

What's happenin' at CDC-PCC?

Tuition Payment by Credit Card NOW AVAILABLE!



The fee for the full and part day programs varies as it is based on each family's contractual agreement. The daily fee is paid for everyday the center is in operation/care for children and there is no adjustment for any absence. Before leaving the child on the first day of attendance for each week, the fee must be paid in cash, money order, check or credit card (**see below*).

A receipt for payment will be issued (either at time of payment or when collected fees are posted in the ProCare system). All receipts should be retained by the parent for income tax purposes etc.

*** Parents may pay their tuition by credit card at either LAC or PCC Cashiers Office.**

- Parent must let the cashier know the amount (\$60, \$150, etc.) to be charged or debited from their account for their tuition payment. **The cashier will NOT have this information.**
- Cashier will give the parent a receipt and that should be brought to the CDC as evidence of payment. Parent may need to add their name and center to the receipt.
- The charges will be deposited into the child care account just as if staff made a regular deposit to the cashier's office.

"Children are the true connoisseurs.
What's precious to them has no price--only value."
- Bel Kaufman

Child Care Scholarships Now Available!

The LBCC Foundation and CDC's have applications for the Josephine S. Gumbiner Child Care Scholarships for qualifying students who are currently enrolled in 12 units or more. The scholarship will pay \$500 of your child's tuition at the LBCC – CDC. Please see Stacey Smith or Charline Lang for more details and/or an application.



**A hug is a great gift...one size fits all.
It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.**
~Anonymous

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

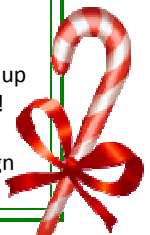
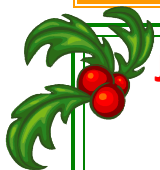
Monday, November 10-21	FAMILY AFFAIR begins....see details below.
Tuesday, November 18	Greenery and Pie Orders are DUE!
Friday, November 21	CDC Book Club Meets at 8:00 – Discuss Chapters 4 – 6 Autumn Clean-Up Day – Earn parent hours, too!
Wednesday, November 26	PIE PICK UP....11:00 am – 3:00 pm.....VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
November 27-28	HOLIDAY – Thanksgiving....NO SCHOOL
Saturday, December 6	Belmont Shore Holiday Parade – 6pm
Thursday, December 18	End of Fall 2008 semester. Center closes at 11:30 am for Winter Recess.



Join us as we march with LBCC in the Belmont Shore Holiday Parade – Saturday, December 6, 2008!

This is a first for the Child Development Centers! Parade starts at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the front desk. LBCC waiver must be completed and turned in for each participant. All CDC families are welcome, including siblings! This is a family event!

Strollers and wagons are okay – bikes, trikes, scooters and pets are not. More details to follow. Limited space available – sign up today if interested!





A FAMILY AFFAIR November 10th – 21st



Dear CDC-PCC Parents and Families,

Three years ago we planned a week where families could create and display something that represents their family. We were overwhelmed by the response to this event and amazed by the community building that resulted. We are proud to present it again for the 2008-2009 school year.

We would like each family to create a display that represents your family. The content of the display is up to you and may include your hobbies, talents, a family recipe, family photo albums, sharing your favorite music, etc. This is not meant to be overwhelming! This event was created in hopes of fostering community through sharing our stories.

Display tables will be available every day and we hope to have the displays up by 9:00 AM each morning and taken down (if you are not comfortable leaving your items here) by 4:00 PM. The children love getting to know each other through these displays and visit the lobby each day to view them again and again. Families are welcome to stand with their displays to answer questions and/or share more information. We also hope that you will take time to visit the displays with your child and get to know the other families at CDC-PCC.

The red photo album in the lobby contains a lot of photos from our very first Family Affair. Feel free to check it out for ideas! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher or Stacey. We are hoping for 100% participation! Families will receive two hours towards their mandatory parent hours just for participating.

Thank you.



FALL 2008 CLOSURE DATES

Monday, November 10

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28

Thursday, December 18

December 19, 2008 – January 9, 2009

Holiday – Veteran's Day – No School

Holiday – Thanksgiving – No School

Center closes at 11:30 a.m. for Winter Recess

Winter Recess

Pod D Room 3...Mrs. Carolyn Jura and Mrs. Monica Alvarado

Building and construction have been a main focus of our children since reading the story of the 3 Little Pigs back in September. Jimmy was playing outdoors and was asked what he was building. He said: "I am building a house; it has to be strong so the wolf won't get in". The next day all the rest of the children were presented with the idea of building the three different houses for the pigs. After exploring many ideas, it was decided to use the big wooden block to represent the house of sticks, cardboard for the house of straw, and the playhouse in our patio was the house of bricks.

The children have been able to transfer the ideas in the stories or topics discussed at circle time to their play. Another example is the building of a cave which Cari and Elijah described as, "cold and slimy" after chanting the Spooky Walk at the end of October.

In an effort to support the children's interest in building, materials such as small cardboard boxes, cylinders, tape, paint and different types of blocks outdoors and indoors have been provided. Some examples of what has been built include: rocket ships, boats, castles, puppet theaters, robots, cities, and houses.

Here are some of the children's descriptions of their work:

Daniel, "A house. The bear lives in the house, in the forest. One bear lives in the house, a big bear, a daddy bear.

Marissa, "I built an entire city. Here is the bridge, a swimming pool, the garage and the big building."

Dayana, "I made a yummy chocolate house." She has been working persistently on the finishing touches of her house.

Building and construction continue daily, our next step in this exploration will be to visit some of the construction on campus and photograph the unfinished buildings, document the progress of the construction and visit it again to see the results.



Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.

-Erma Bombeck



No one diets on Thanksgiving. What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?

-Erma Bombeck



NEW STUDY DEBUNKS POPULAR BELIEF THAT KIDS HATE VEGGIES

According to conventional wisdom, getting kids to eat their fruits and veggies is an uphill battle. But a new study released today by First 5 California shows that California preschoolers like a variety of fruits and vegetables as well as healthy drinks like milk.

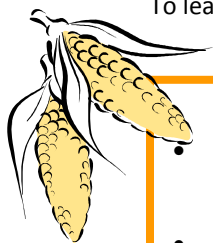
For the study, national polling firm Kelton Research conducted interviews with more than 100 preschoolers in Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles counties. The research found these 4- and 5-year olds not only know it's important to eat fruits and vegetables, they frequently prefer broccoli, carrots and apples to even candy.

"The research shows that kids actually enjoy eating healthy foods, so it's simply a matter of offering them to kids more often," said Kris Perry, executive director of First 5 California.

To help parents and caregivers of young children prepare healthy snacks and meals, First 5 California is releasing a free mini-cookbook filled with affordable and quick recipes developed by nutritionist and popular TV personality, Chef LaLa. Yummy for Your Tummy also features important nutritional information, tips on healthy portion sizes for kids, and instructions for reading nutrition labels.

The bilingual recipe booklet is available for free to all California families by calling 1-800-KIDS-025 or visiting www.first5california.com. It's also coming soon to all Albertsons stores in California.

To learn more about the preschool study and see a few of First 5 California's favorite on-camera moments, [click here](#).



Be sure to check out the following websites:

- The Child Development Center Website...newsletters, menus, Food Preparation Responses, Reading Responses, calendars: <http://childrencenter.lbcc.edu>
- To see CDC-PCC photos, visit the site address: <http://pcccdc.shutterfly.com/>
- Articles from the National Association for the Education of Young Children: www.naeyc.org
- Specific articles from NAEYC: <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1997/04.pdf>
<http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1999/18.pdf>
- For activities, events and places to go with children in Southern California: www.kidsguide.info

The Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee Presents:



FREE Family Resource Fair

KINDERGARTEN FESTIVAL KICK OFF

A day of information and fun for families with children of all ages, especially children entering Kindergarten.

Saturday, November 15, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Long Beach Polytechnic High School
1800 Atlantic Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90813

For more information, please contact:
(562) 429-4020 ext. 294

Dee Andrews
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City of Long Beach



To ensure all children in Long Beach grow up healthy, safe and educated.



Happy Birthday

Ms. Darlene Woodson
Ms. Angelica Hernandez

November 18th
November 27th



The child must know that he is a miracle,
that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been,
and until the end of the world there will not be,
another child like him.

-Pablo Casals



The CDC Staff wishes you & your family a

Happy Thanksgiving!