

NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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Tania's updates:

It is getting colder! As the winter weather arrives, I would like to remind parents to please remember to bring a sweater or shirt for your child daily. We want to make sure that they stay warm while playing outside.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped setting up as well as volunteering for a activity station for our Harvest Festival last week. Your help was much appreciated! Also, thanks to all family and friends who were able to join us at our festival. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children.

Special recognition for families who have joined our Preschool Campaign Club since our last newsletter, goes out to: Cain family, Davis family, Crosbie family, Bush-Kozma family, Carlson family, Soaf family, Beebe family, Silveira-Kost family, Posillico family, Leuck family, Gauthier family, Sisserson-Basile family, Wright family, Redmond family and Benedicto family! Thank you for your contributing to our Annual Support Campaign and in helping us reach our goal.

Please read through our November Newsletter because we have very important news and upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Tania

◆ For November's preschool events, please look at this month's Calendar of Events (attached).



New Preschool Name: Lauren's Developmental Preschool

We are happy to announce that in the near future our preschool will be renamed to Lauren's Developmental Preschool. More information regarding the name change will come shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Tania.

Pat & Oscar Night

Date: Thursday, November 12th 2009

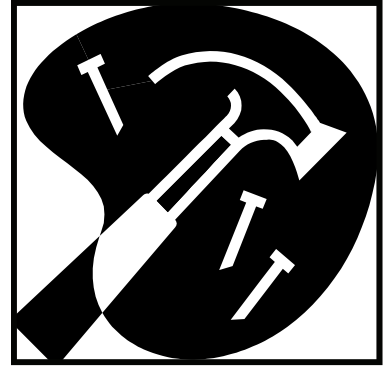
Location: Any Pat & Oscar in San Diego County

Time: 4:00-9:00pm

Details: Don't feel like making dinner one night? Then come join us for dinner at any Pat & Oscar in San Diego County on November 12th and you will be contributing to our 2010 Annual Support Campaign. All you need to do is bring the Pat & Oscar flyer (attached to this email) with you when you order dinner and 20% of all earnings will be donated back to the YMCA for our campaign. Hope to see you there!

November 30th: Front Gate Construction

Starting November 30th Toby Wells YMCA will begin their construction on a new front gate. The whole front of the facility will be closed due to the construction. All members will be asked to temporarily enter at the back of the facility at the emergency exit of the basketball courts. However, to make things easier for preschool parents, our temporary enter and exit zone will be our back patio emergency gates.



Preschool drop off and pick up signs will be placed near several parking spots in front of our back patio area from 6:30-9:00am & 4:00-6:00pm. Parents will enter through the back patio gates and enter their child's classroom through the back doors. Construction should take about 2 weeks. I apologize in advance for an inconvenience. I am personally excited to have a new front gate system for our facility which will be safer for our preschool.

Trike -A-Thon

Date: Friday, November 6th

Start Time: 8:30am- 2's classroom
9:30am- 3's classroom
10:30am- 4's classroom

Location: Playground

Details: **November 5th**- Return pledge form to teachers so they can record your child's number of laps.

November 6th- Pledge form will be return to parents after event.

November 13th- Collect and return all pledges.



Pledge form is copied on the back of Trike-A-thon flyer. Extra flyers will be in each classroom.

Picture Day

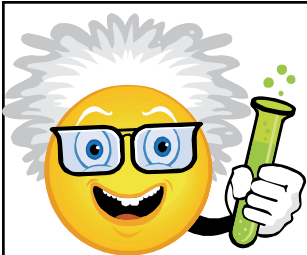
Date: Tuesday, November 10th 2009

**Time: 2's class- 8:30-9:15am roughly
3's class-9:15-10:00am roughly
4's class- 10:00-10:45am roughly**

Order forms will be placed in your child's file folder on November 2nd. Please complete and return order form and payment by November 10th.

Bake Sale

We are having a bake sale on Monday, November 9th from 7:30-9:30 & 4:00-6:00pm. Bake sale table will be located outside preschool. Stop by and get a yummy treat!



Mad Science: An in-house fieldtrip

Date: Monday,
November 16th 2009

Time: 10:00-10:45am

Location: TW Conference Room

Theme: Fire & Ice Show

Details: Science coming alive! Your children will get to experience an exciting and fun Fire and Ice show from Mad Science. All classrooms will come together for this show. Let's have fun with science!

Thanksgiving Potluck

Come join us for our Thanksgiving feast!

On Wednesday, November 25th from 11:15-12:00 each classroom will have a Thanksgiving feast for lunch. Families and friends are welcomed to join us!

Sign-up sheets for side dishes will be posted by November 16th.



Pizza and Movie Night

Date: Friday, November 20th 2009 **Location:** TW Conference Room

Time: 6:00-9:00pm **Prices:** \$20 per child, \$15 per sibling

Movie showing: Disney Pixar– Up

Dinner: Pizza, veggie sticks and milk

Details: Drop off your child for a night of fun. They can enjoy a delicious dinner and see an exciting movie while you can get a break! Please register at our front desk, limited spots available.



2009 YMCA Custom Student/Class Picture T-shirt's

With the help of S.S.D Graphix, we are selling Preschool classroom picture t-shirts as well as customized t-shirts. These are wonderful gifts for the Holiday! Order forms will be available Tuesday, November 3rd in each child's file folder. Please turn in order forms and payment to Tania by Friday, November 13th. When ordering a customized t-shirt, you must email picture to ssdgraphiz@aol.com by deadline.

Orders should arrive around December 14th.

Playing to Learn Curriculum

November 2nd 2009

Dear Families,

“The learning that occurs through science and technology is multi-faceted, cutting across all aspects of development.

Science and technology establish a foundation for:

- * Life long respect and interest in biology, the environment and ecological issues.

This is done by exploring opportunities to experience the wonders of the natural world as we as by developing attitudes of respect and responsibility for the environment.”

Eden and Huggins, YMCA Playing to Learn, 2001, page 59

As Early Childhood Educators, we provide the children with opportunities to explore and discover the world that they live through their daily program. As the children play outside they will discover an amazing world filled with bugs, plants, water sand and rocks. The children will collect, mix and build with these new found objects, which will help enhance their natural sense of wonder.

Science doesn't end when the children are in the classrooms; inside , there are a variety of play experiences that support the child's interest in science and technology. Some examples are toys with batteries, blocks, cooking and computers. As the children build structures in the construction/block area they will develop their understanding about architectural forms, balance, space, shapes and patterns. By providing a variety of materials such as flour, water, salt, cornstarch, mixing bowls, spoons and measuring cups the children will be able to create concoctions that will enhance their inquiry process and allow them to problem solve. This will also foster mathematic concepts as the child measures and mixes. Science really boils down to children exploring the world around them and discovering how it works.

“While the scientific inquiry of young children is spontaneous and self-directed, early educators can help children consolidate what they are learning by talking about what they observe and discover.”

Eden & Huggins, YMCA Playing to Learn, 2001. Page 60.

Sincerely,

Tania van Straalen