

Long Beach City College Child Development Center – PCC Parent Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2008

REMINDERS

Tuition is due at the beginning of the week. Payments can be deposited into the tuition box next to the front desk and a receipt will be issued to you. We are unable to make change at the front desk and ask that if you are paying in cash, please bring in the exact amount owed. Please make checks payable to: LBCC – CDC – PCC.

Child Development Center WEBSITE:

<http://childrencenter.lbcc.edu> Please check the website for newsletters, menus, upcoming events and information.
<http://childrencenter.lbcc.edu/pdf/ParentHandbook.pdf> The CDC Parent & Family Handbook is available online.

FALL 2008 CLOSURE DATES

Thursday, October 30
Monday, November 10
Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28
Thursday, December 18
December 19, 2008 – January 9, 2009

College Flex Day – Staff Training – No School
Holiday – Veteran’s Day – No School
Holiday – Thanksgiving – No School
Center closes at 11:30 a.m. for Winter Recess
Winter Recess



Happy Birthdays!

Monica Alvarado 9/10
Debbi Watts 9/14
Petra Crane 9/24
Diane Uyehara 10/2
Kristin Pierce 10/4



Happy Anniversaries at LBCC!

Linda Brett 32 years in Sept.!
Diane Uyehara 3 years in Oct.!
Leslie Martinez 3 years in Oct.!



Congratulations to...

Debbi Watts and Leslie Martinez!
Both have been certified as
Mentor Teachers through the
CA Mentor Program!

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 3 at 9:45 am

Puppet Show – “THUMBELINA”

Location: PCC Quad

Children not enrolled on Fridays are welcome to attend with an adult
Siblings, cousins, friends, etc. are also welcome to join us for the show!

Monday, October 27 & Tuesday, October 28

SCHOOL PICTURES

Packets will be distributed in classrooms in early October!

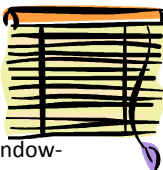
Child Development Club: The new President is Mark Marano! Mark is a student at Long Beach City College majoring in Early Childhood Education. He works full-time coordinating an after-school program here in Long Beach and is excited about getting more LBCC students involved in supporting our on-campus Child Development Center! To find out more about the Child Development Club, contact Mark at markandcarina@gmail.com. Many thanks to past president and CDC-PCC parent, Sandi Hill!

The **Child Development Associates Group** also has a new president! Anamaria Fife is a parent at CDC-LAC and she will be running the show for the next two years. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact Anna Maria at abfife@hotmail.com. Many thanks to past president and CDC-PCC parent, Allison Gurich!

SAFETY NEWS... When window cords are within reach, young children may become entangled and accidentally strangle.

The Window Covering Safety Council is urging parents and caregivers to make the right choice and only use cordless window products in young children’s bedrooms and sleeping areas. Owners and renters should replace all window coverings in the home made before 2001 with today’s safer products.

The Window Covering Safety Council (WCSC) is dedicated to providing consumer information and educational materials on window-cord safety. We also offer consumers free retrofit devices for addressing potential cord hazards on older window treatments, in other rooms throughout the home. If consumers do not wish to replace coverings with today’s safer products, free retrofit kits can be ordered through this website or our toll-free phone line at 1-800-506-4636.



“Too often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve.”

– Roger Lewin



Pod "D" – Room 2...Mrs. Cathy Bailey and Mrs. Leslie Martinez

Welcome to a new year in Room 2! Transition to a new classroom and teaching staff has gone very well for the children. We will be continuing to "get acquainted" as we sing songs with each child's name, post family photos (don't forget to send yours), and create a poster board with each child's name and photo. T-Bone has already visited three homes and will be sent home with a child each weekend. Holly the bunny also has several volunteers to take her for a weekend visit.

Three-year-olds are just beginning to move beyond parallel play and need lots of support with communication as they work out daily challenges of sharing, joining a group and making desires or feelings known. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a Child Web appointment so that we can communicate with you and have a framework for your child's interests, learning style, personality, and developmental strengths. Please be sure we have a correct email address for you (check the address list on the front counter) so that you receive the Daily Reports giving you information about our day.

We started off the new year with some conversation about the 2008 Olympics. Many of the children have enjoyed showing off their physical skills by racing around the bike track while being timed with a timer. A few of the children helped paint a giant torch. We held our official "Olympics" on Tuesday, September 16 from 3:00 to 4:00 for those children who wanted to participate. Some other events suggested by the children were balance beam, skateboarding, basketball, and soccer. For those who liked to be part of the "Opening Ceremonies" rather than perform as "athletes", we held a "Parade of Flags" and talent show involving musical instruments. We created gold medals out of clay for presentations at the end.

We have also been learning about sea life and singing the songs "Slippery Fish" and "Down by the Sea" during rug time. Flannel board ocean figures and sea shell sorting were also offered. We encourage you to take a trip to the Cabrillo Marine Museum and visit the touch tank there. In the coming weeks we'll play with ocean puppets and read several stories about our ocean friends.

Some wish list items include LARGE boxes (so we can build a submarine for further ocean exploration), wood scraps, wood glue, and glue sticks. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the class.

Pod "C" – Room 2...Mrs. Melinda Wells and Ms. Markesha Taylor

Just a month ago a group of two year olds and their parents (and 1 grandma) entered the Parent Education classroom in Pod C for the first time. The children's eyes were wide with wonder at all the exciting activities set out for them. The parent's eyes were wide also but maybe with a little concern thinking, "what am I supposed to do in this busy group of parents and children"?

Over the last several weeks, children, parents and teachers have joined in the rhythm of the classroom. Parents move in and out either attending discussion group or working in self selected areas with the children in the classroom. Children are learning each others names and discovering new playmates to share in their favorite activities. Parents are bonding over experiences, new ideas and advice in the daily discussion groups. Now, as we gather at the end of our morning the children have already begun to sing on their own, "Ring-Around the Rosie". We can't wait to see what happens next month.

Dear CDC-PCC Families and Friends,

We are looking forward to a great school year to welcome new children, families and students and form lasting relationships that will continue long after you leave LBCC. I would like to share just a little history about our programs.

The Long Beach City College Child Development Center originated as a part of the general Adult Division, Home and Family Living in 1950. It was developed as a parent education program that served young families in Long Beach/Lakewood area and provided opportunities for mothers and fathers to talk over family interests and problems together with a trained discussion leader. In 1956 the program expanded to include a curriculum for preschool teacher training.

In the mid 1970's the program was expanded to the Pacific Coast Campus to meet the needs of the students for both child care and parent participation.

This fall the LBCC Child and Adult Development/Parent Education Department will offer many more Preschool/Child Care options, CDPE Parent Participation/Parent Education as well as Field Work classes to the college community. The children's classrooms provide a laboratory environment for students training to work in the field of Early Childhood Education at both the LAC and PCC campuses.

Over the summer we received exciting news from the Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation for a \$15,000 award to provide Child Care Scholarships to students who meet the funding criteria for this grant. Special thanks to Ginny Baxter, as well as the LBCC Foundation staff for supporting this effort.

Many of you may also, know that last spring the Child Development Department submitted application for General Child Care and State Preschool Funding thru the State Department of Education all of which were placed on hold in March 2008. The good news is that our agency's RFA received a passing score on our application and as soon as the state budget is approved award letters will be sent to each agency.

We constantly strive to provide the best quality care for your children and to maintain high standards of best practices for what is developmentally appropriate for young children and the students who are training to work in the field.

I invite each of you to climb on board for a great school year and become involved by joining one of our fundraising groups, Child Development Associates or LBCC Child Development Club. We hope you will get involved and share your ideals! So once again welcome to all of our families and students.

Fondly,
CharlineLang
Children's Program Coordinator

How can there be such a difference
between a day off and an off day?
-Dale Enrich

CDC Inside Edition

Angelica Hernandez, Childcare Assistant II, Pod C1

What Angelica enjoys most about children is their sense of humor, their smiles and hugs. Her favorite book is *Love You Forever* and her favorite song is *You Are My Sunshine*.

Carolyn Jura, CD Teacher, Pod D3

She has been with us for 3 years at LAC and now 6 ½ years at PCC. What she most enjoys about children is sharing their wonder and joy of simple discovery. One of many of her favorite children's books is *Dirt Boy* by Fister Farnello.

Cathy Bailey, CD Teacher, Pod D2

Cathy has worked in the CDC for 20 years. What she enjoys most about the children is their natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Her favorite song is "*Puff the Magic Dragon*", and as for her favorite book, well there are too many to decide.

Connie Martinez, CD Teacher/Associate Teacher Sub

She has been with us for 2 years. What she most enjoys about children is their creative conversation. Her favorite children's book is *The Giving Tree*.

Darlene Woodson, Childcare Assistant II, Pod D2

She has been with us for 3 ½ years. What she most enjoys about children are the things they say and that they have the same facial jesters. Her favorite children's book is *Brown Bear*; and her favorite children's songs are *London Bridge* and the *ABC* song.

Debbi Watts, CD Teacher, Pod C 1

Debbi has worked in the CDC for 10 years in December. What she enjoys most about the children is their fascination with new things. Her favorite book is *Elbert's Bad Word* by Audrey Wood.

Diane Uyehara, CD Program Assistant, Nutrition Aide, Pod A

She has been here at PCC-CDC for about 4 ½ years. What she enjoys most about children (under 3rd grade) is that they just want to please you. Her favorite book is *Love You Forever* by Robert N. Munsch and Shiela McGraw.

Ellen Lorence, Administrative Assistant, Pod A

She has been with us for 3 months! What she most enjoys about children is their fresh ideas and honesty. Her favorite children's book is *Good Night Moon* and her favorite song is *I'm a Little Tea Pot*.

Karen Clay, CD Associate Teacher, Pod C1

She has been with us for 7 years. What she enjoys most about children is watching them explore their environment. Her favorite children's book or song is *Chicka, Chicka Boom, Boom*.

Leslie Martinez, CD Associate Teacher, Pod D2

She has been with us for 3 years. What she most enjoys about children is listening to their stories and experiences. She also enjoys their questions and their thirst for knowledge. Her favorite children's book is *The Way I Feel*.

Linda Brett, Administrative Assistant, Pod A

She has been with Child Development for 27 years! What she most enjoys about children is their innocence and laughter. Her favorite song or book is *Little Green Frog*.

Markesha Taylor, CD Teacher, Pod C2

She has been with us for 7 years. What she most enjoys about children are their inquisitive minds. Her favorite children's song is *You Are My Sunshine*.

Melinda Wells, Lab Instructor, Pod C2

Melinda has been here at the PCC CDC for about 4 years. What she enjoys most about the children is their curiosity and wonder about the world around them. Her favorite book is *The Little Tugboat*.

Monica Alvarado, CD Associate Teacher, Pod D3

Monica has worked at the CDC since March of 2005. What she enjoys most about children is their joy and sincerity. Her favorite children's author is Eric Carle.

Petra Crane, Child Care Assistant II, Pod D2

She has been with us for 3 months. What she enjoys most about children is when they investigate and find out how things work. Her favorite children's book is *Where The Wild Things Are*, and her favorite children's song is *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*.

RaShanda Cook, CD Teacher, Pod D1

RaShanda has worked at the PCC CDC for **eleven years** now and what she enjoys most about the children is their **ENERGY!** And her favorite song is *You are My Sunshine*.

Shonya Jackson, Nutritional Aide Assistant, Pod A

Shonya's first day was August 19, 2008. What she enjoys most about children are their smiles, "I love to see a child happy". Her favorite book is *There's a Wocket in My Pocket* by Dr. Seuss.

Stacey Smith, Site Supervisor, Pod A

She has been with us for 3 years but went to CDC in the 1970's herself at LAC. What she enjoys most about children is their laughter their honesty and how brilliant they are. Her favorite children's book is *17 Things I'm Not Allowed To Do Anymore*. (It makes her laugh every time!)

Vanessa Washington, Child Care Assistant II, Pod D2

She has been with us for 4 years. What she most enjoys about children are many things – their cleverness, humor, uniqueness. Her favorite children's book is *Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs*.

The best thing to hold onto in life is each other.

-Audrey Hepburn

