with the parents each day. She is the first and last person the children see when they come and go from the classroom and she always offers a big smile and a stamp on the hand. She is married with 5 children, with 2 still living at home. She looks forward to assisting everyone with any questions, concerns, or paperwork processing. Feel free to stop by and say HELLO! Trish is the Administrative Assistant for the Full and Part-time Preschool Program.

Room 3 - Mrs. Eslava (AM) & Mrs. Thrift (PM)

Meet Mrs. Eslava-

Margaret has an AA degree in both humanities and early childhood education. She holds a child development site supervisor permit and continues her education by attending trainings, classes and workshops. She enjoys about children this age; "the conversations between the children and myself. Their expressions of wonder, humor and excitement that is written on their faces". She has learned from children that; "everyday is special-enjoy it". Her

advice for parents is; "relax and enjoy your child, tell them you love them as often as possible". Her favorite children's books are the Mercer Mayer classics and The old lady who was not afraid of anything, by Linda Williams.

Meet Mrs. Thrift-

Lourdes has a BA degree in political science from Mexico and a Child Development Certificate from LBCC. She continues her education by attending trainings, conferences and workshops on child development issues. She enjoys

children this age because; "they are honest and have the ability to move on". She learns from children; "how easy it is to find humor in the most random things and to enjoy living in the moment". Her advise for parents is; "to listen to your children, have family time, read play and take a break". Her favorite parenting books are; "How to talk so kids will listen and listen so kids will talk" and "Siblings without Rivalry" both by Faber and Mazlish. She enjoys too many children's songs and books to name here.

Room 5 - Mrs. Black (AM) & Mrs. Atkinson (PM)

Meet Mrs. Black-

Kathy Black has an M.A. in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College. What she enjoys most about this age in children is their sense of curiosity and humor. Children's sense of wonder and their capacity for empathy is what she has learned from children. Her favorite book is "The Rude Giants" and she loves singing "A Ram Sam-Sam". She would recommend "Talk so your Children Will Listen and Listen so your Children Will Talk" to parents. She's done her job if

children develop a sense of competency about themselves and have the ability to problem—solve when they leave her classroom.

Meet Mrs. Atkinson-

Carmel says; "Being with your children and having you support me in the classroom is the most exciting work I have ever done. Starting a new year I am looking forward to observing the growth in the children as they discover the many areas in the classroom and outdoors." Carmel's interests include;

being with her three grandchildren, any celebration that brings her family together, walking on the beach and going to the movies with friends, dancing, and listening to books on tape in the car. She is looking forward to a trip back to Ireland to visit family in November, 2007.



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NUTRITION FUN!

Rice Cake Clown Faces

Plain Rice Cake
Spreadable cream cheese
Shredded carrots
Cherry tomato halves
Sliced olives
1/2 Cucumber slice



Spread cream cheese on rice cake and let your child make a face for their clown using the vegetables provided. Carrots could be hair, tomatoes could be a nose, olives could be eyes, cucumber slices could be mouths or ears. Add other vegetables or fruits for more variety. Make your own face and enjoy this healthful snack together. Talk about what other kinds of faces or things they can make with these healthy snack items.



Save the Date: The Discover Conference will be held at the Long Beach City College-LAC campus on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Come Participate in some great workshops for parents.

Room 6 - Mrs. Williamson & Mrs. Ludka

Meet Mrs. Williamson-

Cinda has a BS Degree in Occupational Education, and has been working at LBCC for 25 years now. What she enjoys about working with children this age is; "their curiosity and eagerness to learn. She feels that she learns from children; "to enjoy the simple things in life". Her advice for parents is; "be aware that you are their first teacher and role model". Her favorite children's book is "Alligator Baby", by Robert Munch. Her favorite children's book is Haim Ginott's "Parenting Techniques". She feels she has done her job when; "children want to come back to school".

Meet Mrs. Ludka-

Mary Jo has a BAE degree from Pacific Oaks College and is currently working on an MA degree from PO as well. She has worked with preschool-aged children since her 20-year-old son was three. She has several favorite children's books, but "Bark, George" and "Ira Sleeps Over" are among the top. She enjoys telling traditional folktales to the children. "Children learn many things about 'how to be' through folktales, family stories, and even fairy tales." She advises parents to share with their children the childhood family stories and traditional stories they were told. She feels she has done her job when children trust that their own ideas are valuable

and feel confident enough to share them.

We have a few other teaching staff members who work in the classroom with Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Ludka. Mrs. Eslava (room 3AM Parent Participation program CDS) works the closing shift in room 6. Ms. Lisa, Ms. Marlo and Ms. Alma all help to support the full time staff in the classroom. They all make a great team.

